

Christ the King / Proper 29 / 25th Sunday after Pentecost  
 ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten  
 Sunday, November 22, 2020

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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Holy One,  
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG *Beautiful Savior / Schönster Herr Jesu* (ELW 838)**

1 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.

1 Schönster Herr Jesu,  
Herrscher aller Enden,  
Gottes und Marien Sohn:  
Dich will ich lieben,  
Dich will ich ehren,  
Du meiner Seele Freud und Kron.

2 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.

2 Schön sind die Felder,  
schön sind die Wälder  
in der schönen Frühlingszeit;  
Jesus ist schöner, Jesus ist reiner,  
der unser traurig Herz erfreut.

3 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.

3 Schön leucht die Sonne,  
schön leucht der Monde  
und die Sternlein allzumal.  
Jesus leucht schöner,  
Jesus leucht reiner  
als alle Engel im Himmelssaal.

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

4 Alle die Schönheit  
Himmels und der Erden  
ist verfasst in Dir allein.  
Nichts soll mir werden  
lieber auf Erden als Du,  
der schönste Jesus mein.

<https://youtu.be/e17k9W-q-o>

**GREETING**

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **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.*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

<sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**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.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

<sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### 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:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then 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; <sup>35</sup>for 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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then 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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And 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.’ <sup>41</sup>Then 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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I 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.’ <sup>44</sup>Then 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?' <sup>45</sup>Then 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.'

<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - **Lobe den Herren, der mächtigen König (ELW 858)**

1 Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

1 Lobe den Herren,  
der künstlich und fein dich bereitet,  
der dir Gesundheit verliehen,  
dich freundlich geleitet.  
In wieviel Not hat nicht  
der gnädige Gott  
über dir Flügel gebreitet!

2 Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle,  
uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

2 Lobe den Herren,  
der alles so herrlich regieret,  
der dich auf Adellers Fittichen  
sicher geführet,  
der dich erhält,  
wie es dir selber gefällt;  
hast du nicht dieses verspüret?

3 Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness  
and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

3 Lobe den Herren,  
der sichtbar dein Leben gesegnet,  
der aus dem Himmel  
mit Strömen der Liebe geregnet.  
Denke daran,  
was der Allmächtige kann,  
der dir mit Liebe begegnet!

4 Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!  
<https://youtu.be/pYvDeN-GCG0>

4 Lobe den Herren,  
was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.  
Alles, was Odem hat,  
lobe mit Abrahams Samen.  
Er ist dein Licht,  
Seele, vergiß es ja nicht.  
Lob ihn in Ewigkeit! Amen.

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Wir glauben an den einen Gott,  
den Vater den Allmächtigen,  
der alles geschaffen hat, Himmel und  
Erde,  
die sichtbare und die unsichtbare Welt.

Und an den einen Herrn Jesus  
Christus, Gottes eingeborenen Sohn, aus  
dem Vater geboren vor aller Zeit:  
Gott von Gott, Licht vom Licht,  
wahrer Gott vom wahren Gott,  
gezeugt, nicht geschaffen,  
eines Wesens mit dem Vater;  
durch ihn ist alles geschaffen.

Für uns Menschen und zu unserm Heil ist  
er vom Himmel gekommen,  
hat Fleisch angenommen durch den  
Heiligen Geist von der Jungfrau Maria  
und ist Mensch geworden.  
Er wurde für uns gekreuzigt  
unter Pontius Pilatus,  
hat gelitten und ist begraben worden,  
ist am dritten Tag auferstanden nach der  
Schrift und aufgefahren in den Himmel.  
Er sitzt zur Rechten des Vaters und wird  
wiederkommen in Herrlichkeit,  
zu richten die Lebenden und die Toten;  
seiner Herrschaft wird kein Ende sein.

Wir glauben an den Heiligen Geist,  
der Herr ist und lebendig macht,  
der aus dem Vater und dem Sohn  
hervorgeht, der mit dem Vater und  
dem Sohn angebetet und verherrlicht  
wird, der gesprochen hat durch die  
Propheten, und die eine, heilige,  
allgemeine und apostolische Kirche.  
Wir bekennen die eine Taufe zur  
Vergebung der Sünden.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served esp. CLWR and the various coalitions we support. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages (*especially in the USA*). Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away (*especially those unjustly imprisoned, those mishandled by police and other authorities; those who have been profiled due to their race or creed or sexual orientation*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who are sick, those who are despairing, those who are lonely esp. during this time of the pandemic. We mention those aloud or keep close in our hearts: Helen, Barbara, Friedrich, Hedwig, Carl and Joel, Sophie....Be with all caregivers, and front-line workers giving them rest. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Amen.**

**PEACE****MEAL****OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

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.**

**PREFACE**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

surrounded by evil and bordered by death

we appeal to you,

our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace

and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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,

the sacrifice of his life and death

and the victory of his resurrection,

we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine  
 and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:  
 teach us your mercy and justice,  
 and make all things new in Christ.  
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church,  
 both now and forever. **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER/ VATERUNSER**

**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.**

**Vater Unser, der du bist im Himmel.  
 Geheiligt werde dein Name.  
 Dein Reich komme.  
 Dein Wille geschehe,  
 wie im Himmel, so auf Erden,  
 Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute,  
 und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
 wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.  
 Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
 sondern erlöse uns von den Bösen.  
 Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft  
 und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
 Come and feast at Jesus' table.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus,  
 in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
 Sustain us on the journey,  
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
 and give us glad and generous hearts  
 as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Der Herr segne euch und behüte euch.

Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über euch/ und sei euch gnädig.

Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf euch/ und gebe euch Frieden. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG Seligstes Wissen/ Blessed Assurance**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

||:This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long. :||

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. R

<https://youtu.be/7nMB-y7p-00>

1. Seligstes Wissen: Jesus ist mein!  
Köstlichen Frieden bringt es mir ein.  
Leben von oben, ewiges Heil,  
völlige Sühnung ward mir zuteil.

Refrain:

Lasst mich's erzählen, Jesus zur Ehr;  
wo ist ein Heiland, größer als er?  
Wer kann so segnen, wer so erfreun?  
Keiner als Jesus! Preis ihm allein!

2. Ihm will ich leben, o welche Freud!  
Herrliche Gaben Jesus mir beut:  
Göttliche Leitung, Schutz in Gefahr,  
Sieg über Sünde reicht er mir dar. R

3. Völlig sein eigen! Nichts such ich mehr;  
Jesus, er stillt all mein Begehr.  
Treu will ich dienen ihm immerdar,  
bis ich gelang zur oberen Schar. R

**DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord....**Thanks be to God.**