

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 21, 2021 – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion – Autumn Setting



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Now the Feast and Celebration*

(ELW 167)

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

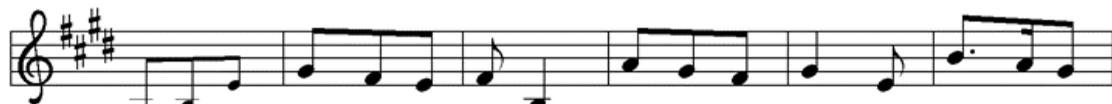


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Daniel.

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.

°A 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.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

The Psalm for the day is read responsively. Congregation speaks the bold portion.

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed
in majesty and ^larmed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ^lnot be moved.
²**Ever since the world began, your throne has ^lbeen established;
you are from ^leverlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up,
O LORD, the waters have lifted ^lup their voice;
the waters have lifted up their ^lpounding waves.

**⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

**⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forever and for- | evermore.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

(ELW 172)

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-37

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate 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?” ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Pilate 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."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ Is the King!* Stanzas 1, 3 & 5 (ELW 662)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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

Text: George K.A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.
Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
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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

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray
for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition will be concluded using one of the following responses

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us
always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered in the narthex for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

ANTHEM

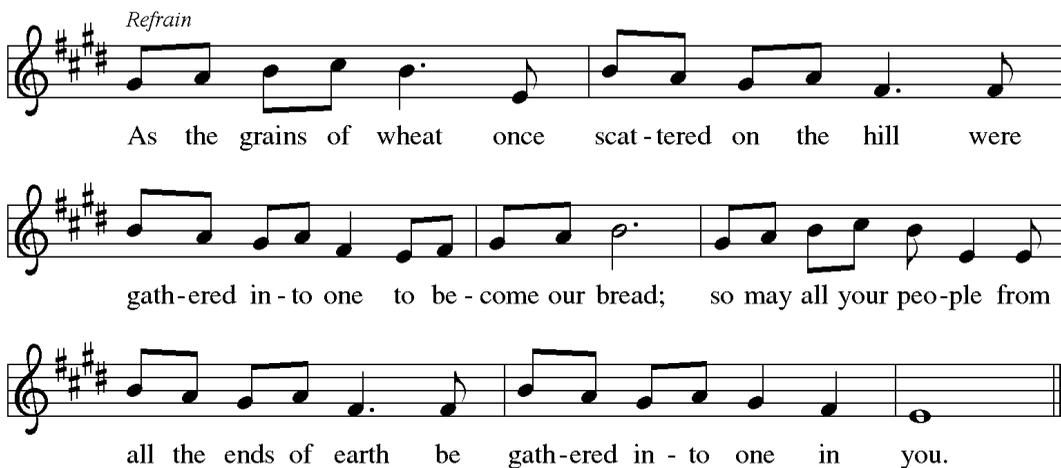
"O Sing this Anthem Song of Praise"

Quartet: Beth, Nathan, Delta, Janelle

OFFERTORY SONG: As the Grains of Wheat

(ELW 465)

Refrain



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are: "As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you." The music is a simple, melodic line with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray.

Holy God,
 the earth is yours and everything in it,
 yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
 Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
 and strengthen us to be your body for the world
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(ELW 191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. The ministers commune before the assembly. For those unable to come to the front, notify an usher and communion will be brought to your pew.

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.
The presiding minister may say a table blessing, and the assembly responds*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Serving In Worship

	November 21	November 28
Assisting Minister	Janelle Davis	Yvonne Lacy
Altar Guild	Karen Carter	Lori Shelton
Advent Wreath Lighting	N/A	Delta & Herbert Holl
Reader	Lee Lacy	Karen Carter
Usher	Beth Willoughby	Ron Davis
Counter	Greg Thiele	Andy Waite

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Church Council has set the Annual Congregational meeting for Sunday, December 12th at 10:00 am. At this meeting we will vote on 2 new Council members replacing Jean Schaake and Harriet Powell who have completed 2 3-year terms. We will also present the 2022 Budget, discuss and vote on it. The Annual Meeting will be held both In-Person as well as on Zoom. Please try to attend this very important meeting.

Church Leaders – Annual Reports

We are beginning production of the Annual Report for the Congregation. We hope to have it available prior to the Congregational meeting for distribution. Please submit your reports on or before **November 30th** so they can be formatted and compiled into the one document. Many thanks from the staff!

Bake Your Thanks

Bake Your Thanks has been a beloved tradition of Christ the Servant for many years. We get together to bake tons of cookies to deliver to first responders in our community. Last year, we didn't get to do this. While we're still not back to normal and we are still waiting to hear back about regulations from our intended recipients, the Outreach Team is happy to announce we are hosting a modified version this year. And we need your help.

Instead of gathering to bake, we will be collecting cookies, blessing them, and delivering them. Our hope is to deliver treats to the police and fire stations and possibly to various emergency room staff if we are able to get permission to do so. This will take four sets of volunteers:

1. Children to decorate the boxes (if you have crafty kids who want to be a part of the project, let us know so that we can be sure to include you in the details)
2. Bakers to make cookies at home or shoppers to purchase their favorite pre-packaged snacks
3. A team to pack boxes on Saturday, December 4 (12p-2p dropoff, 2p-4p assembly)
4. Volunteers to distribute boxes to recipients on Sunday, December 5, after church

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex and online soon!



Welcome

*The congregation of Christ the Servant
welcomes all who worship with us today.
We consider it a privilege to share with others
the love we have come to know in Jesus Christ.*

So if you are:

*Young or Old
Fair or Dark Skinned
Married or Single
LGBTQIA
Democrat or Republican
Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or something else
Feeling guilty or feeling blessed
or, just here because you're meeting your girlfriend's parents
and you want to impress them.*

**We welcome you.
It's what Jesus would have done**

