



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Vaccinations are highly
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Please maintain
appropriate distancing
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All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.

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Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.

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Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

CHRIST THE KING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

George J. Elvey
setting by Michael Burkhardt

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.

We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.

Amen

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 855 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

Stanza 2 - Higher Voices (soprano/alto) Stanza 4 : Lower Voices (tenor/bass)

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

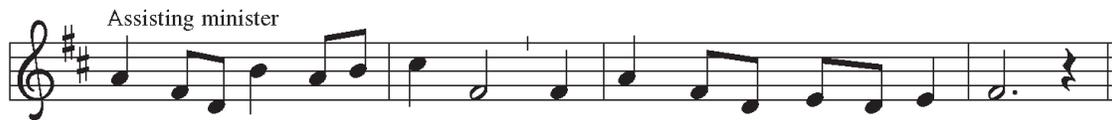
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



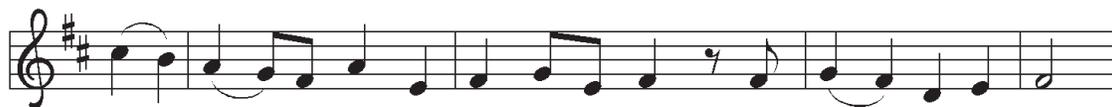
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: ELW 416 - At the Name of Jesus

Stanza 2: Higher Voices (soprano/alto); Stanza 4 Lower Voices (tenor/bass)



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877
Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

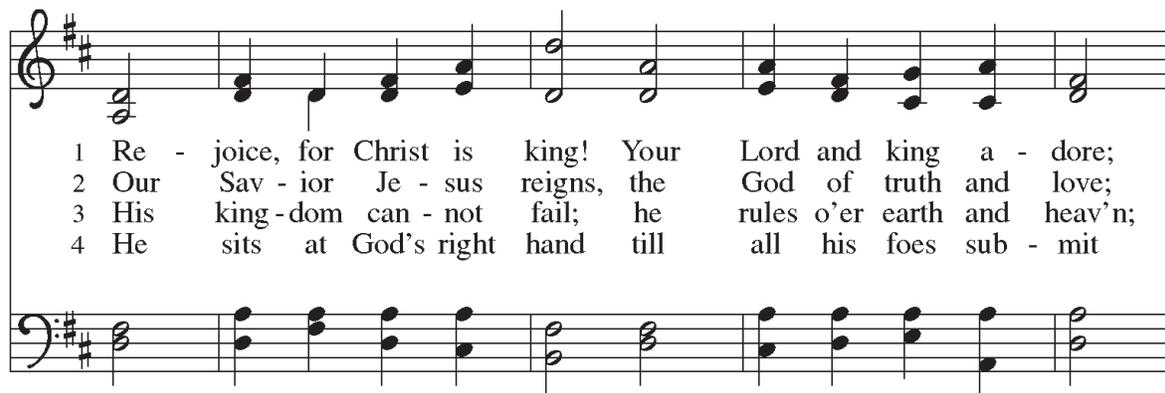
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

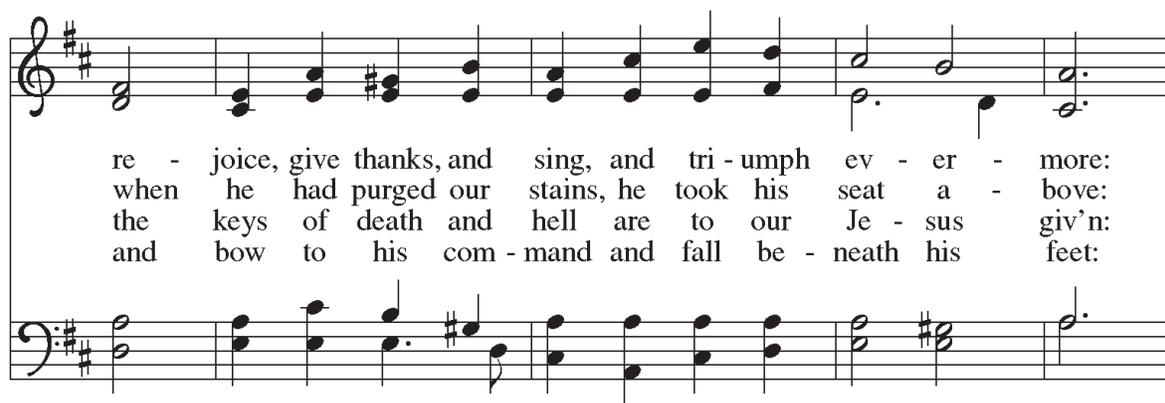
SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 430 - Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

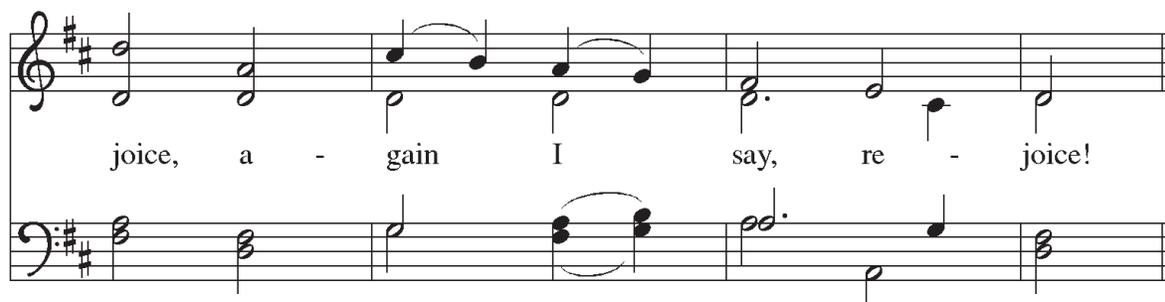


re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

After the final petition:

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another and be seated.

THE OFFERTORY - see page 15

Christus Paradox

Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak

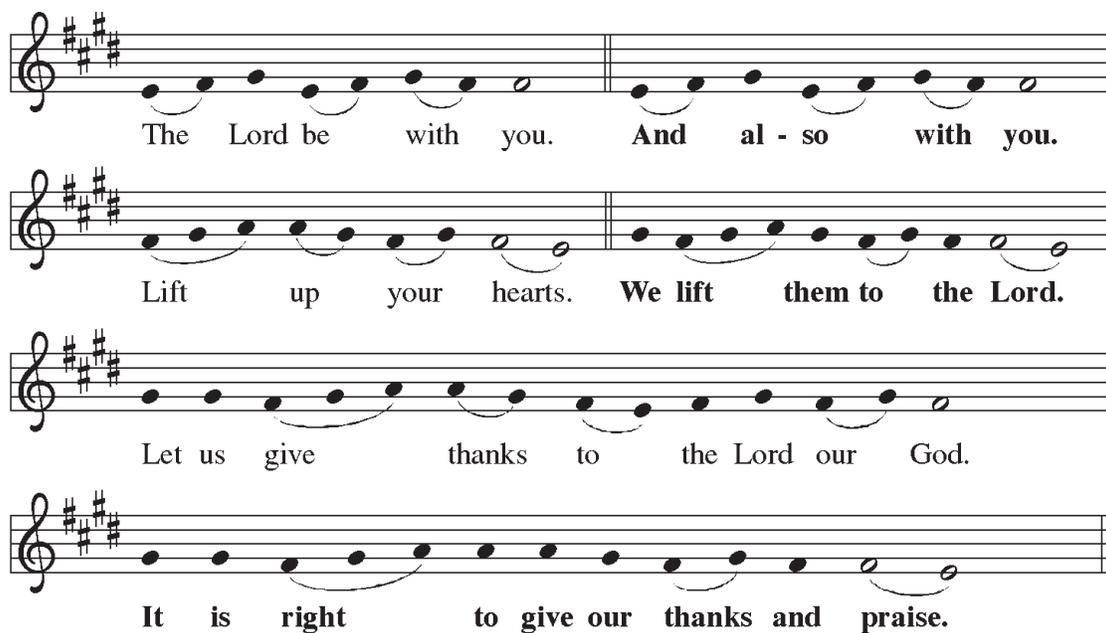
The Trinity Choir

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Staff 4: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy....within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness...out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks...among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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,

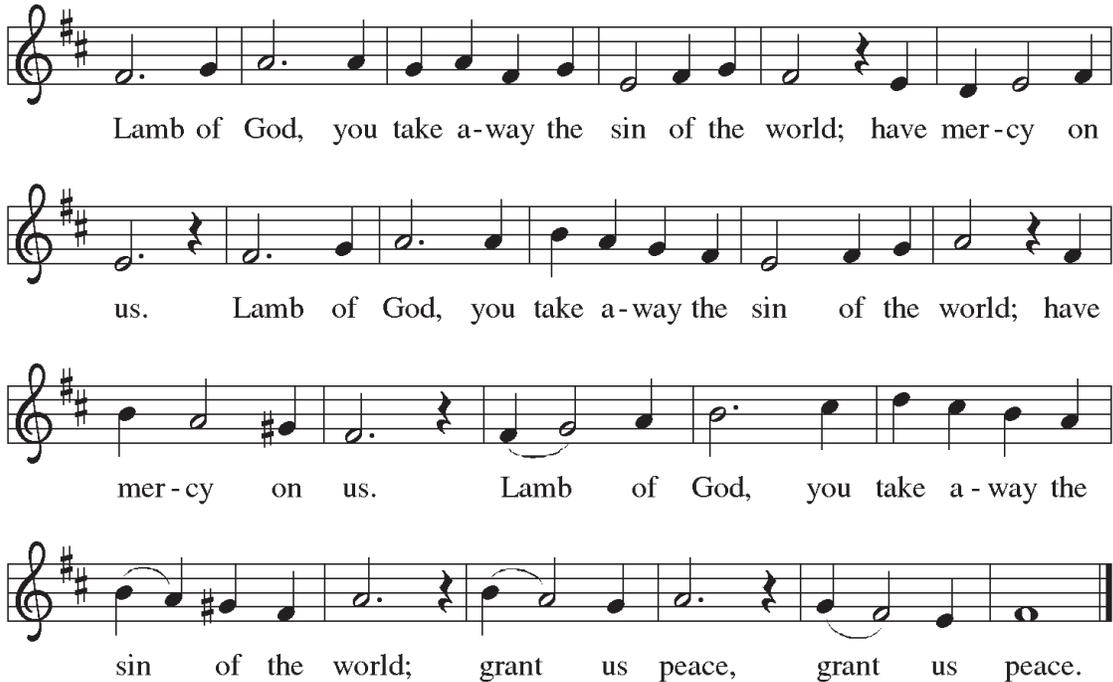
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

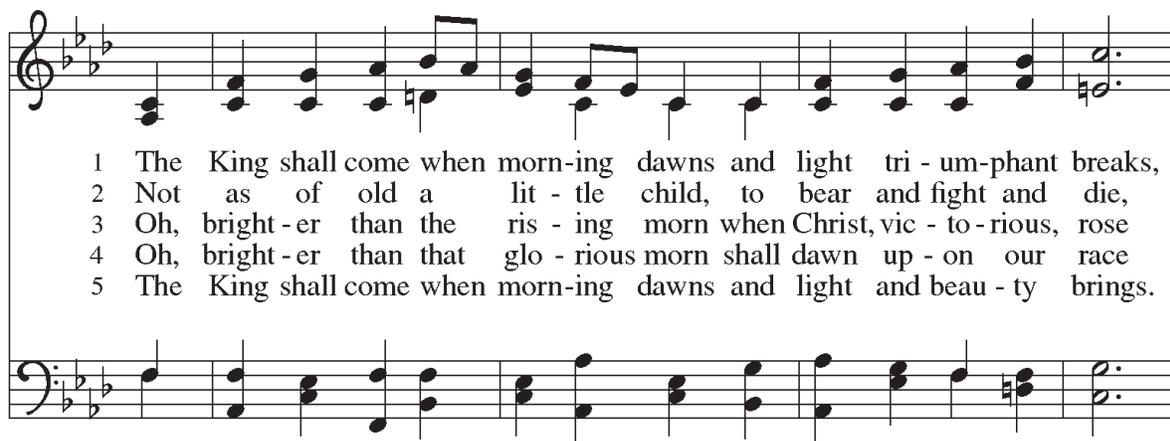
DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

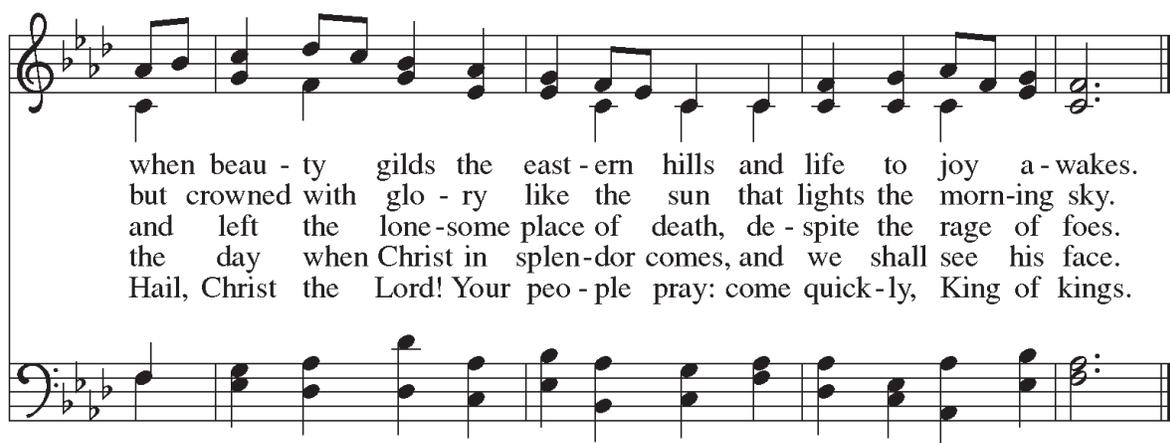
MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION - ELW 260 - The King Shall Come

See page 12.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION - ELW 260 - The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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After all have received Communion, please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - ELW 434 - Jesus Shall Reign - see page 14

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation, Opus 26, No. 1

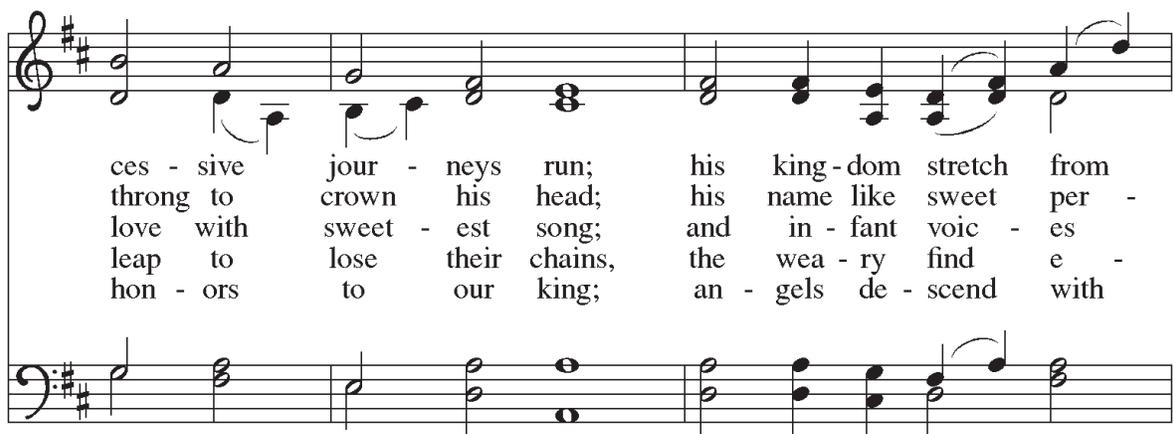
Jan Bender

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SENDING HYMN - ELW 434 - Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - e to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

We thank the Trinity Brass for their part in today's worship.

Attention all knitters! We invite you to gather at noon on Wednesday, November 30 in the Hintz Room. The Prayer Shawl group has been tasked to make "fidgets" for the residents of Berks Heim. We will have an old-time Tea Luncheon with those tiny triangular sandwiches with the crusts cut off. This project will be discussed at that time. RSVP to Mae Sunderland at (610) 796-0235.

Leaders in Today's Liturgy: November 20, 2022 - Christ the King

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. John Richter

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: MaryAnn Farnsworth

Greeter: Steve Hofmann

Usher: Anita Dolak

Communion Assistant: MaryAnn Farnsworth

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, and Amy Stewart-Himes

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Steve Silverman in loving memory of his brother, Michael Silverman

We thank Donna Osborne for planning today's worship

Immediate prayer requests: Marian Jameson, Jim Hofmann (brother of Steve Hofmann), Cathy Manning, Harry Feinauer, Christopher Drayer, Rick Chaveas, Kathy Stewart (mother of Amy Stewart-Himes), Leonard Smith (father of Andrew Smith), John Matern, (father of Deaconess Deborah), Linda Liptak (sister of Dick Horst and Robin Oberholtzer), Amy Reinsel, Raye Watson, and the family of Armand Lykens who joined the Church Triumphant this week

Ongoing prayer requests: Darryl Jeffries, Dar Unger, Karl Leuffen, Luther Route, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Walter Maier, JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Janet Clemmer, and John Kirby

Trinity households in prayer: Barbara Lykens; Walter Maier; Cathy and Jessica Manning; Jennifer, Kevin & Avery Mazur; and Allison, Laura, Lindsay & William McCanney

Prepare for Worship November 27 - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



THE OFFERTORY - Christus Paradox

Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

*Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,*

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 20: Lectionary 33

- 9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
- 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 11:00 AM: Holy Communion Celebration (Hintz Room)
- 11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
- 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Monday, November 21

- 9:45 AM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- 9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM: Sacred Ground

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

- ***Note new time: 11:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 12:00 PM: Thanksgiving Meal (Auditorium)

Sunday, November 27: Advent 1

- 9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
- 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
- 11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
- 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Broadcast Schedule for November

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at www.trinityreading.org, on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Sundays

- 6:00 PM World Views: Tibetan Buddhism
- 6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Maria Damore & Marty Mellinger
- 7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

- 4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Maria Damore & Marty Mellinger
- 5:30 PM World Views: Tibetan Buddhism

Church office hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

The Property Committee invites you to help us Clean Up Trinity on Saturday 11/26 at 9:00 AM.

Thanks to the efforts of our garden club to maintain our grounds, this clean-up day will be held entirely indoors, and we hope to give you plenty of activities to help burn off that turkey and stuffing! We will be focusing our efforts on cleaning and sorting items located in the 2nd floor of our Annex! This will include some light cleaning, lots of sorting of trash and recycling, and also preparing items for donations to local schools and organizations. The goal of this clean-up is to 1) get our facility ready for use again by Trinity and outside organizations after the long COVID pause; 2) discard old supplies that we no longer need to support our education ministries; and 3) create permanent storage sites for seasonal decorations that are used in our Nave. Stay for pizza lunch at noon.