

### **CHRIST THE KING**

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

### THE CLOSING SCENE

It's the final scene on this planet and it gives us comfort, joy and understanding. We know our destiny and we know our purpose as the children of God, redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ! Let your heart be joyed as you think about welcoming Jesus for the closing scene.

This is the last Sunday of the Christian Church year. It ends as it began - under the gracious rule and reign of the Lord Jesus. Next week we begin the journey again, through Bethlehem and onto Jerusalem, watching, wondering, being changed and strengthened in faith that we might trust Him and honor Him with our lives until we see Him again.

#### A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

This is Your day, Lord, and we will praise You.

This is Your day and we will declare Your name.

This is your day, and we will worship our risen Savior and our King! Amen.

### A CELEBRATION OF THE REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF KINGS

The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type.**Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.

### **Hymn 511** Crown Him with Many Crowns

We sing to the Lamb enthroned on high, the King of all, and confess with joy: all other thrones will fall before Him.

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son ♣ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Matthew 28:19

**Confession and Absolution** We come in repentance before His throne and receive PARDON from the King

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\\\$Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Lord, Have Mercy** At peace by forgiveness, we ask the King to give us everything we need in the mercy that marks His reign 🗢

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 

**Song of Praise** Awash in forgiveness, grace and mercy, we are standing before the throne to sing of the One who has opened the way to the throne of God and made us His. Hymn 561, st. 1+3

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I am,
the King of glory and of grace.
At one with him, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

**Prayer of the Day** 

We ask our King for gifts based on the promises we hear in His Word today and confess that He LIVES and REIGNS as King, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD  $\iff$  THE ROYAL DECREES FROM THE THRONE OF THE KING READ TO HIS PEOPLE  $\iff$ 

# **First Reading and Devotion**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books...and a Savior who will establish an everlasting kingdom.

2 Timothy 4:22

"As I looked,

"thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the books were opened."

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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

### **Hymn** | Ancient of Days

words and music by City Alight

The soloist will sing the first verse, the congregation is invited to join in singing for verses 2 and 3.



### **Second Reading and Devotion**

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

St. Paul gives us the encouragement that when Christ comes again he shall raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

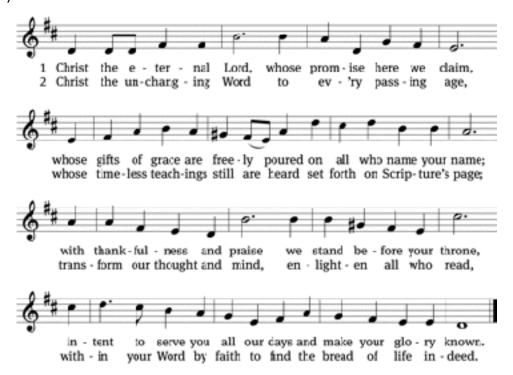
<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from

heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Please stand

### Hymn 521 Christ the Eternal Lord



# The Holy Gospel and Devotion

Matthew 25:14-30

Through a parable Jesus calls his followers to faithful service in grateful response to the gifts that the master has given and in joyful anticipation of the master's impending return.

<sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate

the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup>"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup>"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup>"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

<sup>46</sup>"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

**Apostles' Creed** We confess to one another and to our King that we believe that He made us, won us for own by coming into human flesh and dying and rising for us, and that He has called us into His Kingdom of grace and life by His Holy Spirit. We speak back to the King what He has told us to His great praise and to keep us grounded in His great saving truth.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

# Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

# Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father. **Help us live as royal priests.** 

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

# Heal our hearts when they are broken. Strengthen us when we are weak.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil. Use your power to calm unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

# Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

### Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

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.

Offering We bring gifts to the throne of the King by supporting the work of His Church and it's gospel mission here on earth . 🤝



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way. To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.

# THE SACRAMENT $\iff$ the king serves a foretaste of the royal banquet of heaven $\iff$

Stand

The Lord be with you.

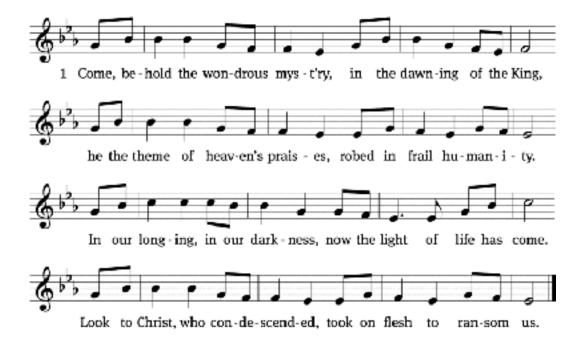
And also with you.

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.

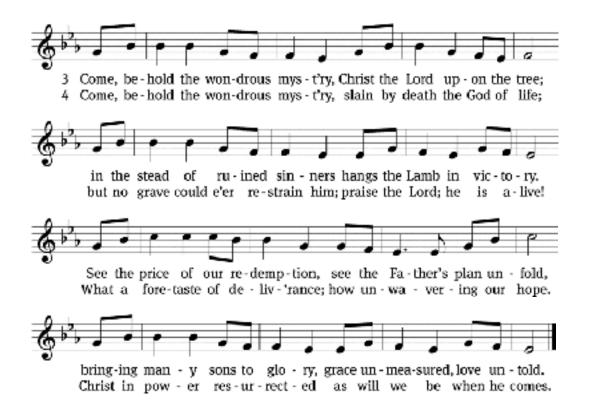


### The Words of Our Lord Jesus

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 + 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 + 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.** 



Be seated

### Distribution of the Lord's Supper

#### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!** 

# Hymn 519 There Is A Redeemer Hymn 474 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your + sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

### **Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing Fed with the bread of God for the journey, we receive the King's NAME again before we go. He is for us and with us to bless us. And God's people say, AMEN!

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Be seated

## **Closing Hymn 885 There Is A Higher Throne**

And there we shall stand, faultless, before the throne, at home, and we'll reign with Him, the King who reigns on high forevermore! 🛷





We thank the Lord for Amy Sehloff, Josiah Schultz and Zach Brandt and their gifts used to serve us and Christ our King with music this morning!