



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*November 26, 2023*

# Christ the King Sunday

## Pre-Service Music

*Stand*

Hymn of Invocation: 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

## T Confession and Absolution T

### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Exhortation

LSB 167

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

LSB 167

### Declaration of Grace

LSB 167

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| <p>P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>C <b>Amen.</b></p> | <p>P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>C <b>Amen.</b></p> |
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*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## T Service of the Word T

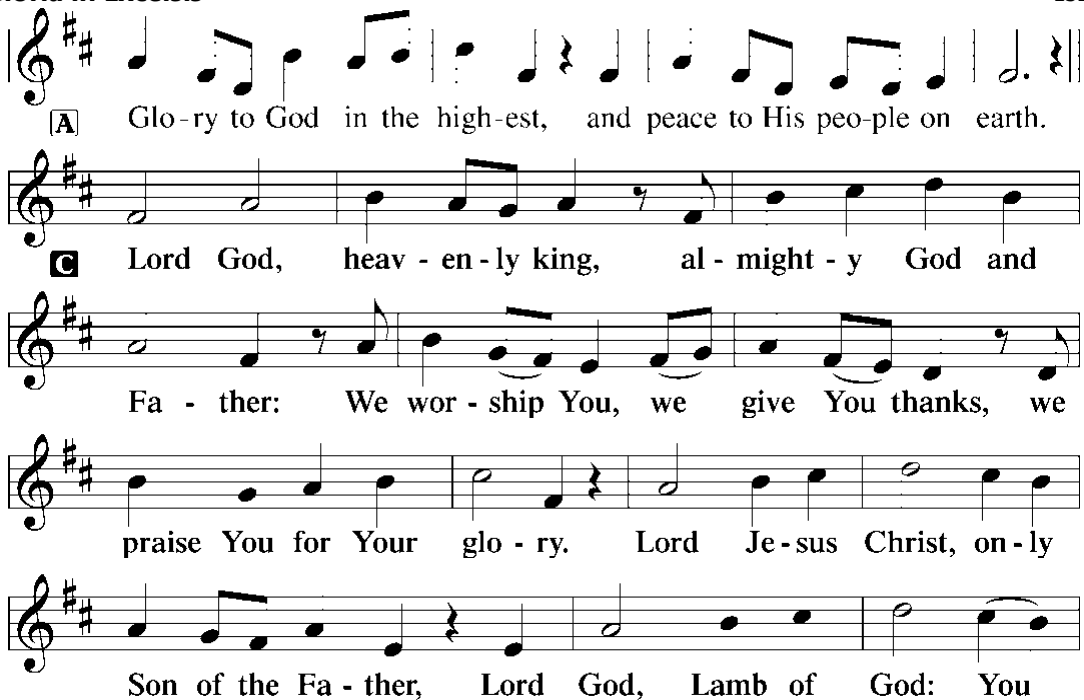
### Kyrie

LSB 168

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



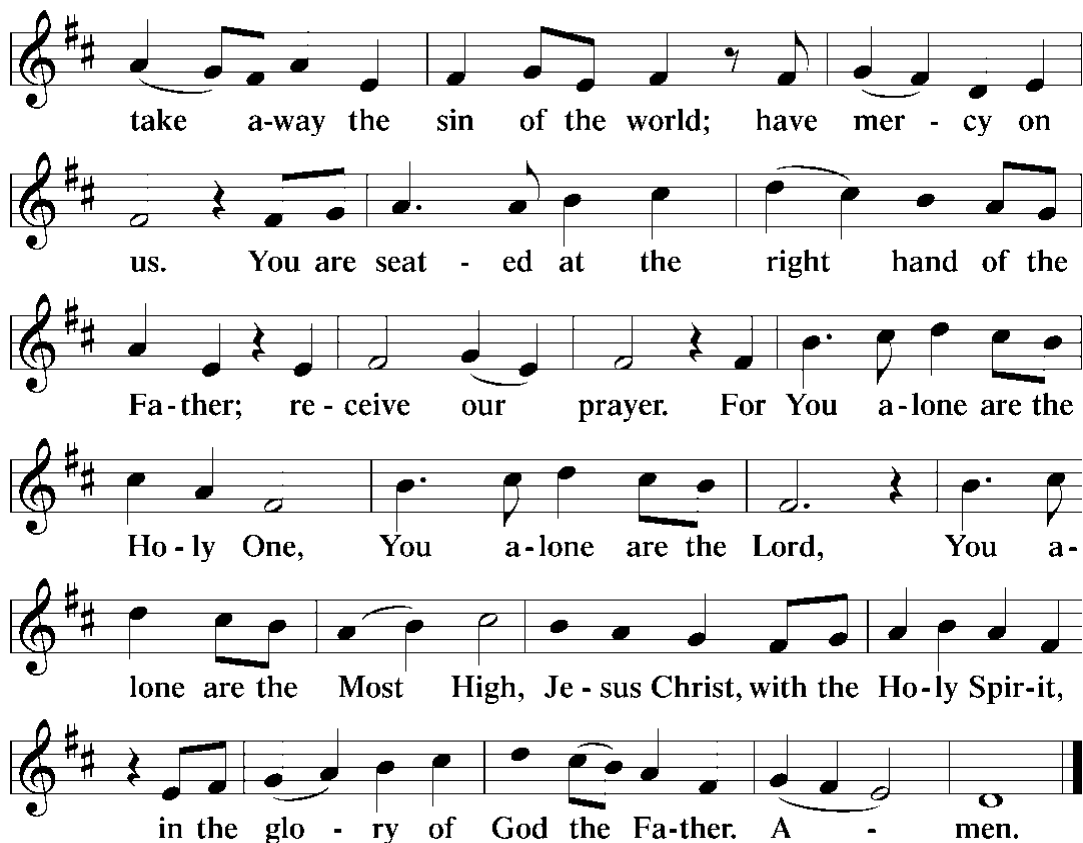
[A] Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

[C] Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 29 (Year A)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

**C Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

C **Thanks be to God.**

LSB 173

*Matthew 25:31–46*

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

*LSB 508 sts. 1–2, 5, 7*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Sit

## Offering

### Offertory: 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Stand

## T Service of the Sacrament T

### Preface

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**



- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
 C **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
     **hallowed be Thy name,**  
     **Thy kingdom come,**  
     **Thy will be done on earth**  
         **as it is in heaven;**  
     **give us this day our daily bread;**  
     **and forgive us our trespasses**  
         **as we forgive those**

who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180

**☐** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

*We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.*

*Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray.*

*Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.*

## **Distribution Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*LSB 621*

## **Distribution Hymn: 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns**

*LSB 532*

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## **The Dismissal**

*LSB 181*

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

- A Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 183*

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

## **Hymn to Depart: 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

*LSB 336 sts. 1, 4*

## **Closing Response**

- P Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

# *Advent Services*

*Wednesday Midweek Services  
December 6, 13, & 20 at 7:00pm*

*Children's Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*

*Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am*

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