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November 22, 2026 **Christ the King Sunday**

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

♩ Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own,
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

♩ Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

♩ Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

♩ Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

♩ Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 525–Text (sts. 1–3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903; Text: Public domain

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will seek them out.

He will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered. *Ezekiel 34:11-12*

A Time of Silence

Let us then confess our sins to God, who seeks us out.

Most merciful God, we cry out to You from the places that our sin has scattered us. We have sinned against You in ways that we know and in ways that only You know. There

are strangers we have not welcomed, the hungry we have not fed, the naked we have not clothed, the sick and imprisoned we have not visited. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Forgive us, bind up our injuries, and strengthen our weaknesses, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated* "Jesus, Shall Reign"

♩ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

♩ To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

♩ People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

♩ Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

♩ Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 832-Text: Isaac Watts 1674-1748; Public domain.

Prayer

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.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. **12**As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13**And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. **14**I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. **15**I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. **16**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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.
[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

♩ The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

♩ Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

♩ Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

♩ In dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

♩ Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

♩ And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 709–Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77; Text: Public domain

The Holy Gospel *Please Stand* Matthew 25:31–46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his
glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from
another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right,
but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry
and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King
will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did
it to me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared
for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave
me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see
you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then
he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you
did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

♩ All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

♩ Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 549–Text (sts. 1–5): Edward Perronet, 1726–92, alt.; (sts. 6–7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.; Text: Public domain

Proclamation of the Word

"The First and the Last Word" Matthew 25:31–46

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Shepherd, to gather Your sheep according to Your promise. Grant that all of us who have been brought into Your church through the washing of Holy Baptism join in Your ongoing mission of seeking those who have not yet been gathered. Lord, in Your mercy,

Rescue Your flock.

Heavenly Father, in Your Son You fulfilled Your Word in setting over us one Shepherd. Bless all pastors in their work as under-shepherds, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Rescue Your flock.

Patient Lord, through Your prophet Ezekiel, You have made clear to us that You will be the one to judge Your sheep and to sort out the mess of this world. In times when we are tempted to take on that work ourselves, help us to remember that Jesus is the one who sits on the throne and that we can trust Him with that work. Lord, in Your mercy,

Rescue Your flock.

Lord of Creation, in Your wisdom You have placed over us people with authority to watch over and protect us. Guide their staff and strengthen their shield that they use their offices for the good of all, especially those among us who are the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

Rescue Your flock.

Special Intercessions

Lord of time and eternity, You alone know the true measure of our days. When our days seem long or when life feels brief, help us to hold on to Your promise of resurrection, that we remain steadfast in our gaze toward the new heaven and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

Rescue Your flock.

For all these things and whatever else You know us to need, we ask of You, dear Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated* "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

♩ O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

♩ When once You visit darkened hearts. Then truth begins to shine.
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

♩ O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

♩ May ev'ry heart confess Your name. Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame to seek You more and more!

♩ Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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Postlude