

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 Services

## *Christ the King Sunday*

**Introduction for the Day:** Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Call to Worship 8:30

*Rejoice, The Lord is King* arr. Bill Ingram  
– The EmBELLishments

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" may come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Confession and Forgiveness

As servants of Christ the King, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Steadfast and saving God,

**have mercy on us. In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness. In your compassion forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness, peacemaking, wisdom, and justice. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our redemption. Bestow upon us the power to become faithful servants of Christ, the King.**

God hears your prayer. And you have life and resurrection from the dead. Hear this good news, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

## Crown Him with Many Crowns [Stanzas 1-3]

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,  
 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 vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 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,  
 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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894 and Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893. Tune: Diademata, SMD

## Apostolic 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

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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Anthem 8:30

*Giver of All Good Things* by Allison Gilliam  
 - Praise Kids!

Word

Children's Sermon 8:30

Pastor Karen Natterstad

## Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

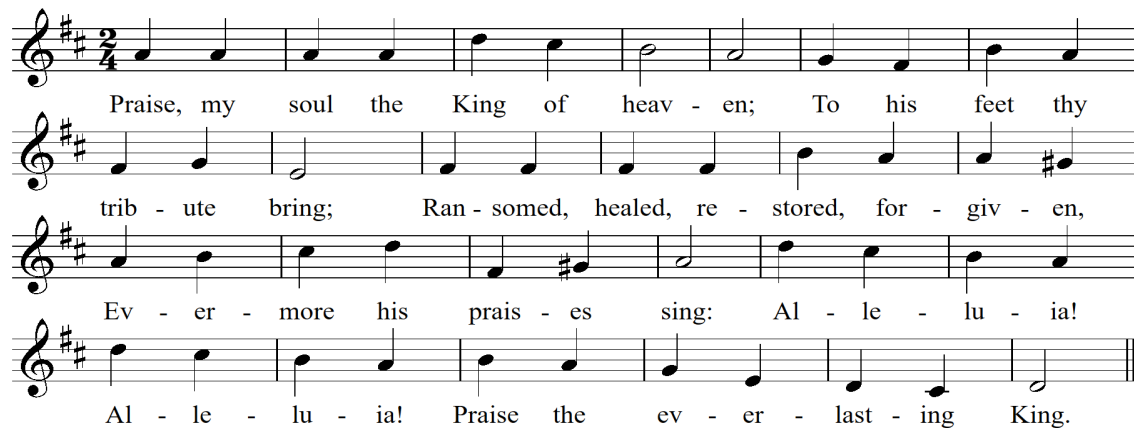
*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise My Soul the King of Heaven**

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847. Music: John Goss, 1800-1880. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA [PRAISE MY SOUL]  
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## 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.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

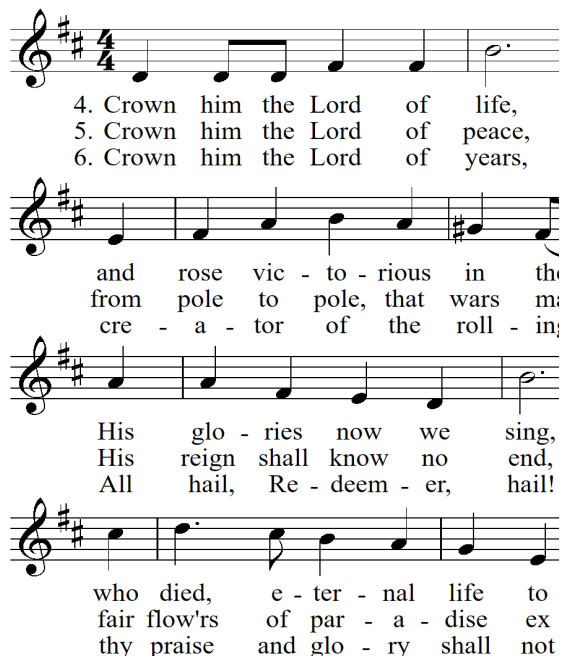
Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**Crown Him with Many Crowns [Stanzas 4-6]**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*



4. Crown him the Lord of life,  
5. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
and rose vic - to - rious in the  
from pole to pole, that wars ma  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing  
His glo - ries now we sing,  
His reign shall know no end,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail!  
who died, e - ter - nal life to  
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not

## Profession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right  
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

## Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for  
the church, the world, and everyone in need.

... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## *Welcoming of New Members (8:30 Service)*

Calling Forward our New Members

Welcoming our New Members

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are siblings in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

Gracious God, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

**Amen.**

As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread the Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

**We welcome you in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in God's name.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## *Meal*

Musical Offering	8:30	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> arr. Lloyd Larson – The EmBELLishments
	11:00	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i> arr. by John Ferguson - Senior Choir

Please join the choir in stanzas 1 and 3,

# Hymnal #805



All 1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 Choir 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 All 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in field of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
*and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;*  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;—  
*for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,—*  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;—

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
*but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.*  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879. Tune: Lancashire, 76 76 D.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory

**Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1746alt. Music: John Darwell, 1770. Tune: Darwell's 148<sup>th</sup> 666 688.

Offertory Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Christ our King offers a feast of love for you and for all the saints.

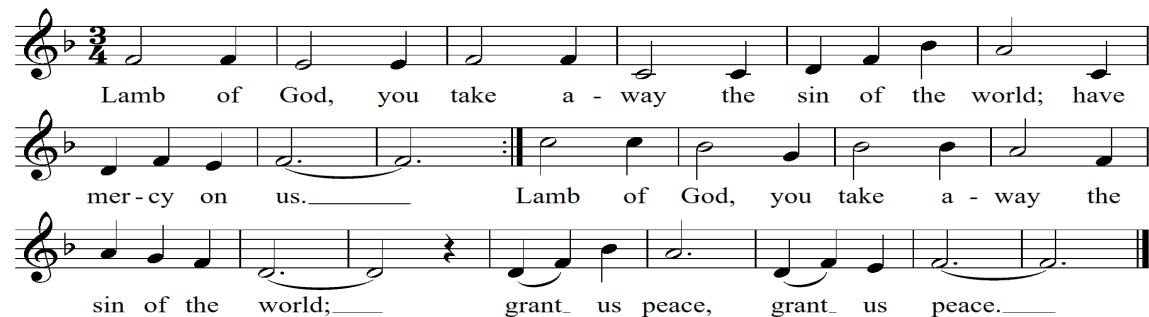
**Taste and see that the Lord is good!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please be seated.*

Lamb of God

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Communion Anthem 11:00

*Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. John Helgen  
– Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**#484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received,  
strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

You spread for us a royal feast, O Christ our King! It is the wedding feast of the lamb – a  
foretaste for the feast to come. Increase in us the hunger for your heavenly food  
so that we may be nourished and enriched. Help us to invite the world to dine!  
You are the King forevermore.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

Almighty and merciful God, through your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the King of  
kings and Lord of lords, you have willed to make all things new. Grant that we  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit and may come at last to that heavenly  
country where your people hunger and thirst no more and the tears are wiped  
away from every eye.

May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Song

**#439 Soon and Very Soon**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor, proclaiming Christ is King.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I 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.

<sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>In 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."

**Psalm 46****SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

May 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 <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for 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. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He 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. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and 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.

**GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

When 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. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And 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!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, 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>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

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