

# Christ the King

Sunday, November 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**GATHERING:** *The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

† *Please stand as you are able*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## † CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**



we start with **Christ**

In our *Serving*

In our *Caring*

In our *Growing*

**Sunday Worship 9:00 am** (in person + online), followed by fellowship hour

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Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

†**GATHERING SONG** *Here I Am To Worship*

(1) Light of the world, You stepped down in-to dark-ness,  
o-pened my eyes, let me see.  
Beau-ty that made this heart a-dore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.  
So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy,  
al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

(2) King of all days, oh so high-ly ex-alt-ed,  
glo-rious in heav-en a-bove.  
Hum-bly You came to the earth You cre-a-ted,  
all for love's sake be-came poor.  
So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy,  
al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

(3) And I'll nev-er know how much it cost to see my sin up-on that cross  
And I'll nev-er know how much it cost to see my sin up-on that cross  
So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy,  
al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

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## †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.**

## †PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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**WORD: *God speaks to us in Scriptures read,  
sung and preached.***

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## STORY TIME

### READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

*<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.*

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

## SONG

### *I Love You, Lord*

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to wor-ship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (*repeat*)

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## †GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

*<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."*

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

**SERMON: Pastor Jon Rhodes**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*Majesty*

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority.  
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings. (*repeat*)

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## †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

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## †SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING AND COMMITMENTS

*Please bring your Offerings, Pledges, and Time & Talent Forms  
forward during the offering if you are able.*

*Ushers will come to those unable to come forward.*

## †OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

## †LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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.

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**SENDING:** *The Triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## †BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

## †SENDING SONG

### *Forever*

- (1) Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
For He is good, He is a-bove all things; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
Sing praise, sing praise.
- (2) With a might-y hand and out-stretched arm; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
For the life that's been re-born; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.  
For-ev-er God is faith-ful, for-ev-er God is strong,  
for-ev-er God is with us, for-ev-er, for-ev-er.
- (3) From the ris-ing to the set-ting sun; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
And by the grace of God we will car-ry on; His love en-dures for-ev-er.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.  
For-ev-er God is faith-ful, for-ev-er God is strong,  
for-ev-er God is with us, for-ev-er, for-ev-er.

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## †DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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