

**THE LAST SUNDAY OF  
END TIME:  
CHRIST THE KING**

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Worship Focus  
**WELCOME HOME:**  
To Christ's Glorious Kingdom

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*Home*



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## Order of Service for **CHRIST THE KING**

### ✠ Gathering ✠

#### OPENING HYMN

579 – Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The  
3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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#### INVOCATION

**M** Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**C** **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

*Revelation 1:4-6*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.”  
*Jeremiah 23:5-6*

Since we have such a merciful King, let us humbly approach his throne, confess our sins, and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**  
*Psalm 5:2-5,7-8,12*

**M** As God’s called servant I announce to you what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

“I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. You are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. I am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”  
*Isaiah 43:1,10-11,15,25*

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Praise and Prayer ✠

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

- 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.**
- 2. 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, As of that rose the stem;  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.**

### **Choir**

3. *Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.*
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 heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

*Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903  
Music: Hymntune, Diademata, by George J. Elvey, 1816-1893  
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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**





## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:2-6

*Christ is the King of kings, with countless sheep in his flock. Yet he cares for every single one. He knows us by name. He leads into his kingdom of peace and righteousness.*

JEREMIAH 23:2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,”  
says the Lord.



*The choir will sing the verses and the first refrain.  
The congregation is invited to join in all following refrains.*



God of love, we praise you; we will praise your name for - ev-er.

*How our hearts with joy abound, With your beauty all around;  
We would try our love to express, We would speak your righteousness. Refrain*

*Fairer still than human frame, To our eyes for years the same;  
Steadfast love shines from your face; From your lips flow words of grace. Refrain*

*Yours the scepter, yours the throne; You to us are God alone;  
Mercies, vast, to all are giv'n: Wealth of earth, and joy of heav'n. Refrain*

*Glorious gifts, for mercy's sake, We are chosen, we partake.  
Come with joy and highest praise; Come to God's house, your voices raise. Refrain*

*Let your song of praise recall: God alone is Lord of all.  
All the earth and heav'n above, Join to praise the God of love. Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

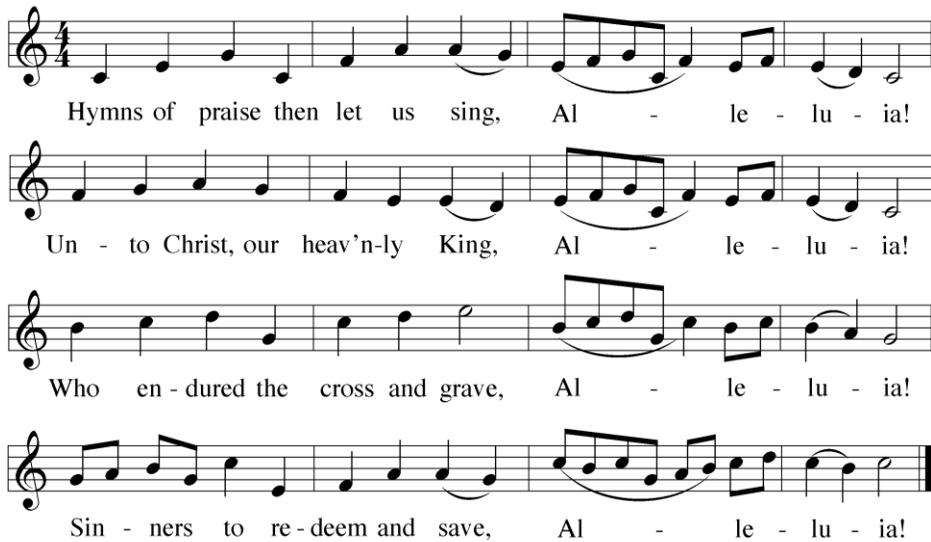
**Colossians 1:13-20**

*Everyone is part of a kingdom. The only question is if it is a kingdom of darkness or light. Everyone has a king.  
The only question is if your king really cares for you. Our Savior-King has proven his love in blood.*

COLOSSIANS 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## VERSE OF THE DAY



Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

*With eyes of faith, the criminal sees Jesus for whom he really is—  
a gracious king, suffering and dying that we might be forgiven.*

LUKE 23:35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

<sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**M** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

351 - Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,  
 you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;  
 to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal  
 You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -  
 Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are  
 Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -  
 giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is  
 plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for  
 spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.  
 the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.  
 us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: *A Collection of Hymns*, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

**✠ Sermon ✠**  
Colossians 3:13-20

**Just Who does Jesus Think He is?**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, You have invited us to pray and promised to hear the prayers of Your people. We come before You this day in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to offer You petitions and supplications on behalf of ourselves and all people who have need.

*Brief silence*

We give You thanks that You have granted us Your only Son and for His deliverance from the domain of sin and its darkness of death and for raising us up to be people of light. Give to us the courage we need to meet the troubled days ahead, and guard us against despair. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Christ is head of the Church, so do we call upon You to guard His precious body against all the assaults of the enemy. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will not shrink from faithfulness in time of threat and who will deliver to us the whole counsel of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ, You have revealed the fullness of Your saving will and purpose. As He has forgiven us, teach us to forgive one another, that no one may be hindered in faith by a guilty conscience, no conflict or division distract us from the work He has given us to do, and we may live at peace by the blood of His cross. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve among us the fruits of Your creation for the well-being of all people, and teach us to care responsibly for all that You have made. Guide us to honor the vocations You have given us, that we may serve You faithfully in home and at work, in neighborhood and nation, in labor and in leisure. Accept from our hands the offerings we bring as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our trust in Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

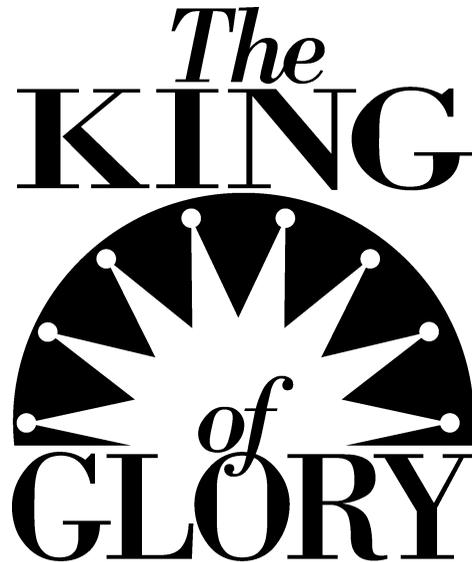
Give to the sick healing and to the suffering relief, according to Your will [*especially...*]. Receive our thanks for the faithful who have gone before us and now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to die in peace and awaken in Your arms. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When Your Son was revealed as the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, He did not shrink from the suffering that bore the fruit of our salvation. Keep us from the fear of our enemies, that we may not deny our Lord in the hour of trial but with good courage proclaim Jesus Christ to the end when we and all who live in Christ shall receive the great reward You have prepared for all who have loved His appearing. We pray You, O Lord, to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful, even as we pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**M** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**C** **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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours**  
    **now and forever. Amen.**



SERMON HYMN

174 - See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph



1 See, the con - qu'ror mounts in tri - umph; See the  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the  
 3 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, He is  
 4 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the



King in roy - al state, Rid - ing on the  
 trump of ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles,  
 part - ed from his friends; While their ea - ger  
 clouds to God's right hand; There we sit in



clouds, his char - iot, To his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.  
 God of ar - mies, He has gained the vic - to - ry.  
 eyes be - hold him, He up - on the clouds as - cends.  
 heav'n - ly plac - es, There with him in glo - ry stand.



Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es Joy - ful  
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who  
 He who walked with God and pleased him, Preach - ing  
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals high  
 from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished sin  
 truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch, is  
 God is on the throne. By our might - y Lord's



are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed his foes.  
 trans - lat - ed To his ev - er - last - ing home.  
 as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, abr., alt.

Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813-79.

## ✠ Sending ✠

### PRAYER

**M** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### BLESSING

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



LORD  
OF  
*Lords*  
&  
KING  
OF  
*Kings*

### CLOSING HYMN

219 - Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king - dom's  
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With  
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To  
stand in joy be - side you.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
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*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

**THE SEASON OF END TIME**

The Church Year comes a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the “last days” between Christ’s first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The world could be ended any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.

### **OUR WORSHIP SERIES: WELCOME HOME**

The Holy Spirit wants believers to think of each other as family. Having a spiritual family is essential to our well-being. In this worship series, we look at how our Father knits us together in love and unity. We see the benefits of being part of this family. In the Church, Christ has given us a better home.

### **OUR THEME FOR TODAY: YOU ARE PART OF CHRIST’S GLORIOUS KINGDOM**

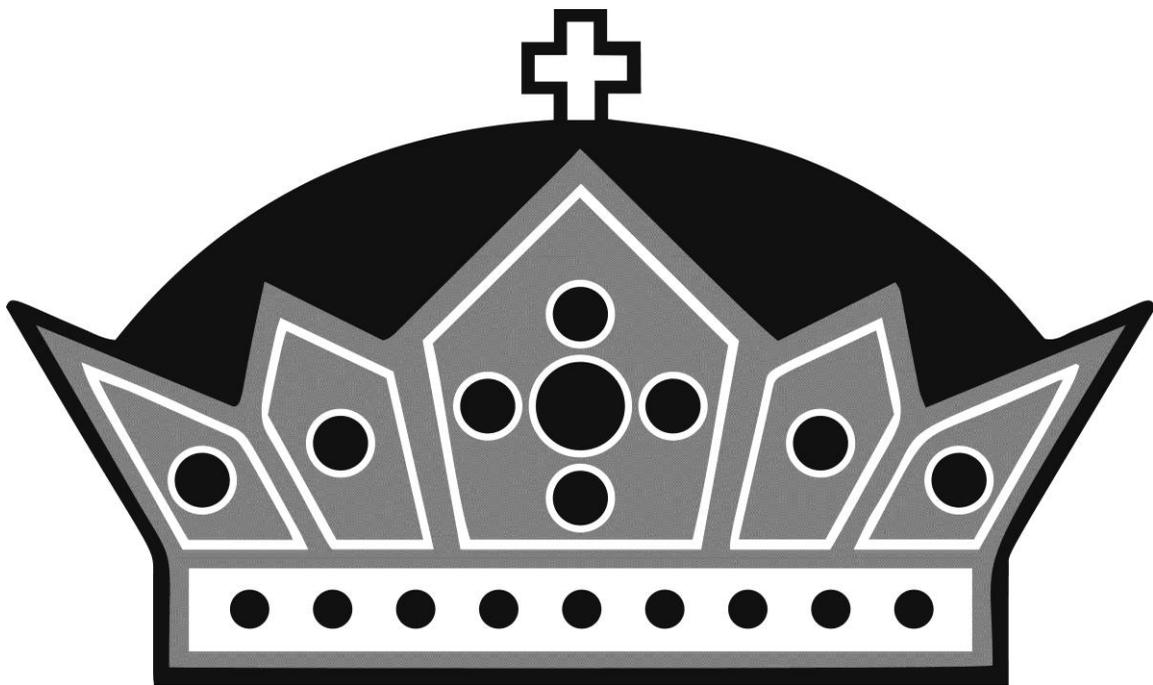
Windsor. Bernadotte. Bourbon-Anjou. Orange-Nassau. Glücksburg. Liechtenstein.

Do you know what those names have in common? They are all names of royal families. A member of each of those families serves as a monarch. The extended members of those families enjoy fabulous privileges, even if the monarch serves largely as a figurehead.

For the past month, we have seen that Christ has welcomed us into his home and made us part of this family. Today, we see that this is a royal family. For our brother Jesus is King. He does more than serve as a figurehead. Christ rules over all Creation for the benefit of his family. He promises us that one day we will sit with him on his throne (Revelation 3:21).

Today—Christ the King Sunday—the Church Year comes to an end. We praise Christ for his glorious reign. We thank him for making us part of his royal family, giving us a claim to the Kingdom.





**OUR ALMIGHTY  
KING**