Christ the King Sunday

November 22 , 2026



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you ***welcome****!*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.

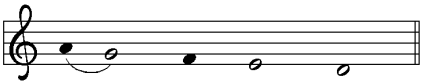
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

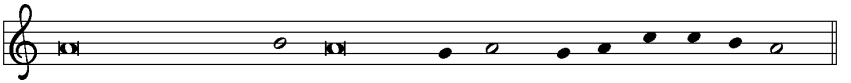
GATHERING SONG ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** **(ELW 855)**

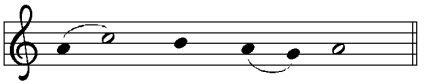
GREETING
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

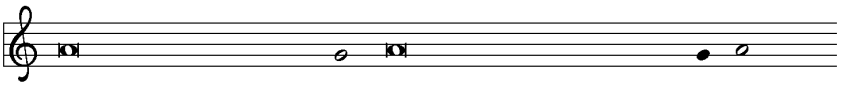
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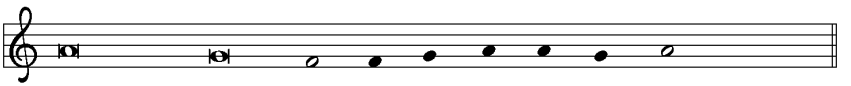

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

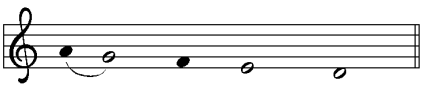

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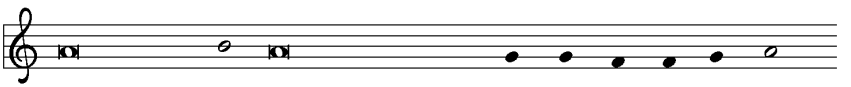

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

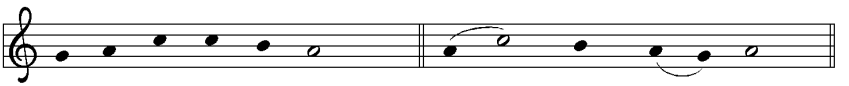

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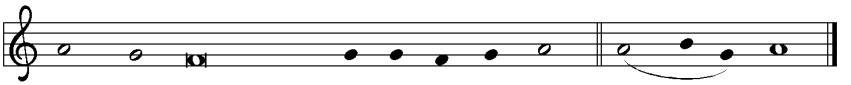

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


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

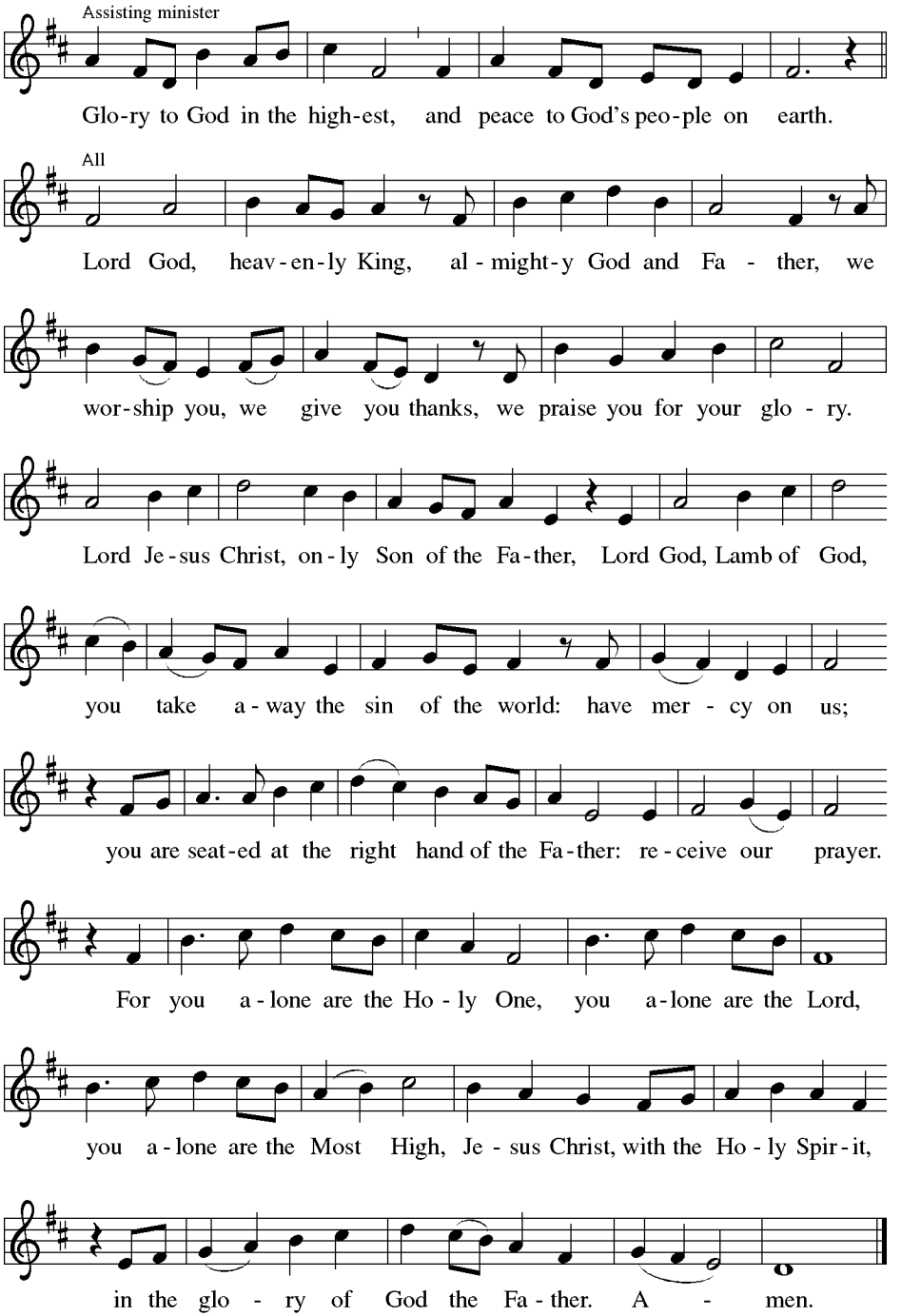

Lord, have mer - cy.


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


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.


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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Ezekiel.

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and 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. 14 I 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie
down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, 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. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all
the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I 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. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.
The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a
We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. *(Ps. 95:7)*

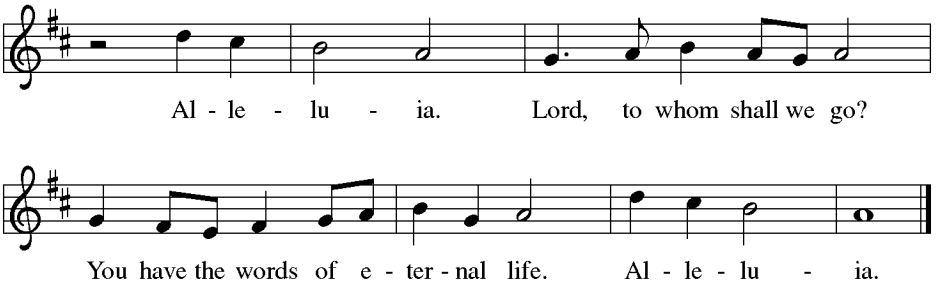
[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23
The reading may be announced:
A reading from Ephesians.
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] 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 perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God 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, [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. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
The reading may be concluded:
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46
The gospel is announced.
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [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. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, [35] for 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, [36] I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
[37] Then 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? [38] And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was
it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them,

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I 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.’ 44 Then 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?’ 45 Then 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.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)

NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

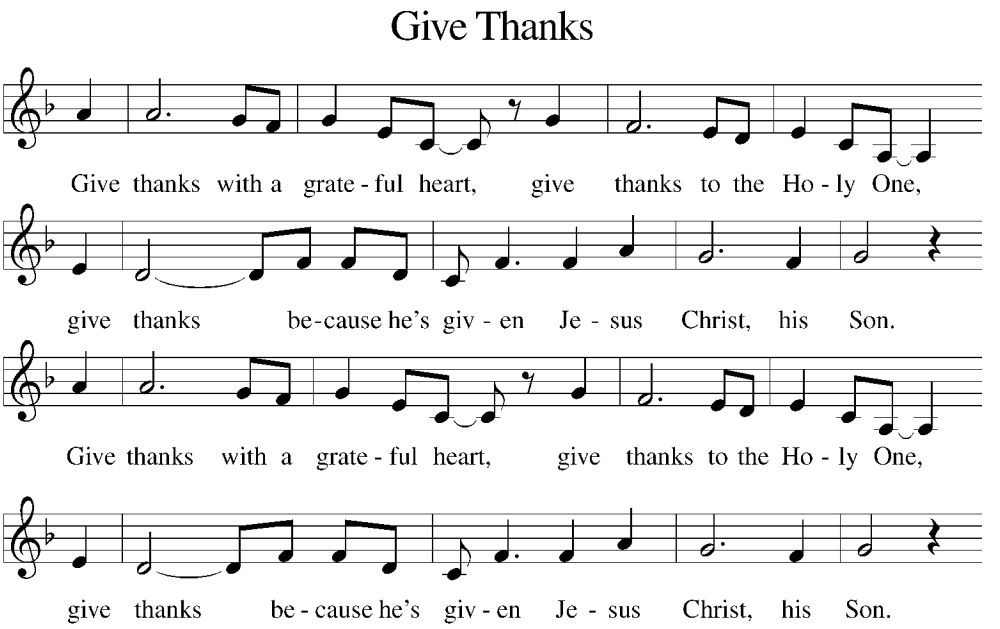
Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

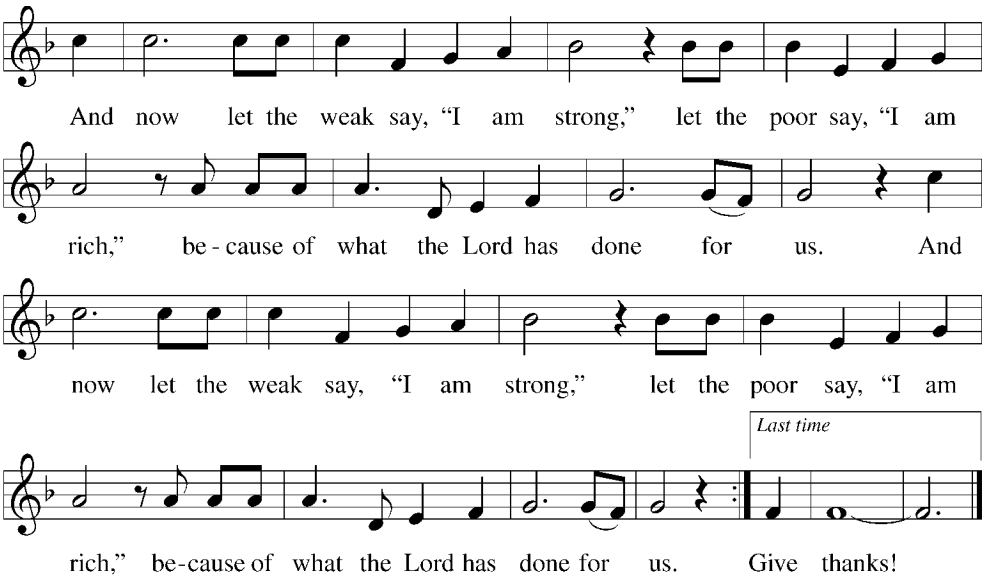
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.
A brief silence.

PEACE
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING





Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

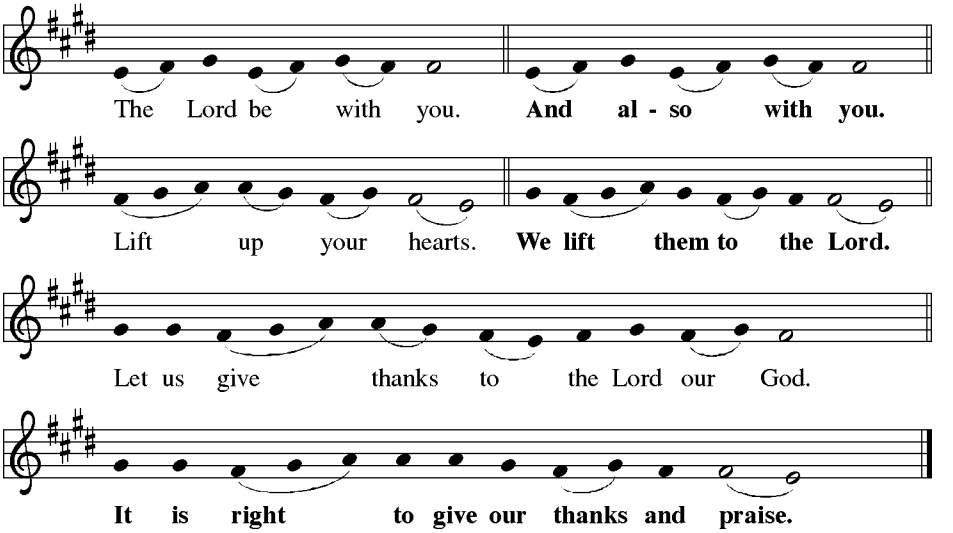
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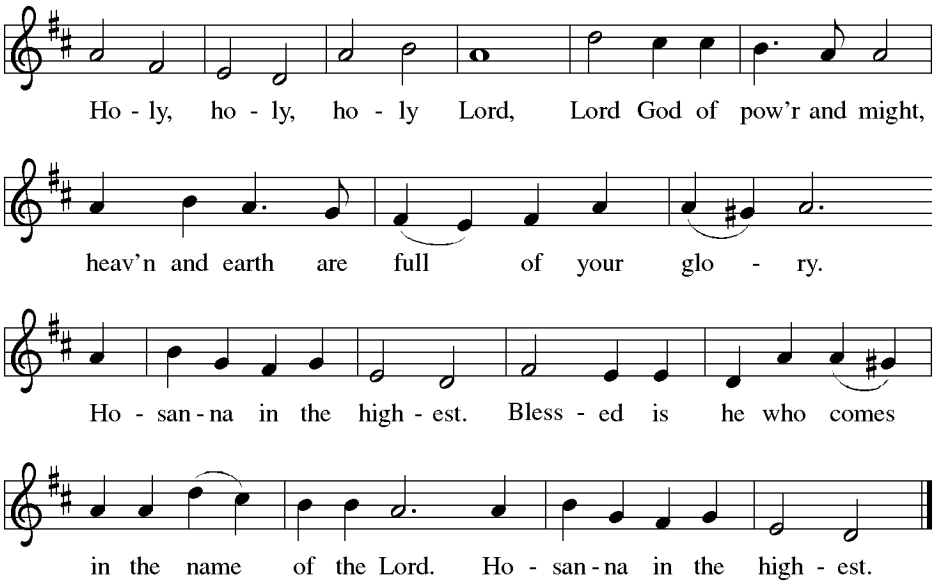
OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

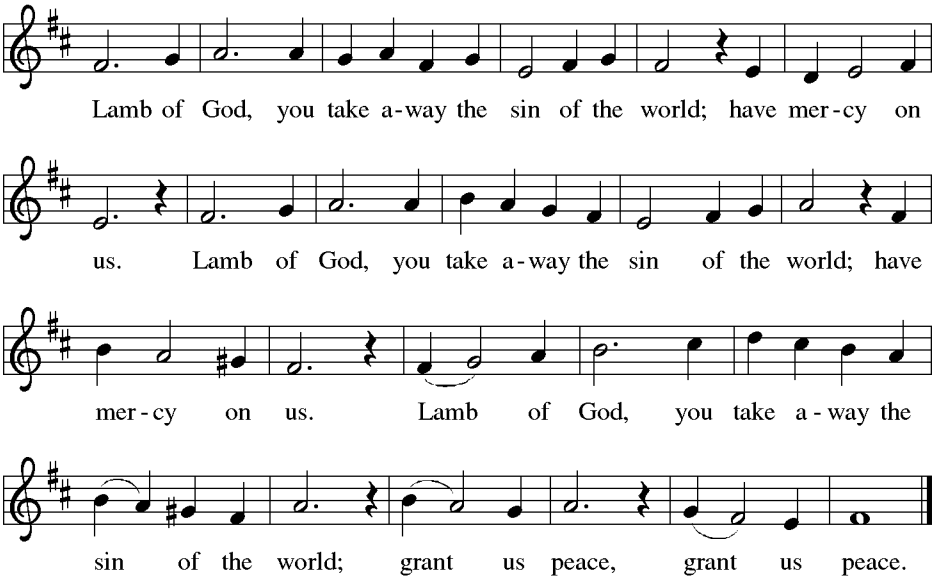
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)

- "Dinkey Voices in Song" will lead the congregation. Congregation, please sing **only** the **bold print**. The choir will join you and will also sing lyrics in regular print.

Vs 1 - **Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!**
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King!

Vs 2 - No more cryin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
No more cryin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
No more cryin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King!

Vs 3 - No more dyin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
No more dyin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
No more dyin' there, **we are goin' to see the King!**
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King!

Vs 4 - **Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!**
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 22, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Karen Wetzel in honor of Maya's 3rd birthday.

The Bulletins are not sponsored today.

Office Hours:

Monday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; Saturday 9:00AM to 3:00PM
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	Christ the King Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Monday	2-5 PM	Filling pick up
	6:30PM	Joint Choir (SJ)
Tuesday	4-6 PM	Filling pick up
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	7:00PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (SJ)
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday	9:00AM	1st Sunday of Advent Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November 22 to November 28

11/22 Carol Burrell
11/24 Brittni DiStanislao
11/25 Aidan Albert
11/26 Carol Steigerwalt

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; $5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, $15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Slingshot Esports: **Grand Opening:** Saturday, November 28 · 1–4 PM· Free ·

📍 177 Main Road, Lehighton, PA 18235. There will be tours, games and snacks.

Everyone is welcome.

Trees for Troops: Dinkey will again be collecting money for Trees for Troops. There are collection buckets in the back of the church. There will be Trees for Troops program on Friday, December 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Yensers Tree Farm. All are welcome.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner** on Sunday, December 13, 2026. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

Fundraising: Pick up for filling is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Signers Wanted: On Sunday, December 20 there will be a joint worship service at 10:00AM Dinkey Memorial, Ashfield. The congregations of Dinkey and St. John's, Mahoning will come together to share a joint Christmas program with a time of fellowship to follow. Patti Ebbert will be leading a group of volunteers of all ages in sharing a song through sign language. Practices will be Sundays, December 6 & 13. If you are interested in participating as one of the signers, please contact Pr. Tony or the church office at either Dinkey or St. John's.

Advent Services: Advent Worship and Soup Supper will be held at St John's Mahoning on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at 6:00PM.

Advent Toiletree: Dinkey will be collecting toilet paper and toiletry items for the Bare Necessities Pantry every Sunday through Advent. Bare Necessities supplies these items to residents in the Lehighton, Palmerton, and Jim Thorpe school districts. Please help those in need.

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Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Licensed Lay Minister:	Kimberly Gerhard

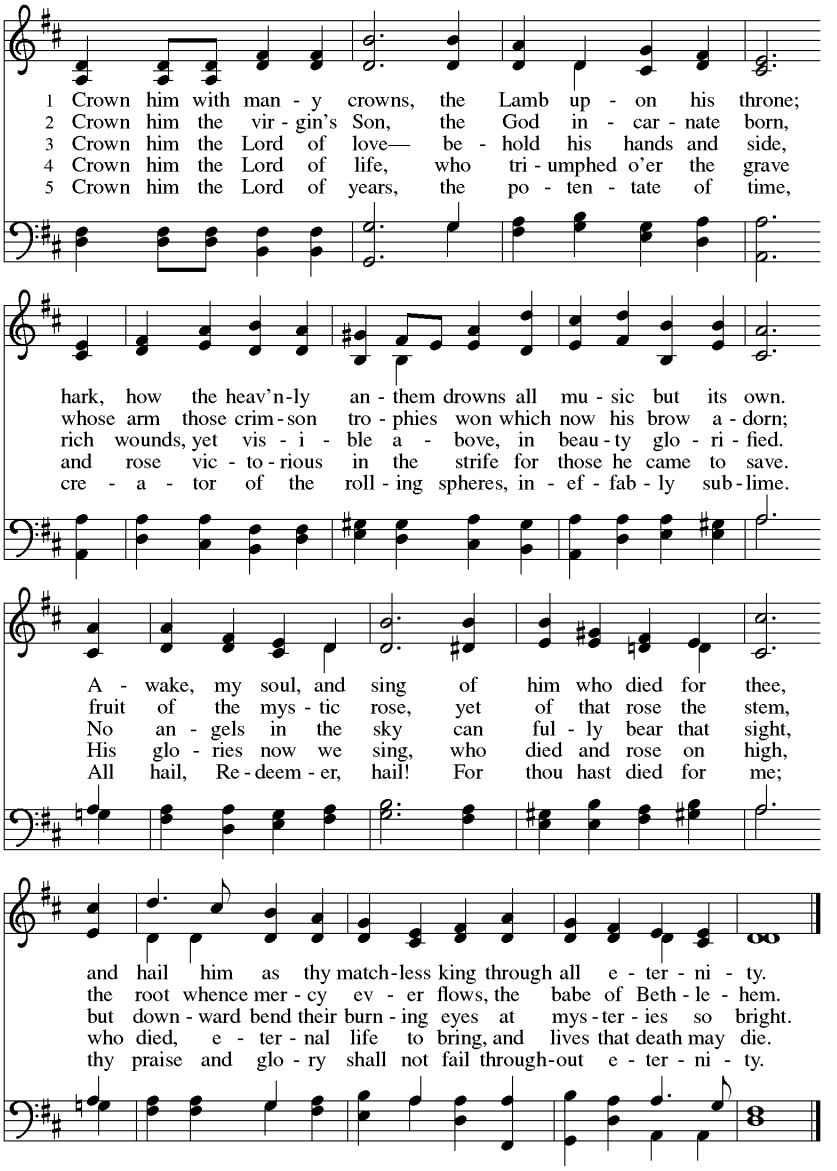
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	Larkin Klotz
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Worship Participants for November 29, 2026:

Greeters:	Bierman
Acolytes:	Jaxson Markell
Lector:	Jan Schwartz

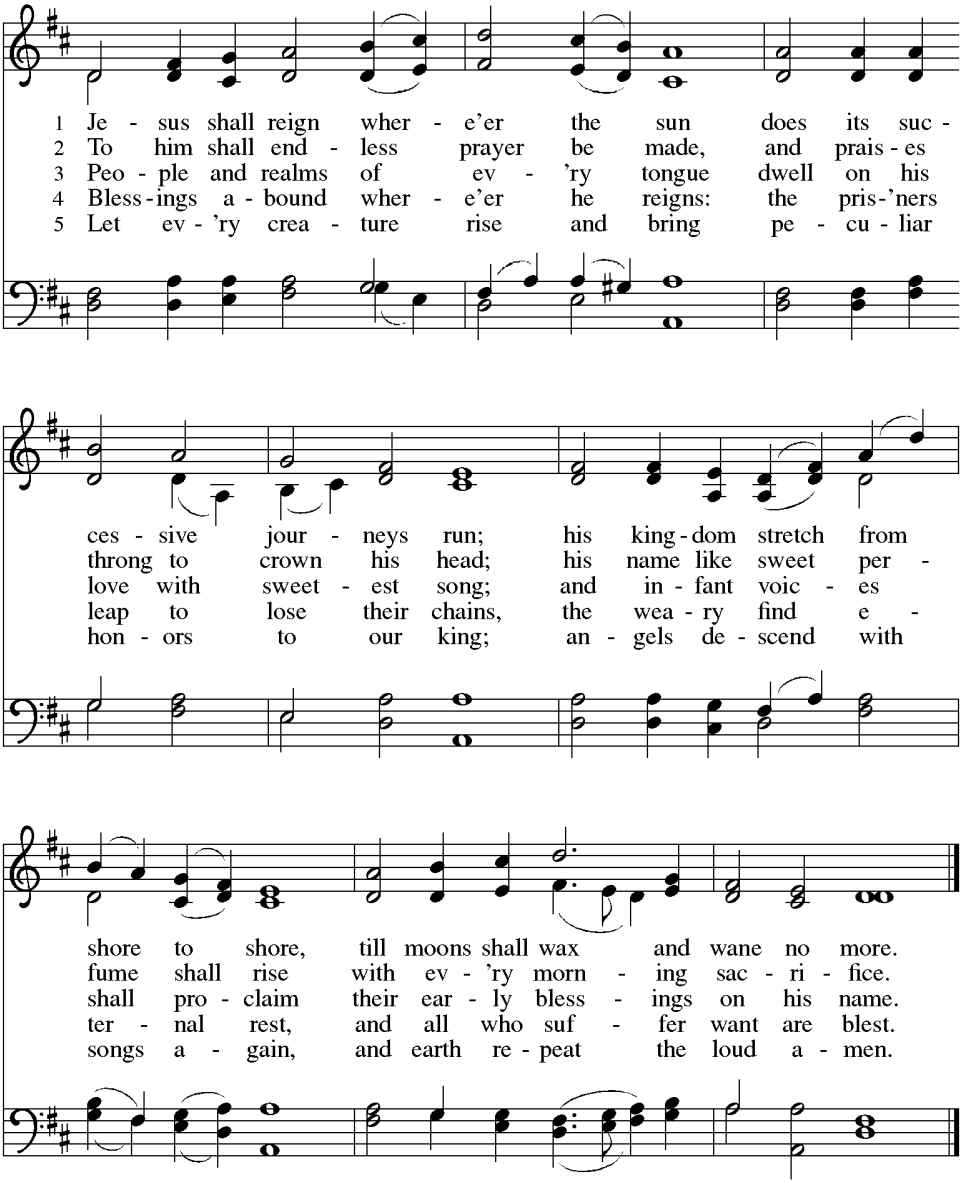
Crown Him with Many Crowns



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Jesus Shall Reign



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