



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022**

The Reign of Christ Sunday

Four years after the end of WWI, the Catholic Church selected a new pope, Pope Pius XI. Nationalism and imperialism led to World War I, which was more devastating than anyone anticipated. Sadly, the reality was that “The Great War” was fought between predominantly Christian nations. With this horrific tragedy and the fall of numerous monarchies as a backdrop, Pope Pius XI issued a papal encyclical that introduced and established the Feast of Christ the King. The encyclical opened with these words:

...manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: ... as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations

Pius XI was suggesting that “by virtue of Christ’s claim to kingship as creator and redeemer, societies as well as individuals owed [Christ] obligations as king.”

Christ the King feast day would eventually make its way into broader Protestantism, including the Revised Common Lectionary, which Arlington Hills follows. Christ the King, or the Reign of Christ Sunday, falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, November 20 this year. It marks the end of the Revised Common Lectionary in this instance, it marks the end of Year C. The following Sunday, November 27, we will begin liturgical year A with the first of four Sundays in Advent.

This year as we celebrate the reign of Christ over the cosmos, remember that our ultimate allegiance is to him, not to any power, principality, party, nation, or organization. Christ alone is King, so let us worship Christ alone, the one who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, reigns over the cosmos forever.

–Pr. Mitch Kinsinger

in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please stand if you are able

Gathering Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
Verses 1, 4, and 5 – found on pages 17-18

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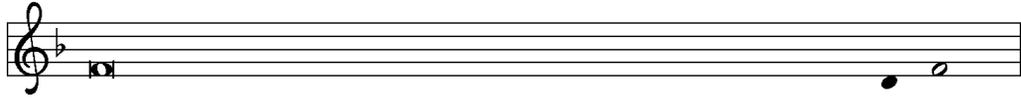
Kyrie

P:

All:



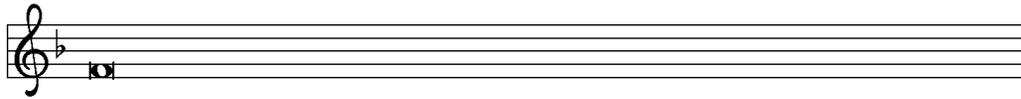
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



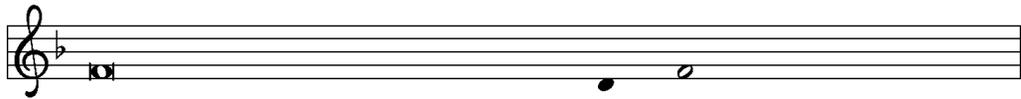
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



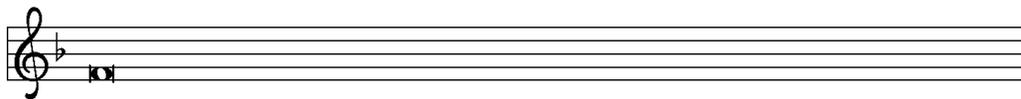
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



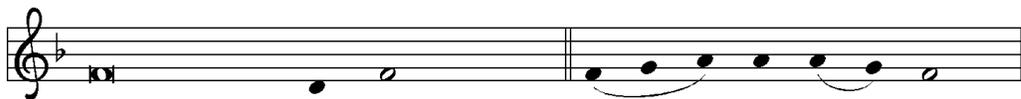
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



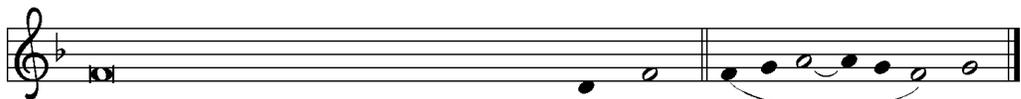
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

This is the Feast

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: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 46 (read responsively by whole verse)

I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

AM: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

AM: ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

AM: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

All: ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

AM: ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

All: ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

AM: ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

All: ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

AM: ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 23rd Chapter
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Please stand if you are able

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

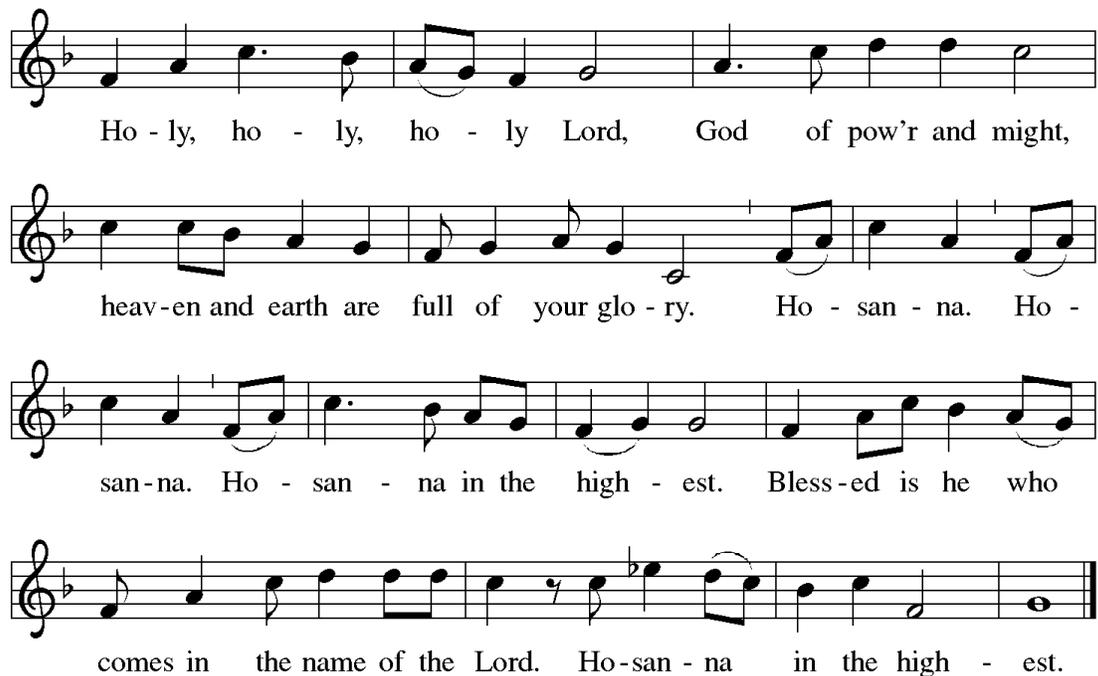
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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.

Communion

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Hymn

“Majesty”

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Sung Twice - found on pages 21-23

Blessing

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✚
bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” arr. David Cherwien

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger
Music: Barbara Rossow and Sunday Morning Choir
Assisting Ministers: Diane Allmendinger and Roxanne Larsen
Ushers: David Almquist and Florence and Dennis Rasmusson
Hospitality: Diane Allmendinger and Pam Wiehe
Livestream Producer: Silvester Vivic
Song Leader: Paul Kowitz

Announcements:

Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – at Grace

Saturday, November 26, Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Gustavus Adolphus

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent – Amy and Adams are playing.

Happy November Birthdays

Richard Johnson	Nov. 4
William Gustafson	Nov. 4
Kent Swanson	Nov. 4
Karen Helgason	Nov. 7
Gayle Lopez	Nov. 17
Robert Nelson	Nov. 19
Sharon Hanson	Nov. 20
Kay Sandeen	Nov. 21
Suzette Holmes	Nov. 21
Edwin Togar	Nov. 23
Daniel Brockway	Nov. 23
Maria Tkachuck	Nov. 24
Sally Keller	Nov. 27
Jon Helgason	Nov. 28

Happy November Anniversaries

Cynthia and Jeff Young Nov. 12
Gary and Georgette Winter Nov. 17
Kent and Sharon Swanson Nov. 18
Wayne and Vicki Hansen Nov. 27

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:

Dean Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Carol Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Dona Haberman, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, John Hollman, Richard Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Tyler King, Jan Kowitz, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Linda Nyberg , Tom Nyman, Deb Perry, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Jackie Staples, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

Advent is Coming – Mark your calendars now.

This year we will have the opportunity to join the East Side Collaborative churches for Mid-Week Advent Services. Gustavus Adolphus is hosting two worship services on Wednesdays (starting Nov. 30th). At 11:00 a.m. there will be a service followed by a meal. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a meal followed by a service. Please watch the for more information.

Watch for the sign up for the Christmas Memorial Garden

Once again, we will have an opportunity to donate to our Christmas Memorial Garden. A form will be coming out soon.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

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 - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Beautiful Savior

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 4 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

Sending Hymn

Majesty

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Majesty, worship his majesty: unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king.

Majesty, worship his majesty.

Jesus who died, now glorified.

King of all kings.

Majesty, worship his majesty: unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king.

Majesty, worship his majesty. Jesus who died, now glorified.

King of all kings. Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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