HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ the King

November 22, 2026 · 10:00 a.m.

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE

As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer.

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymn 855

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;

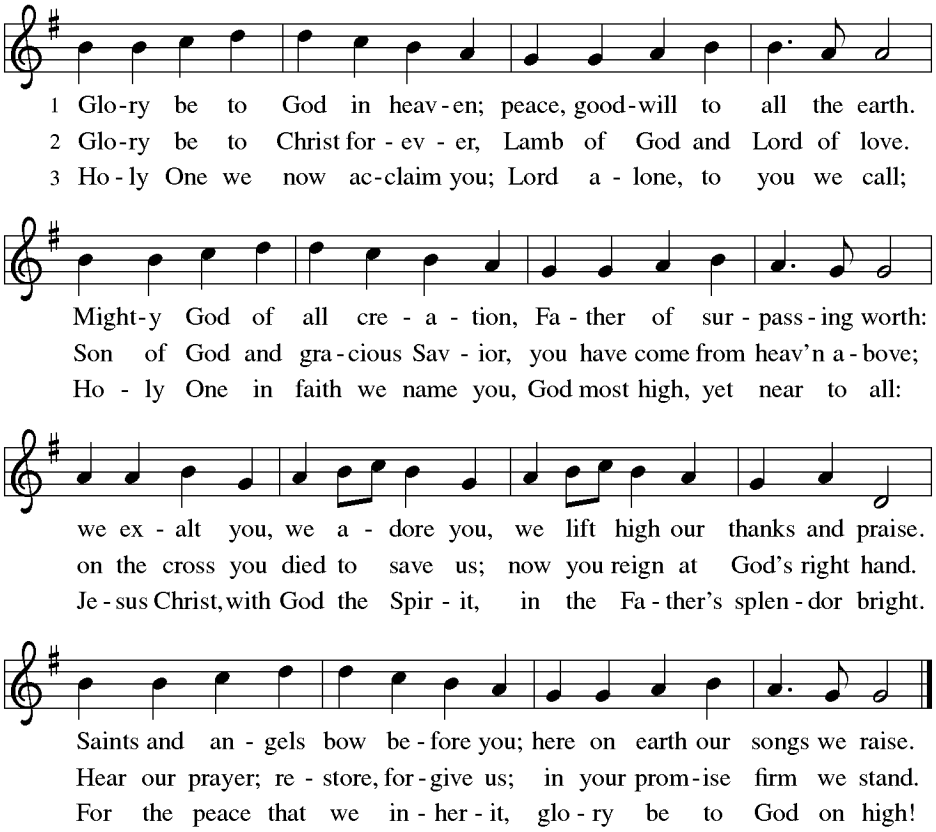
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord
GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

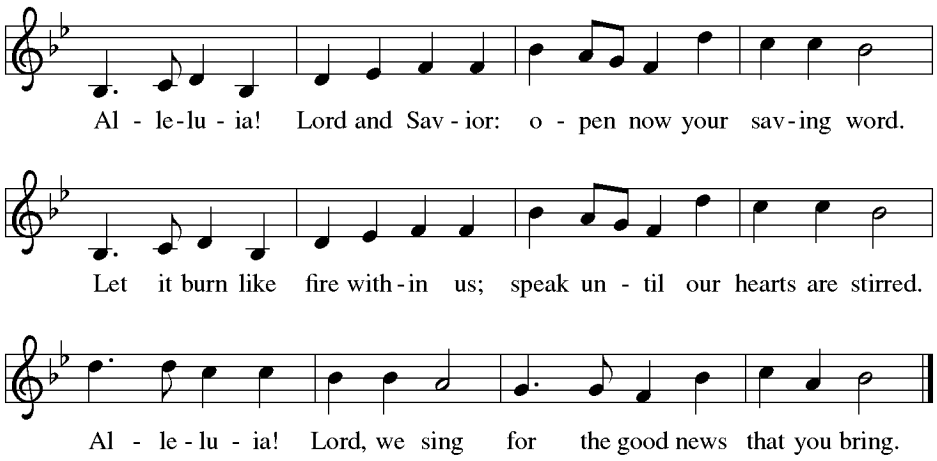
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23*

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand
in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he
has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:[31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the
king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you
gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was
it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
[38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the
king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who
are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for
I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I
was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not
take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us Hymn 431

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height,
to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,
another's will your aim.

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came,
the law of love to bring:
a diff'rent rule of righteousness,
a diff'rent kind of king.

3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.
O Christ in workplace, church, and home,
let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve,
a diff'rent kind of king.

4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a diff'rent kind of king!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ministry Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

… Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering

Gifts may be placed in the plate or given by scanning the code on the back page. Thank you for your generosity.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

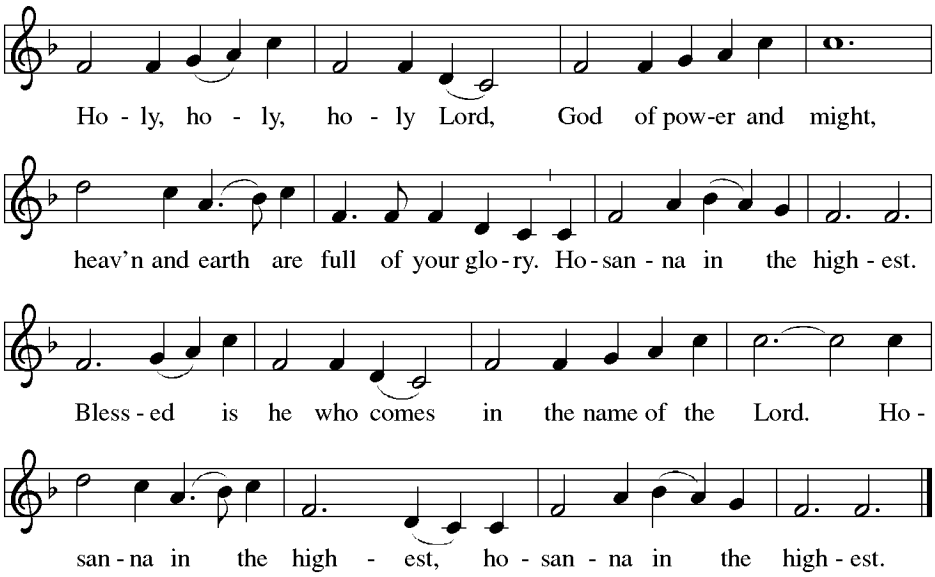
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.	**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Beautiful Savior Hymn 838

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Thine the Amen Hymn 826

1 Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup

thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Together in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Deacon Nick Bates
Presiding Minister	The Reverend Steve Wachtman
Minister of Music	Joshua Brodbeck
Director of Equipping Ministers	Laura Hudson
Director of Faith Formation	Noelle Fox
Assisting Minister	Lynn Anderson
Lector	Ben Kaffenberger
Communion Assistants	Jeff Sammons and MJ Neiman
Ushers	Tom Wuichet and Skip Duncan
Livestream	Matt Sharp

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Alice Larrimer in memory of Craig and Gavin Larrimer.

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