

SOTC Worship  
November 20, 2022  
Christ the King Sunday

————— GATHERING —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

HE IS EXALTED

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev - er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloved of God:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**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.**

————— **WORD** —————

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>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: PSALM 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

**<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL: LUKE 22:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22nd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

## SERMON

## APOSTLE'S 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. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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**MEAL**


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OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG


AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465 (VERSE 2 ONLY)

OFFERING PRAYER

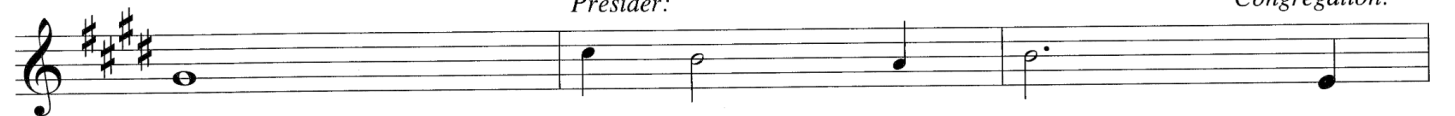
GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



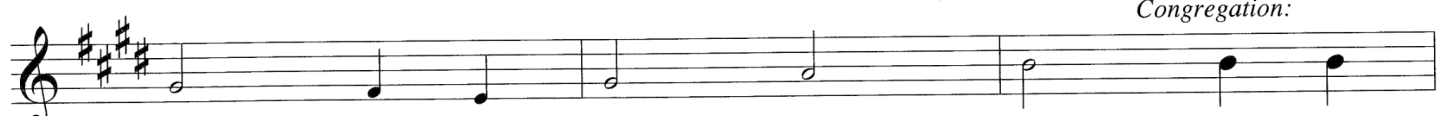
you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*




thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you      take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
    \* you      break   the   chains   of   ha - tred   and  
    you      are   the   way   of   jus - tice   and  
    you      are   the   way   of   mer - cy   and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.                    Lamb of God,                    you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                    grant us peace,

grant us peace,                    grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— **SENDING** —————

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things  
 and frees us from despair,  
 bless you with truth and peace.  
 And may the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

ELW 855

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**Thanks be to God!**

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