

LAST SUNDAY OF ENDTIME

CHRIST THE KING

Jesus Reigns Forever and Ever



Christ Lutheran Church
North St. Paul and Hugo, Minnesota
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ABOUT THE SEASON... These last three Sundays of the Church Year focus on the **end of the world**. This third Sunday of End Time is called, 'Saints Triumphant'. The readings are a source of great joy and comfort for believers. Death is not the end of our bodies. Our bodies will be reunited with our souls when Christ returns. Souls of believers now are part of the Church Triumphant in heaven. We await in faith to join them one day!

Fall Growth Groups Our fall worship and Bible study series is called, "*Thankful Heart, Thoughtful Life*." This is the final Sunday of our fall series. Today: the **Thankful Heart, Thoughtful Life** praises Christ for his glorious reign. We thank him for making us part of his royal family thereby giving us a claim to the Kingdom.

God bless your worship!

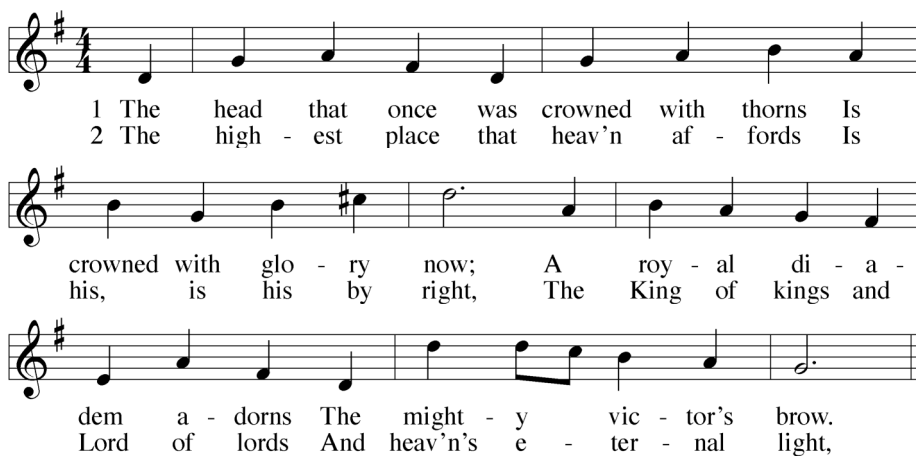
Pre service music: NSP "Christ the King"

Call to Worship: Hugo "Giving Thanks"

✕ Order Of Service ✕

OPENING HYMN

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
CW #217:1,2,6



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
his, is his by right, The King of kings and
dem a - dorns The might - y vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords And heav'n's e - ter - nal light,

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

INVOCATION

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

Revelation 1:4-6

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness."

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Since we have such a merciful King, let us humbly approach his throne, confess our sins, and plead for his mercy.

C: **Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness.**

Psalms 5:2-5,7-8

M: As God's called servant I announce to you what the LORD says:

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. I am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. *Isaiah 43:1,10-11,15,25*

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23,24

*God's appointed shepherd kings failed their offices.
God promised to send the Shepherd King who would tend God's people God's way.*

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice... ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

SONG Gr. 5-8

*We Will Glorify
Twila Paris, text and tune; David Allen, setting*

We will glorify the King of kings; We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before his throne.
We will worship him in righteousness; We will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; All praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 15:20-28

*Christ's bodily resurrection from the dead is our guarantee that
we will rise after him to be with him as he rules all things.*

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, 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 he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 22:13

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:27-31

Christ's most regal work as our King is surrendering himself into death to save us from our sins.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior
CW #369



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt Hennig

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

The Offering will be received as you leave.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Christ the King

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory. *{Special prayers and intercessions may follow.}*

M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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

Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT

We are a “sacramental” church. We believe that in Baptism and the Lord’s Supper God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus’ body and blood are present in the sacrament and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don’t want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss with you the Christian faith. If you desire communion in the pew, please inform the ushers. If you weren’t able to before the service, please signal the ushers during communion. Personal preparation may found on the last page of this service folder.

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is + my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is + my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**



DISTRIBUTION *(The presiding minister will give instructions)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
CW #375



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son, the Christ of God to lead home his bride, the Church, to the paradise he has graciously prepared; and receive us, and all the redeemed, into your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name
CW #341:4,5

Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his

res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - crite And
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And

crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

ty as - crite And crown him Lord of all.
last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

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PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.