



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 26, 2023



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Word for this week

Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because our Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Today we honor our King and present him with our prayers and praise.

Before Worship

Take time for prayer and to review the lessons and the service notes. For personal preparation for Communion, see Red Hymnal: p.156.

General Information

The restrooms are located in the fellowship hall. Visitors – welcome, and please take a moment and sign the guestbook in the fellowship hall. If you need special assistance for communion, please notify an usher and/or the pastor.

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If you have a hearing aid with a T-coil, you can connect it to the T-Loop device installed throughout the church building. Headsets are available for anyone needing hearing assistance. Personal earbuds can also be used with a head set. See Kris Martinson if you need assistance.



CHRIST THE KING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

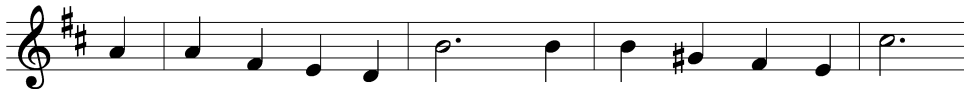
CW 511 sts. 1-2



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.

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Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Whenever we come into the presence of the Almighty King and Lord, we bring with us the guilt of our many sins. We fall at his feet and acknowledge that we are unworthy to serve him. We know his righteous demands that we be holy as he is holy. And we admit that our human nature is stained through and through by sin. The problems we see all over our world today and in hurting families all around us, we find right there in our own hearts, and so we are moved to confess our sins before our King:

Almighty King of the universe, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I am sinful by nature; sinful from birth and my actions prove it. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have sought praise from the world rather than seeking praise from you. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. I have dishonored my glorious King in many different ways. For all this wickedness I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them my King.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our King has declared, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (John 5:24) You are redeemed members of his Kingdom and part of his very own royal family.

Your sins have all been forgiven † because your King died for you and rose again. You stand in grace as you trust in Him.

Amen. Thank you for your grace and mercy Lord.

Let us then, with clean hearts and souls, respond to the grace and mercy of our King with a hymn of thanks and praise:

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511 sts. 3-4



3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en-throned in worlds a - bove;



and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Reading

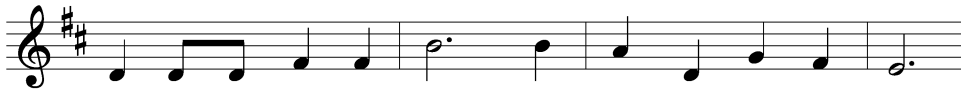
Ezekiel 34:11–16,23-24

¹¹“ For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

²³I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Psalm of the Day: 47D

Psalm 47D sts. 1–2



1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing.
2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;



The LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.
sing praise to God, our glo - rious King, sing praise to him, re - joice!



He brings the na - tions down, sub - dues them in our sight;
For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;



he choos - es our in - her - it - ance; his love is Ja - cob's might.
he sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

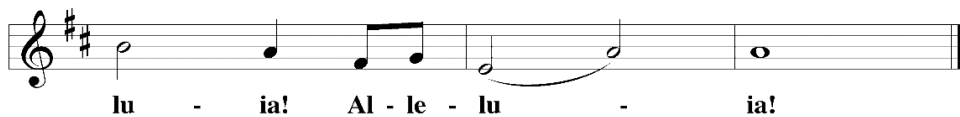
²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 19:12,16

Alleluia. On his head are many crowns, and on his robe this name is written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Alleluia.

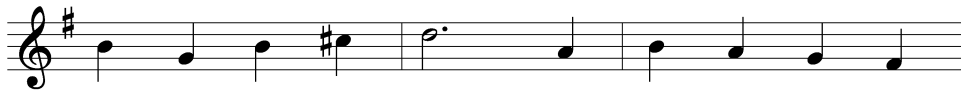


²⁷Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

531 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns CW 531 sts. 1–5



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they



crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -
 his, is his by right, the King of kings and
 joy of all be - low to whom he man - i -
 all its grace, is giv'n; their name, an ev - er -
 reign with him a - bove, their prof - it and their



dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 Lord of lords and heav'n's e - ter - nal light;
 fests his love and grants his name to know.
 last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.
 joy to know the mys - t'ry of his love.

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 *“The CONQUERING King!”*

Nicene Creed

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Prayer of the Church

O Most Glorious King of Kings, we praise you for rescuing us and making us part of your Holy family. We thank you for opportunities to worship and grow in faith and knowledge, and the fellowship of believers we enjoy as together we seek to spread your Kingdom here and across this world.

O Lord of lords, open our eyes to see your Kingdom by faith, and give us hearts that trust our future will be with you. Spread your Kingdom through us and our efforts, we pray. Your will be done in all things, and to you alone be all the glory.

We pray for those you have brought into our lives who do not yet have you ruling in their hearts and lives. (Moment of Silence to pray for those who don't have Christ ruling in their lives . . .)

Preserve our congregation in the pure truth of your saving Gospel and the right use of your holy sacraments. Renew our faith and strengthen our resolve to live for you, and to produce the fruit you look for. Make us bold and eager to confess you as God, King, and Savior of this world, with the time that we have left, as we long for your coming again.

When we stumble in our service Lord, forgive us, and renew in all of us a zeal to fight those spiritual battles we face, to be strong in faith, and to overcome all sin and evil through Jesus Christ, our eternal King. Amen.

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as King to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-1, 5, Final Refrain

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.' The second staff continues the melody for the second line: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.

Verses



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

938 *This Is the Feast*

CW 938 sts. Ref, 2–3, Final Refrain

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

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Distribution

Our Practice of Close Communion

In line with Scripture, Grace Lutheran Church follows the practice of close communion. In 1 Corinthians 1:10 we are told, “I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.” That unity takes work to establish (courses are available), and 1 Corinthians 10:17 highlights the powerful unity we express by communing together: “Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” Therefore (just as the early church did) we invite forward only those who are in full agreement with the teachings of our church. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather it is a call for all visitors to examine and judge the teachings of our church body in light of God’s Word. We therefore welcome confirmed members of our synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and members of our sister synod (ELS) to partake of the Lord’s Supper with us today. We humbly, respectfully, and lovingly ask that visitors speak with our pastor after the service if there are any questions about our doctrine or practices.

Thanksgiving

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.


The Lord look on you with favor † and give you peace.

Amen.


548 The King of Glory Comes

CW 548 sts. Ref-1, 3-4


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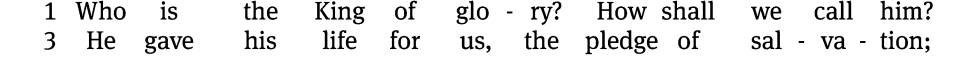
The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



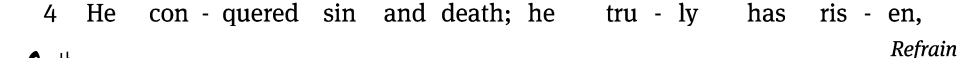
O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?




3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;

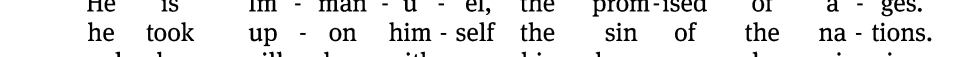


4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,


Refrain



He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.



he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.



and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorating the Fellowship Hall

Please stick around and help us to decorate the fellowship hall today. There will be a light lunch available to those who can participate.

Next Sunday following the service we'll decorate the worship are for Advent and Christmas.

Advent By Candlelight

On December 2 we're hosting ***Advent By Candlelight*** here at Grace. Ladies – be sure to invite friends, family and neighbors! Please sign up if you're hosting a table / bring a treat to share / and be sure to RSVP with Rachel Halldorson if you can attend.

Bible Classes

Please take advantage of the Bible Classes now offered at Grace: Sunday morning 9 am / Wednesday afternoon 3 pm / the last Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Talk to pastor if you'd like to join in one of the current BIC courses as well.

Pastor is planning to start a new Bible class on **Revelation** to be held Thursdays at 6:00 pm. We're going to take a few weeks to promote it in our community and hopefully get some visitors to attend. We plan to begin the class on the last Thursday of the month, November 30 (the week after Thanksgiving).

Christmas 2023

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, therefore we'll have worship (and Bible class) in the morning at the normal times, and we won't be having a Christmas Eve service in the evening.

On Christmas Day we'll have our worship at 11:00 am and a potluck luncheon to follow.

A Look at our Church Library

On Giving Advice to God - Part 1 & 2

Wanting to strengthen your devotional life? Are you looking for something meaty that challenges your spiritual growth? "On Giving Advice to God" Parts 1 & 2 by Daniel Deutschlander is available in the church library for you to check out. Developing the theme "The Wisdom of God and the Foolishness of Man", the author reminds the reader how far God's wisdom goes beyond our human thoughts and understanding. Part 1 takes us from Advent through Ascension, following along the church year and the familiar accounts of Scripture we've come to anticipate year after year. The insights you are sure to gain will deepen your understanding and appreciation for God's wisdom and magnanimous love! Part 2 takes us through Pentecost and beyond. Once you get into it, you may even be tempted to buy a copy for your own personal library because you will want to come back to this again and again - one read through is not enough! It makes a great couples' devotion too, and offers plenty of discussion opportunities each time. Your devotional life will never be the same!

Upcoming Schedule

Today	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Worship + Communion
Today	11:00 am	Decorate the Fellowship Hall
Nov. 29	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Class
Nov. 30	6:00 pm	Revelation Bible Class begins!
Dec. 2	3 – 4:30 pm	<i>Advent By Candlelight</i>
Dec. 3	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Advent 1 Worship
Dec. 3	11:00 am	Potluck and decorate Worship area
Dec. 6	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Class
Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Revelation Bible Class
Dec. 7	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
Dec. 10	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Worship + Communion
Dec. 10	11:00 am	Council / Ladies of Grace