

Christ the King Sunday



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin
November 22, 2020**

Mission Statement
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a family of Christians
Growing in Faith and Reaching out in Love

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who worship today, wherever you may be. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we are together, even though we are physically separated, to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is with us, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this time of worship to live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.

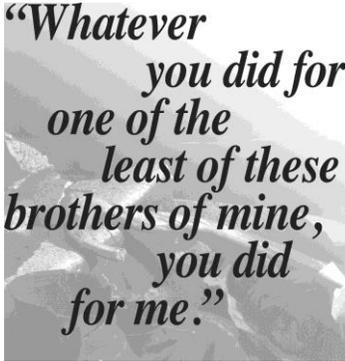
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ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P-Pastor R-Reader C-Congregation



**“Whatever
you did for
one of the
least of these
brothers of mine,
you did
for me.”**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus’ great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

GATHERING MUSIC

AIR from the Messiah
(He Shall Feed His Flock)

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen**

Silence for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen**

P Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign

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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 praises throng to 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 to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

GREETING

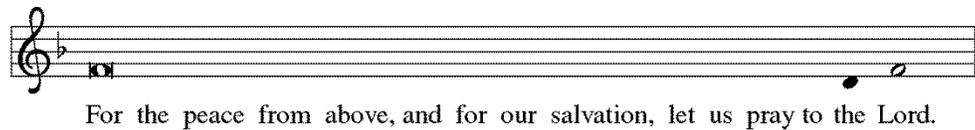
P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

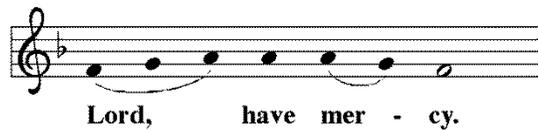
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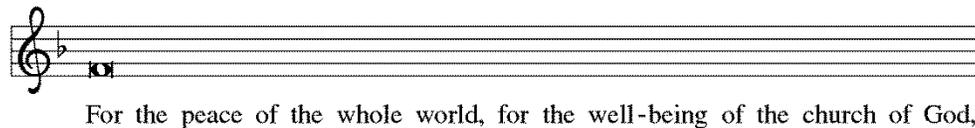
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



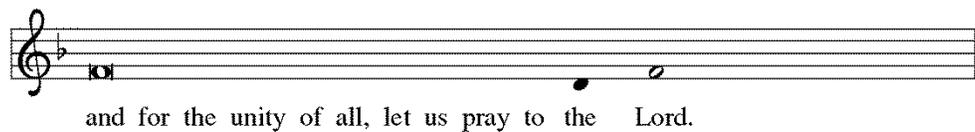
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



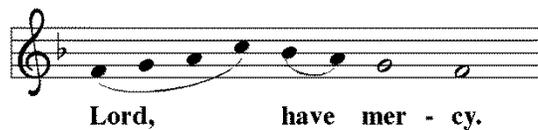
Lord, have mer - cy.



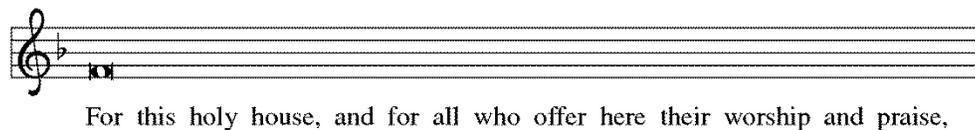
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



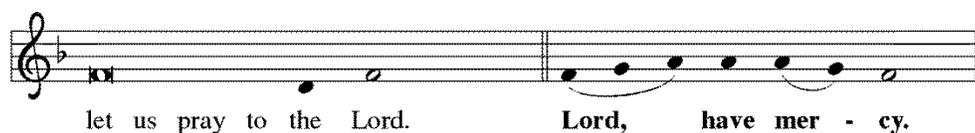
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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 **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on

rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over

them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God,

and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power

for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! Play mu-sic to

praise His name! Al - le - lu - le, al - le - lu - ia

Verse **3** *Final Refrain*

...ter - nal life. Sing praise to the Lord,

all the earth! Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia!

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE & SONG

Brigetta Wingender & Musicians

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
 and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
 and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days,
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 and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Text: Beaker

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SERMON

WHAT IS YOUR ONE WORD GOSPEL?

Pastor Roger McQuiston

People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

How can we tell a heaven from hell
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels,
and we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain*

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APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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**

OFFERING

Lord, Be Glorified

1	In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;
2	In	my	song,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;
3	In	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in my song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen**

PRAYERS

Petitions end: Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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**

FINAL BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C **Amen**

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.

O seed of Israel's chosen race now 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, you 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.
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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.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

DISMISSAL

P It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission in life is to make God's kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds. That is why we proclaim:

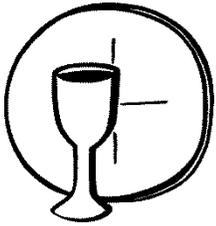
C **We are a family of Christians growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

P Beloved of God, be at peace. Love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

~ adapted from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration





LIVESTREAM COMMUNION LITURGY

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Blessed are you O God, for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
C **Blessed are you.**
P In Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
C **Blessed are you.**
P You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
C **Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to all.**

INVITATION

- P Come to the Table. Those who are hungry, come, eat and drink.
C **Bread for the journey. drink for the desert.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor will lead this, line by line; you are invited to repeat each line and do the same actions. When we have finished these words, then communion may be shared.)

- P In the night in which our Lord was betrayed ... *(repeat)*
he took bread and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise bread)*
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying ... *(repeat)*
Take and eat; this is my body given for you ... *(repeat)*
Do this for the remembrance of me *(repeat)*

Again, after supper he took the cup, and gave thanks ... *(repeat, may raise cup)*
and gave it for all to drink, saying, ... *(repeat)*
This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... *(repeat)*
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin *(repeat)*
For as often as we eat of this bread ... *(repeat)*
and drink from this cup ... *(repeat)*
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes... *(repeat)*

(You may now share the bread and wine with one another. You may use these or similar words.)

- This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
- This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Parents/Caregivers speak a blessing over younger children who have not completed communion instruction, saying, "Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!" (or another blessing listed below).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Great God of gifts,

C **We Thank You!**

P You feed us in many ways

C **and we are grateful to receive!**

P We look to you;

C **we look to each other, and we praise your name.**

P As you've fed us,

C **now make us food for the world!**

P As this meal empowers us

C **To Grow in Faith and Reach out to others in Love! Thank you, Great God of gifts! AMEN**

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

What to do about blessing children?

Parents/Caregivers should speak a blessing over younger children who aren't communing. Please do not commune children who have not completed instruction from PoP. You may place your hands on their heads as you speak the blessing. Both parents/caregivers can do this together. Here are some suggestions. You may use these or similar words that come from your heart.

- Remember always, you are a beloved child of God!
- May you always know Jesus loves you!
- Jesus died and rose again for you and for all and watches over us.
- May God keep you in the covenant of your baptism.

What to do with the leftovers?

Any bread or wine/grape juice that is left over may be consumed. Even though it has been consecrated for this meal, it is not any more holy than ordinary bread, wine or grape juice. It is to remind us that all food is holy and is a gift from God. Wine may be consumed or poured out on the ground as a sign of God's gift poured out for all on the earth. Bread may also be placed outside to benefit God's creatures or used in one's daily meals as a reminder of God's gift of our daily bread. If you have a loaf of bread left

over, why not use this as a gift to share with your family or neighbors. Include a little note that says something like, “Jesus is the Bread of Life. Here is a gift of bread that was made for your daily life! Enjoy!”

A final favor! Let us know how it went!

This Livestream Communion is new to us during this pandemic. However, if we go back to the earliest days in Christian history, this was how communion was done, in peoples’ homes. Of course, they didn’t have computers or cell phones to unite them all together, but we do! So, we would like to see and hear your stories. Send us a picture or two, or even a video (popappleton.org) of how you set your table, what bread or wine you used, who was there (names optional), greetings to other members of the Church Deployed! Then come back to the Table on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during this pandemic and invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!