

# Christ the King Sunday

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

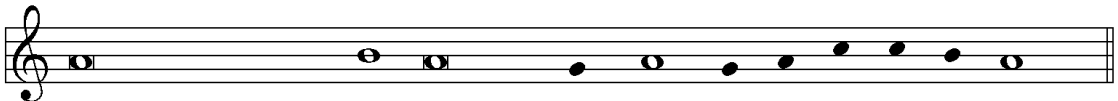
**GATHERING HYMN** [ELW#434 "Jesus Shall Reign"](#)

**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.



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



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



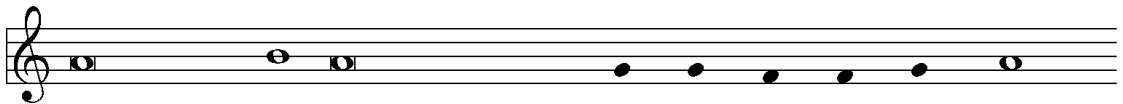
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

**HYMN OF PRAISE** [ELW#430 "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"](#)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 145:1-8**

**L** <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

**C** <sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

- L <sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
- C <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**
- L <sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
- C <sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts; I will recount your greatness.**
- L <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- C <sup>8</sup>**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **2 KINGS 22:1-10; 23:1-3**

- L A reading from Second Kings: <sup>22:1</sup>Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. <sup>2</sup>He did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

<sup>3</sup>In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, <sup>4</sup>"Go up to the high priest Hilkiah and have him add up the entire sum of the silver that has been brought into the house of the Lord that the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; <sup>5</sup>let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord repairing the house, <sup>6</sup>that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. <sup>7</sup>But no accounting shall be asked from them for the silver that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

<sup>8</sup>The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. <sup>9</sup>Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king and reported to the king, "Your servants have melted down the silver that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord." <sup>10</sup>Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

<sup>23:1</sup>Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. <sup>2</sup>The king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** [ELW#831 "The God of Abraham Praise"](#)

**SERMON:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

*Please stand, as you are able.*

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

- L** Let us turn our hearts to God, who is our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

- L** Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- L** In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- L** In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- L** In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak,

Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Rich Wohkittel, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**L** In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of our congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**L** Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**L** We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** [ELW#881 "Let All Things Now Living"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

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### Upcoming Events!

- **Today** - Commencement of World Hunger Appeal and Angel Tree
- **Today** - Opening of the Fontanini Nativity Village
- **December 2** - Saturday, 5 pm - Family Craft Night
- **December 9** - Saturday, 10 am - Putting Up the Greens
- **December 17** - Chocolate and Carols with the Community and Scouts
- **December 24** - 9:30 am Regular Service, 7 pm Christmas Eve Service

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