

*Truly I tell you,
whatever you did
for one of these
brothers & sisters of mine,
you did for me.
Matthew 25:40*

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
Sunday, November 26, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Songs *“Death Was Arrested”* (North Point Worship)
“Great Are You Lord” (All Sons and Daughters)

Greeting, Prayer & Peace

WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31 – 46

Reflection

Song *“Broken Vessels ~ Amazing Grace”* (Hillsong Worship)

Affirmation of Baptism by the Assembly

Prayers of the People

MEAL

The Story of the Last Supper

The Lord’s Prayer & Invitation to Communion

Song *“How He Loves”* (John Mark McMillan)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing & Dismissal

Music* *“How He Loves”* (Reprise)

**You are welcome to remain in the worship space & listen to the music, or you are free to depart the sanctuary as you are moved to do so.*

Good morning & welcome to Grace as we celebrate the Reign of Christ.

*Our mission is to invite and welcome all
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.*

Falling after Thanksgiving Day in the United States as it does this year, Christ the King Sunday can get lost in the “holiday season” and the transition into Advent. However, as the conclusion of the church’s year, Christ the King Sunday is the capstone of our liturgical calendar, from the Christmas and Easter cycles, which share the story of Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection, through the Sundays after Pentecost, which shape us more fully into discipleship. Our Sundays and festivals during the entire church year have aimed us toward recognizing and celebrating Christ as the sole sovereign of our existence, culminating in this day, when we boldly proclaim the Reign of Christ!

We are glad you are with us for worship today. We offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! And, if needed, there is a nursery available for any family to use.

Your bulletin contains an outline of our worship service. Additional portions of the service are projected onto the screens in front.

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten free bread is available – just ask when you come forward. Finally, both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)** are available based on your preference. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back to your seat after you commune.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When we come to the Meal portion of the service, and the people who are present in person are coming forward, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don’t hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!