# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH




# Christ the King

## Traditional Worship

**Saturday, November 21, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**
**Sunday, November 22, 2026 @ 8:30 AM**

## GATHERING

**INVOCATION**
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Opening Hymn** **"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"** **(sung to #261) Hymn #171**

**Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King adore;**
**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;**
**When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above:**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;**
**The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit**
**And bow to his command And fall beneath his feet:**
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;**
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

"[15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God… [23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd" (Ez. 34:15, 23).

**"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,"** (Isaiah 53:6) **but He has sent out his Son to seek and save the lost.**

"[31]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. [32]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, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left…" (Matthew 25:31-33).

**"[34]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…"** (Matthew 25:34).

"[17]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, [18]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…" (Ephesians 1:17-18).

**Christ the King has been seated at the right hand of God, "[21]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"** (Ephesians 1:21).

Come let us worship the King!

**"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"** (Revelation 5:13)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**And also with you.**

**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**
**Heavenly Father, you have set Christ at your right hand to be king over all the universe. You did this so that you could care for your sheep. Help us to love, serve, and worship Christ the king who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE WORD

**FIRST READING** **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** **OT p. 788**

***God, the True Shepherd***

**11** For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As 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. 13I 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. 14I 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. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16I 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.

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

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

*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds,* ***"Thanks be to God"****)*

**SECOND READING** **Ephesians 1:15-23** **NT p. 1066**

***Paul's Prayer***

**15** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I 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, 18so 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, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God 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, 21far 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. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds,* ***"Thanks be to God"****)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)** **"Joy in the Morning"** **arr. Natalie Sleeth**
Saving Grace Choir, Sue Seeger (piano)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **"Alleluia"** **p. 83**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:31-46** **NT p. 907**

*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says* ***"Glory to you, O Lord"****)*

***The Judgment of the Nations***

**31** "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. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then 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; 35for 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, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then 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? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And 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.' 41Then 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; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I 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.' 44Then 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?' 45Then 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.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says,* ***"Praise to you, O Christ"****)*

**SERMON** **"GODISNOWHERE"** **Pastor Dan Doran**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn of the Day** **"Oh, Worship the King"** **(vs. 1, 4-6) Hymn #548**

**Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.**
**Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;**
**Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,**
**Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?**
**It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,**
**It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,**
**And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,**
**In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;**
**Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,**
**Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable love,**
**While angels delight to hymn you above**

**The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,**
**With true adoration shall sing to your praise.**

**Reception of Offering**

**Apostles' Creed**
**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again 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**

**Prayers of Intercession** *(You may be seated.)*

**Holy Communion (Saturday)**

**Lord's Prayer**
**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**

**Blessing and Prayer (Saturday)**

## Sending

**Sending Hymn** **"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1-4) Hymn #170**

**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.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,**
**Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn;**
**Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,**
**The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,**
**Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.**
**No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,**
**But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**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.**

**Dismissal**
Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 95:1-7a (7a)**
1O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

6O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
**7For he is our God,**
**and we are the people of his pasture,**
**and the sheep of his hand.**

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**Sat 3:00 pm, Radio Broadcast on FM 107.1**
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