



LUKE 23:33-43

**First Lutheran Church**

**November 16, 2025**

**Christ the King**

*It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal.  
This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat.  
Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.*

Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

**PSALM 95:1-7**

Musical notation for the hymn. The first line of music is in treble clef and contains the melody for the first part of the verse: "Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the". It features a triplet of eighth notes and a dotted half note. The second line of music continues the melody for "rock of our sal - va - tion." with a half note and a quarter note.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## FINAL INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SENIOR CHOIR**

*George Frideric Handel*

*Sing with Songs of Joy*

*++ Children may go to Sunday School*

## **FIRST READING**

**JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

*L: A reading from Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.*

<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 no longer fear 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."

*L: Word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*L: A reading from Colossians, the first chapter.*

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, 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.

*L: Word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL

**LUKE 23:33-43**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.*



<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 in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

*P: This is the gospel of our Lord.*



Praise to you, O Christ.

# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW # 634**

## **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**



**ALL 1** All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
**Men 2** O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
**ALL 3** Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
*Women* Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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*Cantor* 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe **ALL** 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!  
to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6  
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

*(Please be seated)*

**REFLECTION**

**RICK GREENE**

*(Please stand)*

**CANTICLE**

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our  
God the dawn from on high shall  
break up - on us.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## **NICENE CREED**

*P: Living together in trust and hope,  
we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

### **CORONATION**

*Wayne L. Wold*

*Partita on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*III. Adagio*

*IV. Duo*

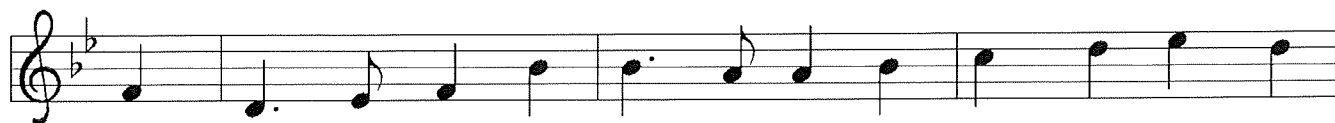


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OFFERING SONG

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

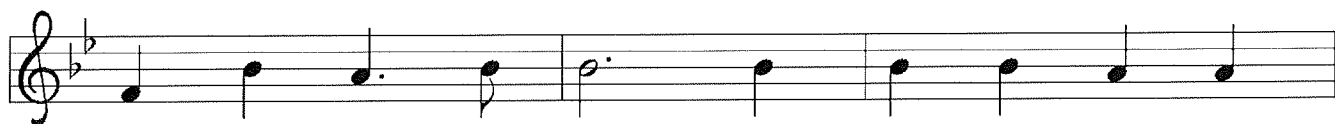
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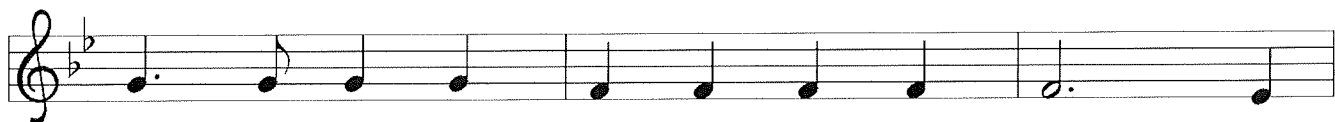
1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW. Henry S. Cutler. 1824-1902

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please kneel)*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the  
good news. Inspire us in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: Hear us O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C:       Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy name,  
          thy kingdom come,**

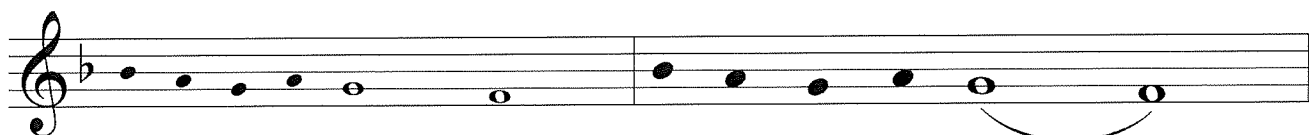
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING

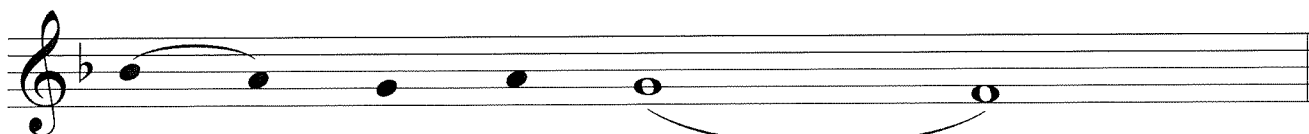
### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,  
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us, bless our pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

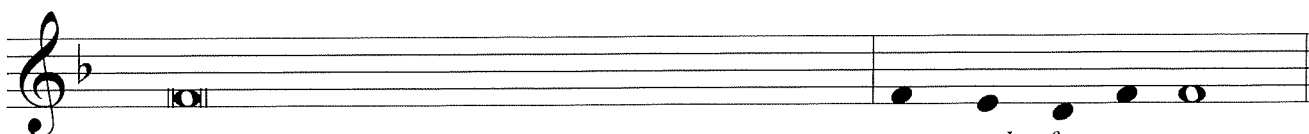
### BLESSING



*Presider: Let us bless the Lord.*

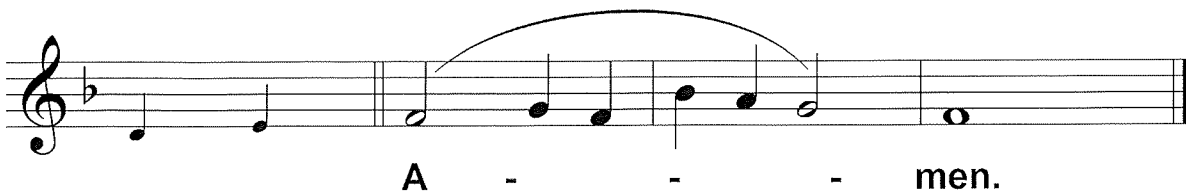


Thanks be to God.



*now and for - ev - er.*

*The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free, + bless you*



**SENDING SONG**

**Soon and Very Soon**

**ELW # 439**



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King.



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in Peace.

P: Share the harvest.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

CORONATION

Wayne L. Wold

*Partita on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!  
V. Trumpet Finale*

## Events in Review

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>Nov 16</b>
10:00AM	Church Service
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>Nov 17</b>
10:00AM	No Bible Study at Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms Meeting
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>Nov 18</b>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>Nov 19</b>
5:30PM	Council Meeting
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>Nov 20</b>
1-3PM	WOFB
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>Nov 21</b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>Nov 22</b>

### Next Week

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>Nov 23</b>
10:00AM	Church Service
<b>Bountiful Feast—Decorating for Christmas</b>	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>Nov 24</b>
10:00AM	No Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>Nov 25</b>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>Nov 26</b>
7:00PM	Thanksgiving Service @ First Christian Church
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>Nov 27</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>Nov 28</b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>Nov 29</b>



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Altar flowers were given today  
in

Memory of

***Jeannette Ruess***

By



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

### **Bountiful Feast**

Is November 23rd

Sign up sheet for desserts is on the information board.

We are also going to start decorating for Christmas right after the meal. Everyone is welcome to help (especially if you can climb ladders).



A list of items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets is on the Information Board.

Last day to donate is today.

If you would like to help with getting these baskets organized please see  
Deb Nominee



Thanksgiving  
Food Baskets



## ***TubaChristmas!***

**November 30, 2025 4PM**

*Is coming soon. Mark your Calendar*

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the table in the lounge. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are





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## Our Mission Statement

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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