

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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Hope for the Best

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshiping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

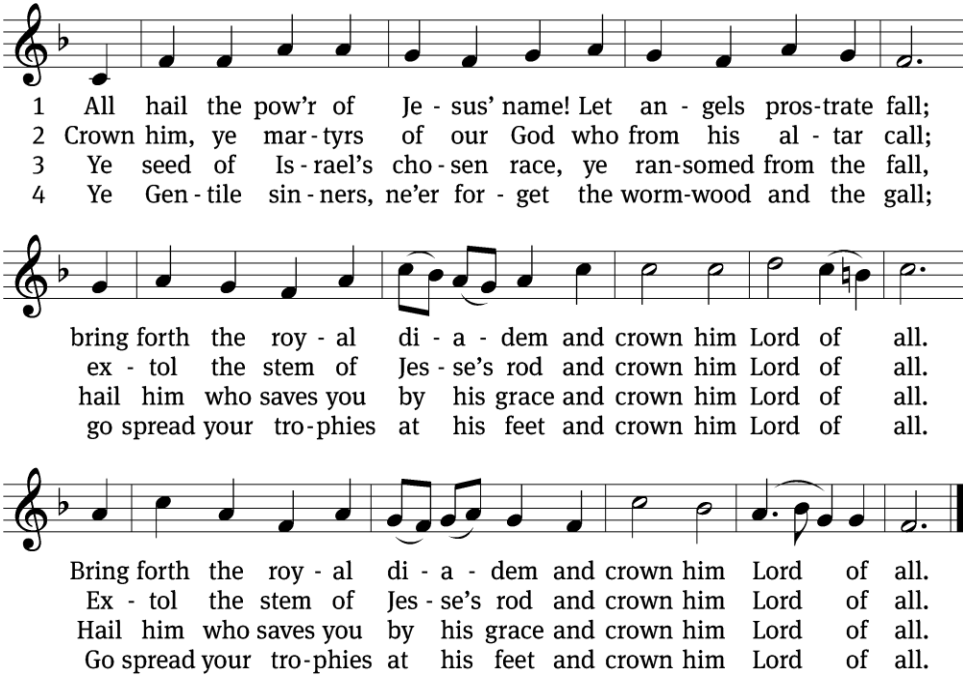
Presiding	Seminarian Noah Bickelhaupt
Preacher	Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Organist	David Porth
Instrumentalists	JJ Faust, Samuel Lyon

Setting Seven

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CW 512

The Adult Choir will sing stanzas three and five.



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

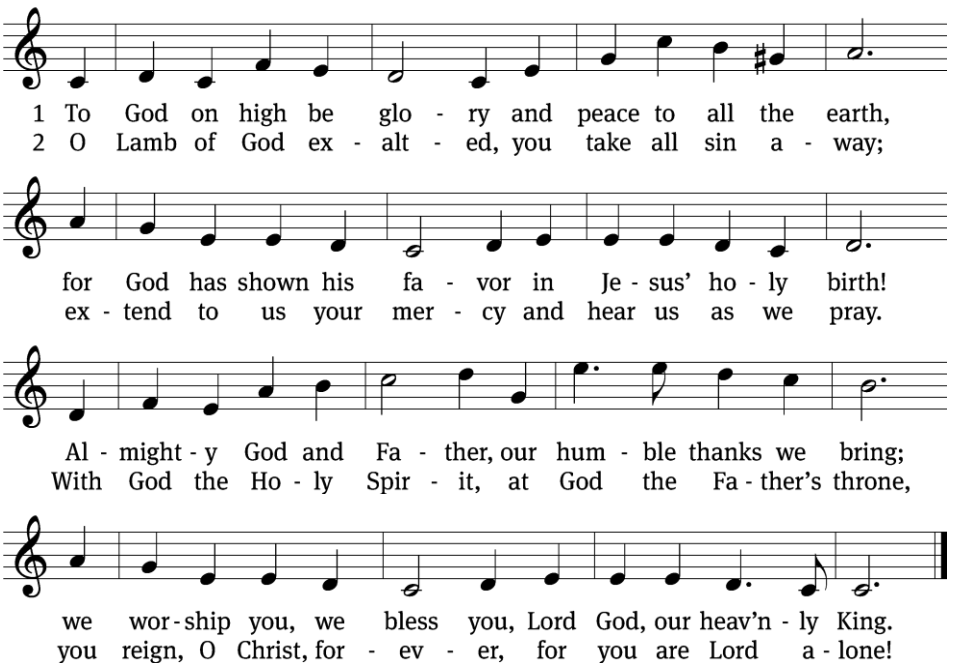
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

CW 1016

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16,23-24

11" 'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look
after them. 12As 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. 13I 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. 14I 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. 15I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the
Sovereign LORD. 16I 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.
23I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will
tend them and be their shepherd. 24I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will
be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Sung by the Adult Choir

Alleluia!

Hark! ten thousand harps and voices
sound the note of praise above;
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices;
Jesus reigns, the God of love.
See, He sits on heaven's throne:
Jesus rules the world alone.
Alleluia! Amen.

Sing how Jesus came from heaven,
how He bore the cross below,
how all pow'r to Him is given,
how he reigns in glory now.
'Tis a great and endless theme:
O, 'tis sweet to sing of Him.
Alleluia! Amen.

King of glory, reign forever!
Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
those whom Thou hast made Thine own:
Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, o bring the glorious day.
When, the angel trumpet sounding,
Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with golden harps we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"
Alleluia! Amen.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

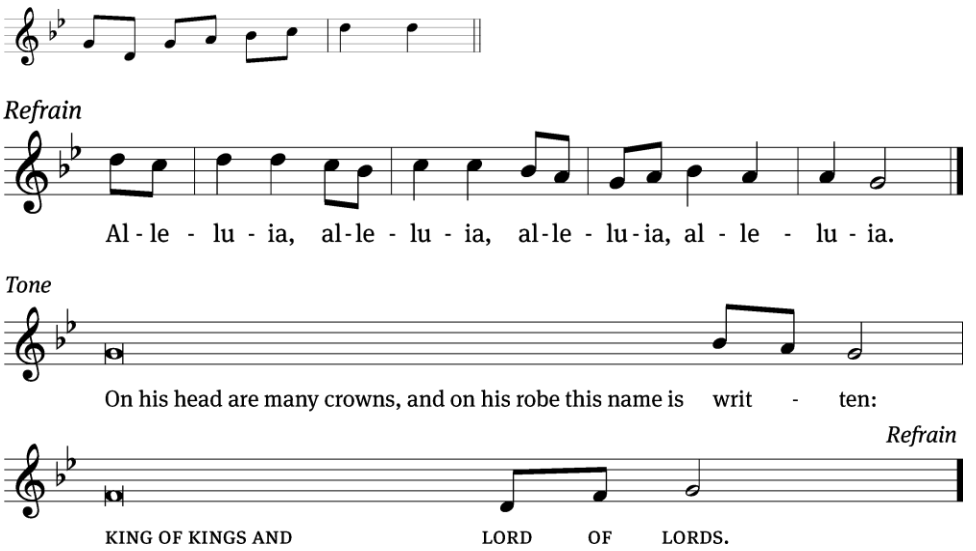
[20]But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. [21]For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes
also through a man. [22]For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. [23]But each
in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. [24]Then the
end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed
all dominion, authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies
under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]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. [28]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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 19:12,16



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Gospel

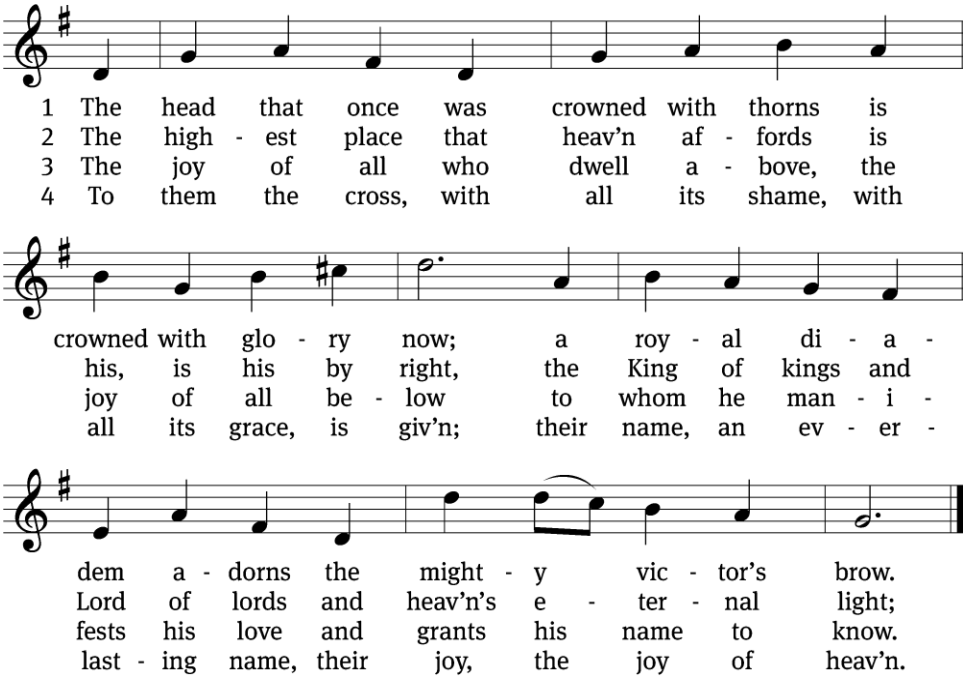
Matthew 27:27–31

27Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole
company of soldiers around him. 28They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29and
then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right
hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.
30They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31After
they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they
led him away to crucify him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

CW 531



5 They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

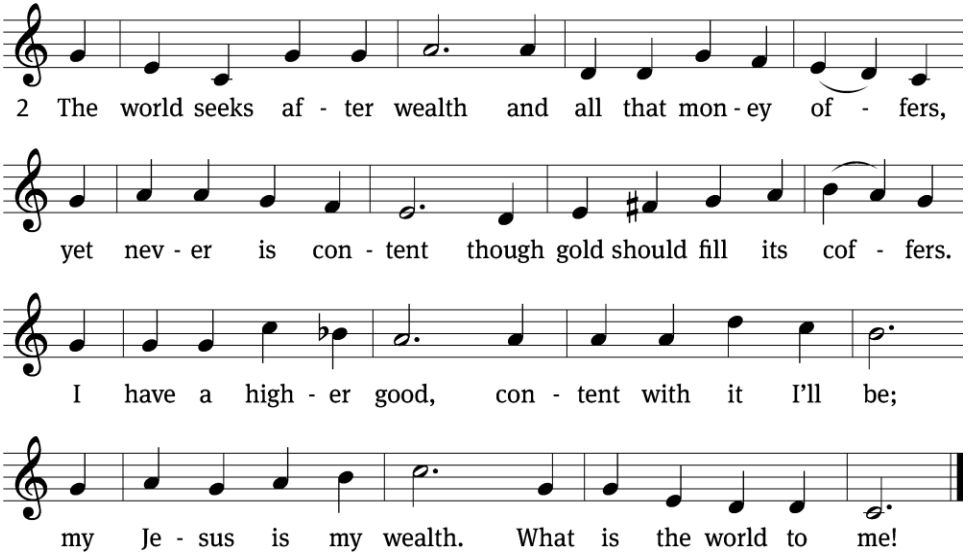
Be seated

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to https://pilgrimcares.churchcenter.com/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

CW 717 st. 2



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Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are you, the King who comes to set your people free.
Reign over us in your abundant mercy.

While we long for your final coming, we rejoice that you lengthen these end times so that many may hear of your saving work and believe.
Send your Spirit on us that we may use the gift of time to share our faith with others.

Lord and King, defend all who are imprisoned or insulted because of your name. Come to help those whose Christian faith is mocked as foolish or naïve, and rescue those who are straying from the faith.
Lead us to those who need help, guide us in our works of service, and strengthen us with a firm resolve to follow you in obedience.

Lord of the Church, develop in us a new awareness of the gifts you give us to use in our callings, that your kingdom of grace may flourish.
Bless and preserve Christian churches everywhere and raise up another generation of faithful workers.

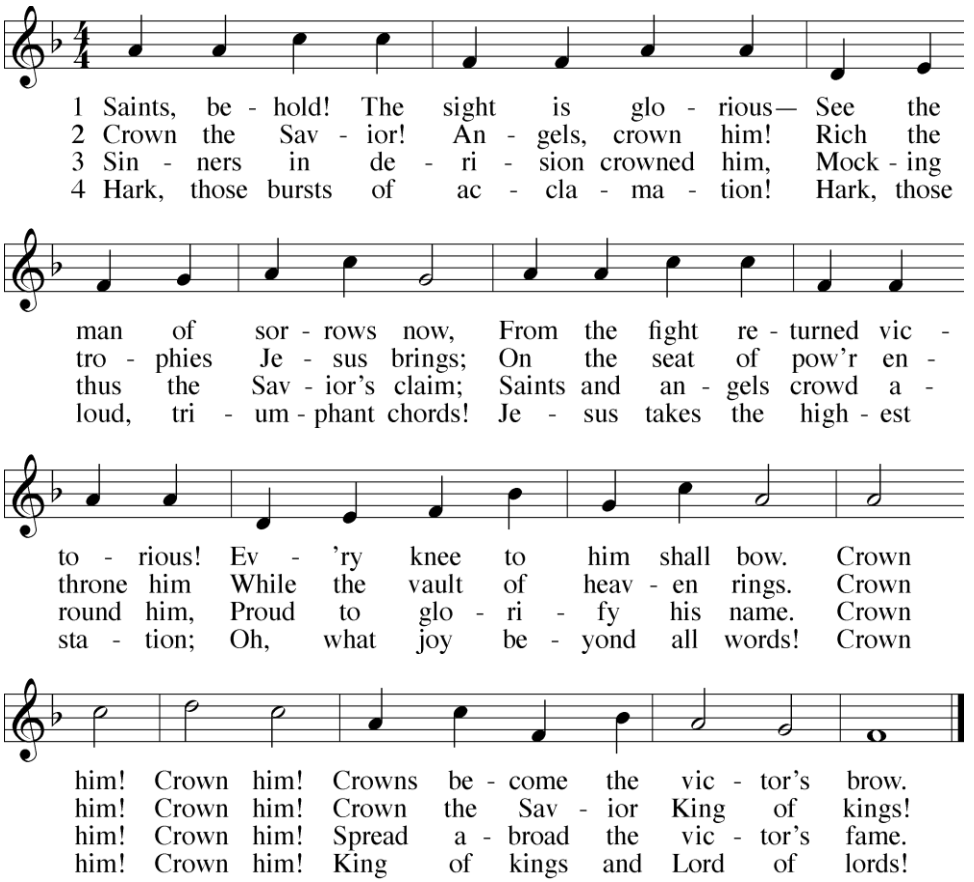
Both in humiliation and glory you extended your loving hand to the weak and the hurting. Speak to those who are confused and wondering. Defend those who are oppressed and put down. Comfort those who are enduring pain or struggling with sadness. Abide with the aged who are alone as they die and protect pregnant mothers and their unborn children.
Move us to see your face in them, Lord Jesus and to help them as we serve you.

Mighty King, look with mercy on this land, its government, and all the kingdoms of the world. Relieve us from war, bloodshed, and rebellion.
Grant us wisdom as we deal with a changing economy. Provide for the unemployed and their families. Open the hearts of those who prosper to be generous and willing to share.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Coming King and Savior of the world, keep us faithful to the end as we watch and wait for your return.
Amen.

Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious



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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

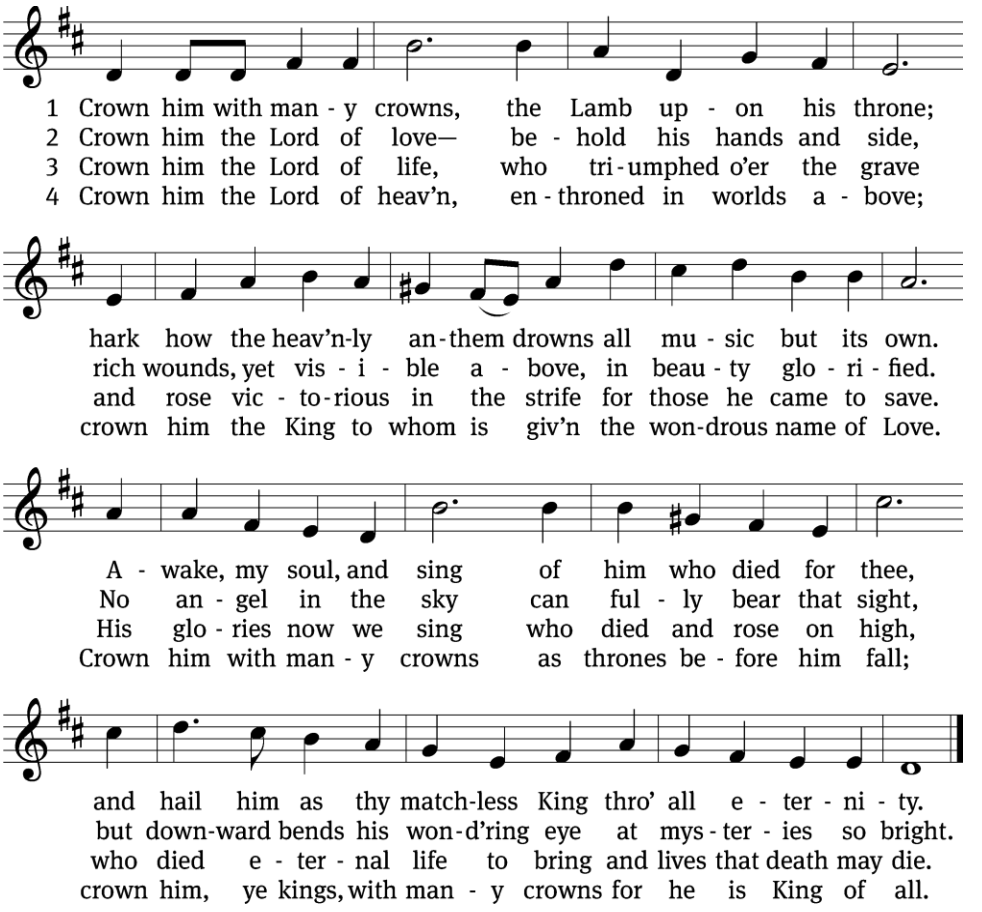
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



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Weekly Parish Calendar

November 22 - November 29

Day	Time	Event
TODAY (22)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY (23)	6:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting
TUESDAY (24)	6:00 PM	Pickleball
WEDNESDAY (25)	**6:00 PM**	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
	6:45 PM	Chili Cookoff & Pie Social (Gathering Space)
SUNDAY (29)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Advent by Candlelight (Gathering Space)

Readings for Next Sunday, November 29

First Reading: **Isaiah 64:1-9**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
Gospel: **Mark 11:1-10**

Stay Connected with Church Center! Want to stay up to date with everything happening at Pilgrim? Be sure to check the Church Center app regularly! It's the best place to find the latest announcements, upcoming events, calendar updates, group information, and more. We do our best to keep everything current, so make Church Center part of your routine and stay connected with your Pilgrim family!
Questions about the app? Please contact Staff Minister David Porth.

News & Notes

Call News Principal Kevin Klug has received a call to serve as 6th-8th grade teacher and principal at Christ Alone Lutheran Academy in Montello and Princeton, Wisconsin. Please keep the ministries at Christ Alone and Pilgrim in your prayers and feel free to talk with Kevin about both his call to Christ Alone and here at Pilgrim.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY - BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 between services. What If It's True? — A Four-Week Bible Study led by Rev. Greg Lyon.
This week - What if it's true that mankind was created in the image of God? *Do I matter? Does the person next to me — the one I vehemently disagree with — have value too?* God created mankind differently than anything else in creation: in his image. But that changed in Genesis 3. What is the image of God? What happened to it? What does it mean for your worth, and your neighbor's?

Pilgrim Dines Out! Noodles & Company! With Thanksgiving just around the corner, why not take a night off from cooking? Noodles & Company is hosting a Pilgrim Fundraising Night on Tuesday, November 24, from 4:00–8:00 PM at their Menomonee Falls location (W176N9336 Rivercrest Dr.). If you're looking for an easy dinner before the holiday festivities begin, Noodles & Company will donate 20% of qualifying purchases back to Pilgrim! Simply mention Pilgrim when ordering in person. Ordering online or through the Noodles Rewards app? Use code GIVING20 at checkout while signed into your Rewards account. No obligation, of course! Just a convenient opportunity to skip the cooking, enjoy a meal, and support Pilgrim along the way. We're thankful for our wonderful school families and all the ways you support us!

Save the date for Cousins Subs! Our December dining out night is Monday, December 7, from 4–7 p.m. at Cousins Subs on Pilgrim Road, right across from church. Stop by if it fits your plans! Flyers and more details will be shared as the date gets closer.

A friendly reminder that our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25**! Following worship, join us in the Gathering Space for our Chili Cook-Off & Pie Social while we enjoy the Packers game together.

Calling Bakers One and All! We are having a Cookie Exchange! Sunday, December 13 after the 10:30am service in the Gathering Space. Bring 4 dozen homemade cookies (all one kind) and take home 4 dozen assorted cookies. Bring a container to take cookies home. You can drop your cookies off from 7:30am until the time of the event. Sign up in the narthex!

Midweek Advent Meals Are Back! Join us for fellowship and food between services during the Advent season! Midweek Advent meals are returning on December 2, 9, and 16 in the school gym, with food served from 4:15–6:00 p.m. Each week, a different group will be hosting and preparing the meal:

- December 2 – Elders: Sloppy joes, chips, and veggies
- December 9 – TBD
- December 16 – Church Council: Spaghetti dinner

We also invite members and guests to bring a dessert to share each week! Come enjoy a meal and spend some time in fellowship with our Pilgrim family as we prepare for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year-End & Planned Giving As we move toward finalizing our building plans and prepare for the official campaign rollout, we invite you to consider how year-end, planned giving might fit into your stewardship goals. Making a year-end planned gift is a wonderful way to support the ongoing ministry of Pilgrim and our upcoming building project—while also offering potential tax advantages, such as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), donor-advised fund distributions, and other giving avenues. If you are interested in exploring your options, please reach out to Pastor Winkelman or Staff Minister David Porth. We would be glad to help you navigate the process.

Chili Cookoff & Pie Social - Get ready to bring the heat! Our Chili Cook-Off is coming up on **Wednesday, November 25** following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, and we can't wait to see (and taste!) what everyone brings to the table. Whether you're a fan of classic chili, spicy creations, white chicken chili, or something unique, there's a bowl for everyone! Join us for some friendly competition, great food, and fellowship. Our annual Pie Social will also be held during this event. Scan the QR Code for more details and to sign up!

Advent by Candlelight is one week away! November 29th doors open at 6:00pm, dessert at 6:30pm, program at 7:00pm. This year we will focus on "Gifts from the Manger." All women and girls of Pilgrim and their guests are welcome! Sign up in the back of church to attend and to volunteer to host a table or bring a dessert – we would love to have more table hostesses! Table set up will be on Saturday November 28th from 2-3 or on Sunday morning the day of. Contact Irene Lape with questions.

Christmas Market at Advent by Candlelight Welcome the season of Advent with a little Christmas shopping! Stop by before or after Advent by Candlelight to browse and find something special for your loved ones. Interested in being a vendor? We'd love to have you! Call/text Amy Balza at 414-759-1257 for details.

Christmas Cards for Shut-in's Join us for Christmas cards for our shut-ins Dec 7th @ FiddleHeads on Appleton Ave at 1:30. Questions please contact Melissa Kehoe 414-791-7291

Support Foster Kids this Christmas!!~ Kingdom Workers Foster Care Support Program helps to show the love of Jesus to Foster Parents and the kids they care for throughout the year. This Christmas, our Pilgrim Family will help show the love of Jesus to 10 teenage girls living in a Foster Care Group Home. Members will be able to purchase a gift, bake cookies, or even write a Christmas card to one of the girls. Look for the display at church and prayerfully consider how you can spread the love of Jesus this Christmas season. If you have questions, please reach out to Gretchen Klug 920.253.8777

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers, seeks a paid part-time Office manager for approximately 20 hours per week. We are looking for an organized dependable Christian woman who supports WELS/ELS doctrine to assist with office administration, communications, and record keeping. Please send resumes to Sheryl Eller at sheryle@christianliferesources.com

	8:00am	10:30am
Ushers		
11-22	Josh Weber	Jim Prekop
	Glen Kuphall	John Kufahl
11-29	Matt Lawonn	Bryan Giesenschlag
	Keith Gennerman	Collin Mayer

Wednesday ushers are Pat Renner and Jason Marten.

Worship Hosts		
11-22	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner	Marge Ekstowicz & Elke Warren
11-29	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Peggy Haas & Carol Bradtke

Attendance

11-11	41
11-15	129 + 184 = 313



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