



Christ the King Sunday
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 26, 2023



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Prelude

Welcome to Concordia!

Pastor Robert Sorensen

Opening Hymn

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

Red Hymnal #611

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

All: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal**

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

2 Peter 3:13b; Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.

P: Show me O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;

C: let me know how fleeting is my life.

P: You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you.

C: Each man's life is but a breath.

P: But now, Lord, what do I look for?

C: My hope is in you.

P: Save me from all my transgressions;

C: do not make me the scorn of fools.

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help

C: be not deaf to my weeping.

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.

The Gloria Patri

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son, we pray, that he may lead home his bride, the Church, that we with all the redeemed may enter 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 First Reading is taken from the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel:

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Revelation 7:14; Psalm 84:5

R: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;

C: **they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

R: Blessed are they whose strength is in you,

C: **who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

The Epistle Reading is from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians:

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

1Corinthians 15:20-28

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:31-46

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn *"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"* **Red Hymnal # 56**

Sermon

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

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Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

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Distribution Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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P: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

C: Amen

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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Closing Hymn *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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