



ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
CHRIST THE KING FESTIVAL
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 21, 2020, 6:00 PM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

At the end of the Church Year we are one year further away from the first Coming of Christ; and one year closer to His Return in glory as Lord and King of all. Our Lord has come to gather together all His people; and to deliver them into the Kingdom prepared for them before the world was made. When Jesus returns in glory, He comes to bring to completion what He began; and to usher in His Eternal Kingdom. We are moving toward that Last Day, but not without hope. Since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is ours through Baptism and faith in Him, the Last Day will be a day of victory over the last enemy – death. We, who are part of His Eternal Kingdom by faith, are called to faithfulness here on earth; so that we may enjoy the Eternal Reign of Jesus Christ in Heaven.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service. All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction.

If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time. We do, however, welcome you and the members of your family to come forward to receive a blessing. Please either stand still with head bowed or fold your arms across your body as a sign to receive the verbal blessing. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of individual cups for those who cannot tolerate wine; and gluten free wafers are also available in the center of the paten, if needed. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

The sections of the liturgy marked with an * will have a festive introduction and/or conclusion.

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. V. Nelhybel

Resurrection Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

❖ INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Subjects of the Kingdom rejoice, for Christ is King and reigns this day!

C **In the Name of the Father, our Christ is King!**

P Citizens of Heaven, good news I bring; the cross has crowned our Christ the King!

C **In the Name of the Son, we worship our King!**

P Saints of the Church, we gather to sing Alleluias with the angels to Jesus, our King!

C **In the Name of the Spirit, we praise our King!**

❖ ENTRANCE HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. W. Pelz

LSB 525

Verse 1 – All

Verse 2 – Women

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 – All with Treble Descant

Verse 5 – All with Choral Descant

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, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

*3. 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 wond'ring eyes 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.

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❖ CONFESSON OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P God has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C and transferred us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son.

P Jesus,
C remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. (*Colossians 1:13; Luke 23:42*)

P How can we, so burdened with sin, approach the King? Let confess our sins.

P As we look forward to the final Victory of faith, let us draw near to God, confessing our sins that we may remain as Christ's own beloved possession.

C **Merciful God, we confess that the darkness of sin still makes us fear Your Judgment and punishment. Send us Your Light, the forgiveness in Your Son, our Lord Jesus, that we may be raised to the confidence of His Victory for us and for our Salvation.**

P "In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (*Colossians 1:14*)
Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a Called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He Who began this Good Work within you bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Christ is the King! We are His and we are free. Amen.**

❖ **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, secured by the Resurrection of Christ, the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all whom the Lord God gathers like a Shepherd seeks out His flock, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here there worship and praise, confident that they shall enter the Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE ***
This is the Feast – arr. R. Hillert

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**2. Power and riches and wisdom and strength
And honor and blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**4. Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**5. For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

❖ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your Cross.
Forgive Your people their offenses

C **that we, being governed by Your Bountiful Goodness, may enter at last
into Your Eternal Paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

(God promises to shepherd His people directly.)

"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I Myself will search for My sheep and look after them.

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I Myself will tend My sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away,

I will save My flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.

I will place over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 32:1-7

(We are blessed because our sins are forgiven.)

L Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C **Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

L When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C **For day and night Your Hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

- L Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity.
 C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
 And You forgave the guilt of my sin.**
- L Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found;
 surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.
 C **You are my Hiding Place;
 You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 15:20-28

(Christ's Resurrection assures our own.)

But Christ has indeed been raised from
 the dead, the Firstfruits of those who have
 fallen asleep.
 For since death came through a man, the
 resurrection of the dead comes also
 through a Man.
 For as in Adam all die,
 so in Christ all will be made alive.
 But each in his own turn:
 Christ, the Firstfruits;
 then, when He comes, those who belong
 to Him.
 Then the end will come, when He hands
 over the Kingdom to God the Father after
 He has destroyed all dominion,

authority and power.
 For He must reign until He has put all His
 enemies under His Feet.
 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
 For He "has put everything under His
 Feet."
 Now when it says that "everything" has
 been put under Him,
 it is clear that this does not include God
 Himself,
 Who put everything under Christ.
 When He has done this, then the Son
 Himself will be made subject to Him Who
 put everything under Him,
 so that God may be all in all.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

❖ VERSE

P Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself...So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;

C **And He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring Salvation to those who are waiting for Him.** (*Hebrews 9: 26b, 28*)

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL WITH ACCLAMATIONS *** - arr. R. Hillert *Matthew 25:31-46*
(*Jesus teaches His Vision of daily life for His followers.*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"When the Son of Man comes in His Glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His Throne in Heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the sheep on His Right and the goats on His Left.

"Then the King will say to those on His Right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him,

'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink?

When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You?

When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?'

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'

"Then He will say to those on His Left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink,

I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me,

I was sick and in prison and you did not
look after Me.'

"They also will answer,

'Lord, when did we see You hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or
sick or in prison, and did not help You?'

"He will reply,

'I tell you the truth,

whatever you did not do for one of the
least of these, you did not do for Me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal
punishment,
but the righteous to Eternal Life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor – arr. R. Unger

LSB 534

**1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.**

Alleluia! (3x) Jesus, true and living bread! (2x)

**2. Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.**

Alleluia! (3x) We in worship join with them; (2x)

**3. Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,**

Alleluia! (3x) Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain; (2x)

**4. Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,**

Alleluia! (3x) Ris'n, ascended, glorified! (2x)

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SERMON

Surprise Ending

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Matthew 25:31-46

(See sermon notes on pages 19,20)

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, True God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also True Man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, Precious Blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

OFFERING (The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, rlcary.org, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – arr. V. Nelhybel

LSB 821

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us come before our King to offer our praise and make known our petitions.
O Christ, our King, we give You thanks that You so graciously rule over Your creation and Your Body, the Church. From Your throne in the heavens You govern and keep us faithful to Your Word.

C Hear our praise and prayers and answer as You know is best for us.

P By Your Holy Incarnation and Birth at Bethlehem,

C Christ, our King, become incarnate in us.

P By Your Teaching of the Kingdom and instructing in the Will of God,

C Christ, our King, open our ears to hear You.

P By Your healing of the sick, comforting of the troubled, and restoring of the broken,

C Christ, our King, heal us.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P By Your Commissioning of the disciples,

C Christ, our King, send us forth in Your Name.

P By Your Suffering for us,
C **Christ, our King, draw us to You.**

P By Your Death on the cross,
C **Christ, our King, assure us of our forgiveness.**

P And by Your Glorious Resurrection and Ascension to the Right Hand of God,
C **Christ our King, raise us to be with You forever. Amen.**

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

❖ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and earth, for You have had Mercy on those whom You created and sent Your Only-Begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.
Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

❖ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25*)

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and drink, You cause us to remember Your whole work of redemption, Your Incarnation and Birth, Your Suffering and Death, Your Resurrection and Ascension, and Your Promised Return. And we ask that You remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.

❖ **PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Maintaining physical space of 6 feet behind and to the side of each communicant (small children may stand with parents), please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the distribution area. There are six small tables between the pews and chancel area. Worshippers sitting on the left side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) will turn left to commune, and those sitting on the right side will turn to the right. Having removed your mask, please approach the first table corresponding to the side of the sanctuary where you are seated. It contains a large paten for communion host (gluten free wafers are available in the middle of the paten). Receive the host while standing to the side of these tables. Upon receiving the host, please approach the tray of individual cups at the worship leader's guiding and receive the wine to the side of the table. Empty cups are placed in the tray or basket on the third table. We recommend removing your mask to receive Holy Communion by touching ear loops or head straps only.

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise – arr. C. Schalk

LSB 680

Verse 1 – Women

Verse 2 – Men

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 – All with Treble Descant

Verse 5 – All with Choral Descant

**1. Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**2. Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

*3. Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.*

**4. Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**5. Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious – arr. R. Unger

LSB 495

**1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!
From the fight returned victorious, Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3x)
Crowns become the victor's brow. (2x)**

**2. Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3x)
Crown the Savior King of kings. (2x)**

**3. Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3x)
Spread abroad the victor's fame. (2x)**

4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3x)
King of kings and Lord of lords! (2x)

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❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C **Amen.**

❖ **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P O God of glory, You have shown Yourself to be a God of love and compassion,
forgiving the sins of Your people for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as
You have given us His Body and Blood in this Sacrament.
Bring us at last with Him to see Your Glory face to face, when He comes as Lord
and Judge of all to usher in Your Eternal Kingdom which You prepared for us
before the world was made. Give us eyes of faith to recognize His Presence among
us through Word and Sacrament and to acknowledge Him when He comes again on
that Final and Great Day, to reunite Heaven and earth;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*
C **Amen.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – arr. R. Unger

LSB 549

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
4. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)
7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)

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L Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. R. T. Knox

Resurrection Brass Ensemble

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 Tuba Dr. Scott Smith
 Tympani Jim Linn

Surprise Ending (Mt 25:31–46)

Christ the King Sunday/Last Sunday of the Church Year, Series A

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in the Word of God alone...but the Abundant Life is not to be lived with an exclusive focus on future reward. Jesus' words about the separation of all people at the End demonstrates not HOW we are saved, but WHAT we are saved for, right now: caring for those in need...even/especially people who in no way reward us or even offer us thanks.

1. **Today we come to the last of a three-part cycle of Jesus' saying about the _____**. Today is called "Christ the King Sunday," "Sunday of the Fulfillment," or sometimes just "Last Sunday of the Church Year." It is our last opportunity to envision Christ at the end of time...and to benefit from what He has to say about His righteous reign.
2. **Hindsight is 20/20...it is hard to hear this passage about the End and not feel like a "_____" right now.** This discourse about encounter with Christ the King at the End of time reveals our lack of 20/20 vision now. I don't want to do so, but I know I'm inclined to "keep score" and feel good about myself when I care for others in need.

3. **Faith gives me 20/20 vision now...the Word of Jesus for me today reveals that Jesus is my _____.** **Now.** Whether we feel like goats or identify as the needy brother/sister in Jesus' End Time prophecy today, at the End all that will matter is what Jesus is for each of us now...our Good Shepherd! He has called us, His sheep by name...We belong to Him!
4. **The “_____” _____ for all of us is that we will all be welcomed by our Shepherd and King...though we've done nothing to deserve it!** Where is the person or people who are in need that we can feed, clothe, and encourage today? We give thanks that serving one another is not answer HOW we are saved, but WHAT we are saved for...by the grace of God in Christ Jesus!