



**Festival of the Reign of Christ**

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**10:30 A.M.**

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## Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.  
We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.  
We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card from the pew, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

### Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

### About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

### Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward and kneel at the altar rail, if you are able, beginning at the ends of the rail closest to the front wall, filling in toward the center. (If you cannot kneel, standing is fine!) Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, hold the bread and dip it in the ceramic chalice and then eat the moistened bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor if you need that. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

*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 awaiting 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*

*P: Presiding Minister   L: Leader/Assisting Minister   R: Reader   A: Assembly  
+ All may make the sign of the cross.*

**Pre-Service Music**

*Masterworks from Cesar, Franck and JS Bach*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**A Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Source of all life,

**A we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven.

God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new, in the name of + Jesus Christ.

**A Amen.**

Gathering Song

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" Hymnal 707

Please turn to face the doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

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and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A And also with you!

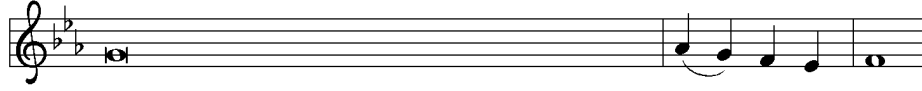




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



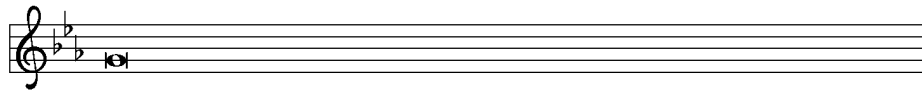
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



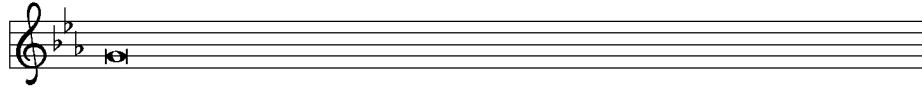
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

*[cont.]*



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

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

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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.

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

### Prayer of the Day

P 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.

A Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

*The Assembly is seated.*



Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Ezekiel 34: 11–16, 20–24

R A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. <sup>13</sup>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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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.

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

<sup>23</sup>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, the LORD, have spoken.

R Word of God, word of life.

A **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 91:1-7a

ELW Psalm Tone 9

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.

The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldfaced verses.

All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

*Tone:*



*Refrain:*



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7<sup>a</sup></sup>For the LORD | is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. R

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray 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, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal, p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

## Matthew 25:31–46

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me 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 nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.’ <sup>44</sup>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?’ <sup>45</sup>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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again.  
The Assembly is then seated.*

## Sermon

*A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.  
When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.*

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver -  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
 all, you said the first must be the last and  
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
 we might rise and live. To break the law of  
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

## The Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the + resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

- L Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.
- L Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. As we gather for worship in safety, we pray for places where the church is persecuted. Watch over your people as they witness to your good news. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Kevin, for our council, and for all the baptized, that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened, and that your great power might work through us. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L Give bountiful pastures, safety, and health to herds, livestock, and all animals. May our care for all of your creation reflect your shepherding love for all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L We pray for international organizations that shine your light in places of strife. Lead relief and aid workers, leaders and volunteers to seek the lost and provide safety. We pray for the people of Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Iraq and Iran, and Syria. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L Bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, abused, or ill. We pray especially for Serena Bernstein, Mid Carlson, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Barb Engelsen, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Dick Heisler, Judy Hokenson, Arda Hovnanian, Bob Larson, Ron Laudert, Carol Rakowsky, George Shiff, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Give wisdom to counselors, doctors, nurses, and all in professions that provide healing. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L Shepherd your churches to welcome the stranger and immigrant in our midst. Call all your people to welcome, clothe, feed, and visit those in need, just as you have provided for the lost and despairing throughout the ages. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?  
*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.*
- L Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- L Give us the hope to which you call us, our glorious inheritance with all your saints. Enrich our lives with the faith and vision of those saints who have died, remembering especially the Blessed Apostle Andrew. Lord, in your mercy,
- A hear our prayer.**
- P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

*If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.*





**Offering** *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

**Offering Music** "Jubilate Deo" *attr. to W. A. Mozart*

**Presentation of the Gifts** "Come to the Table of Mercy"

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray.

**A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor.**

**Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Preface

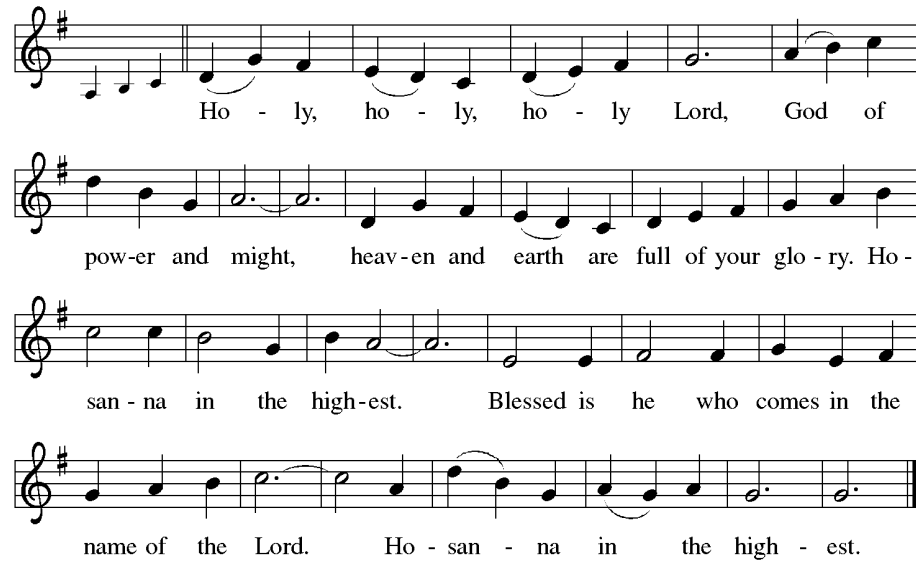
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your love is forever, faithful from age to age. You are our maker, to whom we belong, for you created the earth and you shepherd all who live in it. When your people were scattered and oppressed, you promised through your prophets to gather them home and feed them on the rich pasture of their own land.

In your child, Jesus, the promises have been fulfilled: a shepherd king who seeks the lost and binds up the wounded. When he was killed, you raised him from the dead and seated him at your side in the heavenly places. Now your immeasurable power is at work in us who believe to clothe us in compassion and righteousness so that we might be fit for the kingdom which you prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, our Father, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with the Blessed Apostle Andrew, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 108



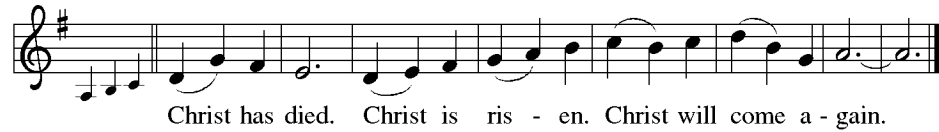
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

- P** Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.
- A** **We praise you, O God.**
- P** Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
- A** **We bless you, O God.**
- P** We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
- A** **We thank you, O God.**
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



### The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**A 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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Speak to us, Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
and make us one with you.

**A Thanks be to God!**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.  
Please kneel around the altar rail, as you are able, beginning at the wall and coming toward the center.  
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

### Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112

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.

## Communion Hymn

"What Feast of Love"

Hymnal 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?  
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?  
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?  
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?  
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

*The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.*

### Blessing after Communion

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

A Amen.

**Post-Communion Canticle**

**"Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace"**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**Prayer after Communion**

**L** Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**A** Amen.

**This Week's Commemoration**

**Andrew, Apostle**

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

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**Sending:** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world ...*

**Sending of Communion**

P Let us pray. Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and Sacrament with the sick and homebound of our congregation. May they be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

**Sending Song** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *(printed on following page)* **Hymnal 855**

*Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.*

**Blessing**

P Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us. Recognize Christ in friend and stranger, and as Christ has been gracious to you, so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;  
May + Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom  
and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

A Amen.

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

A Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.  
Refreshments today are provided by Audrey Moy.  
Come enjoy one another's company, and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

**Serving in worship today...**

Presiding Minister .....Pr. Keith Fry  
Assisting Minister ..... Kit McCarthy  
Acolyte ..... Olivia Knohl  
Lector ..... Anne Heider  
Communion Minister.....Terri Hummel  
Organist.....Greg Hummel  
Table Preparation ..... Kathryn Skelton  
Communion Bread..... Audrey Moy  
Ushers ..... Steve Warner



# Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.





**The Coming Kingdom**

Jesus’ vision of glory is really a humble one. His kingly activity is not concerned with parading around royally, or associating with the powerful or wealthy, or affiliating himself with military might and authority. The pronouncements made from his throne are not ones issued for the sake of protecting his own power. Instead, he is concerned with one question in particular: How do the vulnerable fare?

As we celebrate Christ the King at the ending of another church year, we are challenged to see an expression of political power that is far different from that which makes our governments tick. Jesus welcomes his followers into an alternative way of life, one that puts love of neighbor at the center of our daily actions.

To get a sense of how the vulnerable have fared on our watch, we could look at our budgets, advocacy efforts, social interactions, even our charitable donations. At the heart of Jesus’ teaching is an invitation to see one’s neighbor with renewed vision. There is an expectation when honoring Jesus’ kingship that our attention turns outward, away from ourselves. Similarly, the celebration of the Lord’s supper redirects our attention toward Christ and our neighbor.

When we receive the meal, we are not coming forward for a private snack. Instead, we come as people who are shaped by this gift of God. In this gift Christ himself reminds us of the common need we have, and as we partake in the meal we are invited to see it as a central expression of Christ’s kingdom. In so doing our idea of neighbor expands and we rehearse an economy that God desires, one where vulnerable people matter. We share this meal with God’s family throughout history and around the world. And this is how the kingdom comes.

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