



CHRIST

THE KING

SUNDAY

Christ the King Festival
The Last Sunday of The Church Year
November 20, 2022 – 11:00 am

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

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, 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 and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you!

C **And also with you!**

Opening Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising;
eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring;
hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You

for when we see You,
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence, all our fears
are washed away, washed away

Refrain

Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have Your way among us,
we welcome You here, LORD Jesus

Hear the sound of
hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom,
broken lives are made new -
You make us new

for when we see You,
we find strength to face the day
In Your presence, all our fears
are washed away, washed away Refrain 2x

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

P We make our beginning 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!**

Confession of Sins and Good News of God's Forgiveness

P How can we, so burdened with sin, approach the King? Let us confess our sins.
C **Christ, our King, we come before You in humble adoration; but not in unholy fear. At Your Name our knees bow and our hearts burn in love. We acknowledge our unworthiness, but trust your forgiveness. We know that we have failed You. Hear our confession, Gracious Monarch of the cross. Forgive us and rule our hearts to Your Glory.**

P 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 ✠ 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.**

Song of Praise

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing,
let mercy fall on me;

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations

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Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave;

So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures -
fill my life again;
I give my life to follow
ev'rything I believe in,
Now I surrender

Refrain

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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Old Testament

Malachi 3:13-18 [ESV]

¹³ “Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’
¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His Charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of Hosts?’¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His Name.¹⁷ “They shall be Mine, says the LORD of Hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

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

Psalm

Psalm 46 [ESV]

L God is our Refuge and Strength,
C **a very present Help in trouble.**

L Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

L though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.** *Selah*

L There is a river whose streams make glad the City of God,
C **the Holy Habitation of the Most High.**

L God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

L The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **He utters His Voice, the earth melts.**

L The LORD of Hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.** *Selah*

L Come, behold the Works of the LORD,
C **how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

L He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

L “Be still, and know that I Am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
C **I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L The LORD of Hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.** *Selah*

C **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

Colossians 1:13-20 [ESV]

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son, ¹⁴ in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of all Creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the Head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the Fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, making peace by the Blood of His Cross.

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷ And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His Right and one on His Left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His Garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." ⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Rosie Spangenberg

Musical Offering

On Eagles' Wings – M. Joncas

Resurrection Lutheran School Choir (Grades 1-5)

Everlasting God – B. Brown & K. Riley

Resurrection Lutheran School Middle School Chorus (Grades 6-8)

The Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

"Jesus, Our King"

Luke 23:27-43

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Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The 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.

Benediction

Closing Song

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Jesus, OUR King (Luke 23:27-43)
(Christ the King Sunday, 2022)

“Christ the King” is a difficult topic for many of us. In America, we don't have kings. Our country was founded by rebelling *against* a king! Yet we know what true power looks like. Jesus is not coming to be just one more king or ruler or president. By His death on a cross, the crucified Christ ushers in an entirely new order — a kingdom characterized by new life, new hope, and sacrificial love. We celebrate not only “Christ the King” but “Jesus Our king”! Jesus establishes peace between us and a holy God. Such a King—our King—*will* remember us!

1. **Jesus OUR king is our only _____; He has the power to recreate us and give us real second chances.** The first to confess faith in Christ as the innocent Lord of Life (“remember me when You come into Your kingdom...”) in the Gospels did so as a criminal receiving “just punishment” for his crimes.
2. **Jesus OUR king was an _____ accused and executed unjustly...yet He had the power to pray for mercy on behalf of those who mocked Him and put Him to death.** Jesus never gave in to, and so had no need to hold onto, hate. He interceded for His persecutors before the throne of the Father. Though mocked as one who was powerless (Luke 23:32–37), Jesus displayed the hallmarks of His reign from the cross: mercy, even for those who did not deserve it.
3. **Jesus OUR king, is One in whom we can _____ to receive _____ (39–43); as One who has defeated death and hell, He has the power to grant eternal life and to be with us...forever.** Of the two thieves crucified together with Jesus one repents and sees Jesus as reigning over death and hell. “Jesus,” he says, “remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” Whatever life this man had led...whatever shame and guilt still burdened him at the end, Jesus, he knew, was his Champion. The same is true, and always will be true, for you and me today!
4. **Jesus OUR king _____, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in _____.** He has reconciled us to God and one another. He is our Champion...now and at the end of our earthly journey. As forgiven sinners receiving new life, hope, and the unconditional love of God in Christ Jesus, we forgive as we have been forgiven.



Thanksgiving SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm

We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion!

We will be collecting food donations for Western Wake Crisis Ministry.
View the live stream on our YouTube channel.



She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.

for he will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Advent Worship

Weekend Services

November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
featuring St. Francis Brass Band at 9:30 am

December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
Christmas Music Festival, *What Sweeter Music*
featuring Festival Chorus accompanied by
full orchestra at 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Worship Times, unless noted:
Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, Praise 11:00 am

Mid-Week Services

November 30 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Hanging of the Greens
(children and family focused service)

December 7 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 14 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
featuring Old North State Brass

December 21 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Christmas Carol Celebration
in Circle Entrance (family friendly)



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