

Christ The King

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank

(money given to Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: We confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

ELW Hymn 855

GREETING

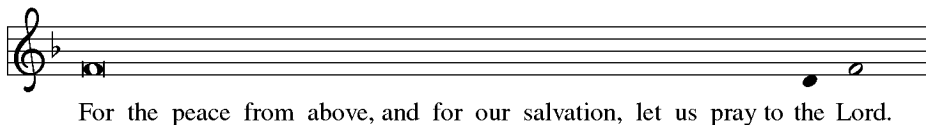
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

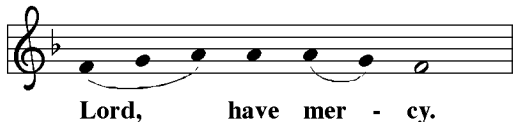
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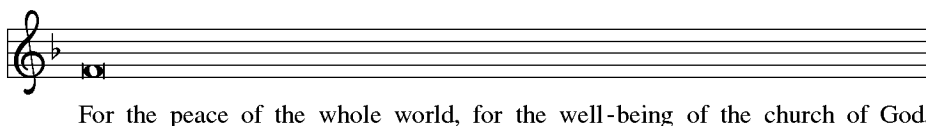
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



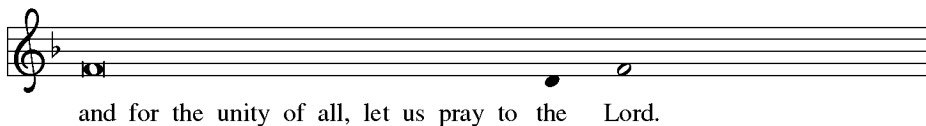
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



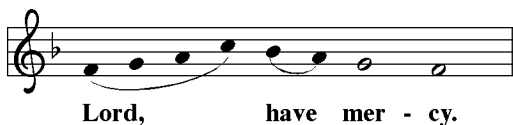
Lord, have mer - cy.



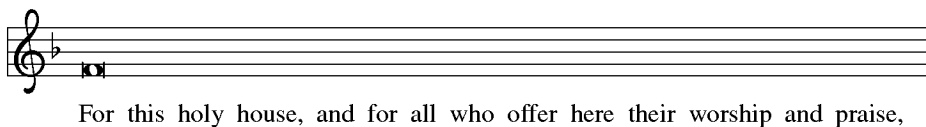
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



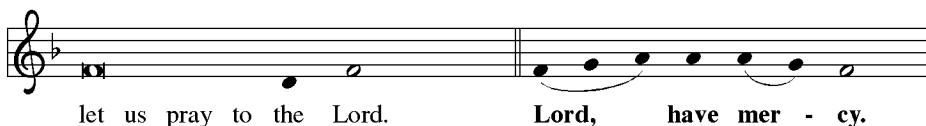
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



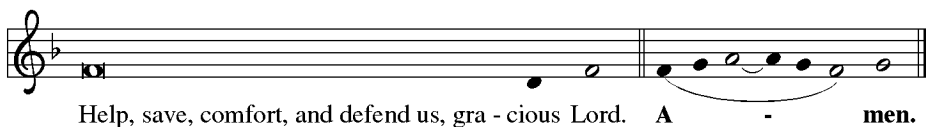
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

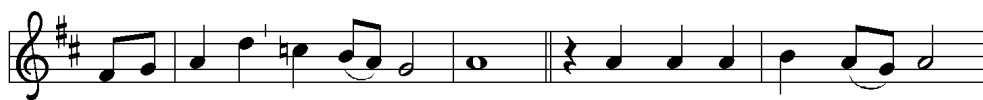


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 93

L: The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

C: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

L: The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

C: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

L: Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to John the 18th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Todd Chelf

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW Hymn 434

We Respond to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

**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.**

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

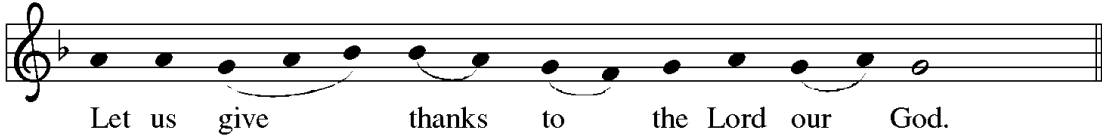
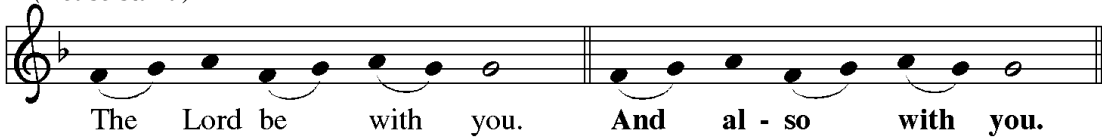
Each petition concludes:

P: Merciful God,

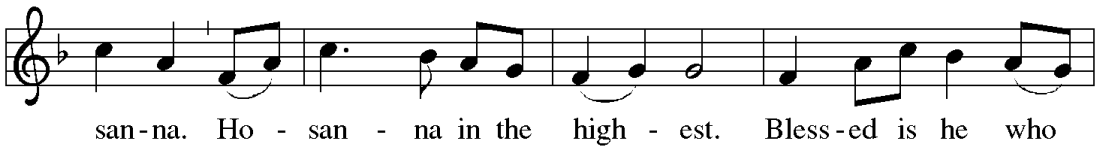
C: **receive our prayer.**

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please stand)



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

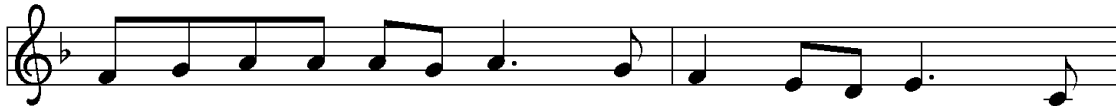
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

(Please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



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.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“Softly and Tenderly”
“Just As I Am”*

ELW Hymn 608
ELW Hymn 592

(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High The Cross”

ELW Hymn 660

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship
hall following the worship service. We would like to
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Christ the King**
Todd Chelf preaching, Father Walker presiding
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Lighted Christmas Parade mtg
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

Wednesday: **7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Messiah**

Thursday & Friday: **Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed**

Saturday: **5:00 p.m. Lighted Holiday Parade starts**

Next Sunday: **1st Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Church Outreach
10:15 a.m. Ukrainian family mtg & fellowship
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
12:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

HOLIDAY LIGHTED PARADE

We are participating in the Holiday Lighted Parade this year! There will be a mtg
after service this Sunday, Nov 24. Also, we are needing donations of candy to throw
out to kids during the parade. There is a blue tote in the fellowship hall to leave
your candy! November 30th is the parade at 5pm.

PASTOR MISHA OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Misha will be out of town at SBL conference for Continued Education from
Thursday, Nov. 21-26. Pastor Mark Youngquist from Swedesburg Evangelical
Lutheran Church will be covering for any pastoral emergencies that arise while
Pastor Misha is away. He can be reached at 319-631-8564.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE @ MESSIAH

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Messiah this year at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 27. Hope to see you there!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The hanging of the greens will be on Sunday, December 1 at 12pm! Please come and help us decorate for the Christmas season!

UKRAINIAN FAMILY MEETING

Please stay after worship service on Sunday, December 1 for a meeting & fellowship with the Ukrainian family that Kim Engle is sponsoring!

FIRST ADVENT MEAL

On Wednesday, December 4th, Bethany will be providing the meal for Mid-week Advent service. Maid-rites & drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, sides, or dessert to share. Please keep a watch in your bulletins for updates for 12/11 & 12/18 meal plans. Thank you.

ANGEL TREE

We have started our Angel Tree! Please choose an angel (or angels), from the tree to fulfill the wish on the tag. Return your unwrapped gift in a sack, with the angel tag, and place under the tree. All angel tree tags and gifts must be under the tree by December 11. To add to this, we will have envelopes on the Angel Tree for monetary donations for the Ukrainian family that Kim Engle is sponsoring! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Engle! Thank you for your generosity!

BICYCLE DRIVE

Today (Sunday, November 24) is the last day for our Bike Drive! If you wish to donate, please place your donation in the red envelope in the pew and drop in the offering plate. Thank you to all whom have donated!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of the year again! Poinsettia orders have started! Order forms will be provided in your bulletins until Sunday, December 1. Plants will be \$17.50 each. Order forms are also available in the November issue of the Chimes. Extra order forms will also be available in the office. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1.

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

For November, food donations will be "Holiday helpers"! Items you would use for a holiday meal (dry goods), example: boxed stuffing, pie filling, green beans, cookie mixes, etc... Thank you all for your generosity!

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