



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving

*O give thanks  
unto the LORD,  
for he is good.*

PSALM 107:1



# Christ the King Sunday

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## Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(Hymn 234)

1 Praise to the Lord, the  
Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously  
reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle,  
uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord,  
who has fearfully, wondrously,  
made you,  
Health has bestowed and,  
when heedlessly falling,  
has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed  
of relief?  
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and  
defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily  
attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.

*Please rise*

5 Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!

### Confession of Sins

*P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

**C:** *Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.*

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day:**

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen**

**Please be seated**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

#### **The Glory of the King**

*Jesus is the King of the Universe, the Almighty Judge of all that exists. He can go anywhere. He can do anything. And nobody can tell him, "No!"*

*So, with unlimited options and ultimate authority, what does the omnipotent God of all creation choose to do?*

*He shepherds lost and wandering sheep.*

*Is there any greater expression of grace? Has there every been a more profound act of love? From his high and lofty throne, Jesus saw that we were lost. He came down to find us. He saw that we were hurt. He came to heal us. He saw that we were weak. He came to give us strength.*

*And now, Jesus Christ, king of Kings and lord of Lords, undisputed ruler of the universe, takes care of us.*

*As we read Ezekiel 34, notice how focused God is on our needs and how committed he is to our welfare. As you go through your days, remember that Christ the King is with you, taking care of you as a shepherd cares for his sheep.*

### **Ezekiel 34:11–16, 23-24 (EHV)**

<sup>11</sup>For this is what the LORD God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice.

<sup>23</sup>Then I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will tend them. My servant David will tend them, and he will be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be the prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.

### ***Gospel Lesson***

#### ***The King Goes to War***

*When you look at Jesus in the hands of the governor's soldiers, what do you see? Can you see the King of the Universe going to war to free sinners from the dungeons of hell? Or does it look more like a helpless, unfortunate man suffering abuse at the hands of evil men?*

*It's incredible that almighty God won the ultimate victory over all the forces of evil through submission, obedience, humiliation, and sacrifice. It was never about who was stronger. It was about paying a debt, about reconciling sinners, and about justice. To rescue us from condemnation and to free us from hell, our sin had to be atoned for. That would take much more than just smiting the devil. God's perfect justice had to be satisfied; our debt had to be paid.*

*Jesus paid it.*

*He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,  
and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)*

*When you look at Jesus abused and humiliated at the hands of evil men, we see our King paying our debt. We see our Savior satisfying the justice of our holy and perfect God. We see him healing the relationship we broke. We see him winning the war, defeating evil, conquering death, and opening the gates of heaven.*

*Jesus sacrifice is the most glorious act of selfless love in history. He gave up everything for those who gave him nothing but pain and scorn and rejection. He took our place; he suffered our punishment.*

*He saved us. Thank God. Really, thank him. Right now. Praise him. Glorify his holy name.*

### **Matthew 27:27-31 (EHV)**

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup> They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

<sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### **Jesus Messiah**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*cont...*

***Jesus Messiah cont...***

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
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***Epistle Lesson/Sermon Text:***

***Long Live the King!***

*The story of Christ did not end on Good Friday. Jesus sacrificed everything to save us. He carried all of our sins to the cross and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. And he most surely died there. And he was buried.*

*And on the third day, he rose from the dead!*

*Christianity is not about sorrow and death. It's about joy and about life. It's about victory and freedom and forgiveness and peace. It's a lifelong celebration of Christ the King.*

*We celebrate together as we live in the knowledge that we will live forever with our loving Savior in the kingdom of God. Jesus defeated death and now he rules over everything for our good. On Judgment Day he will reverse everything that Adam ruined. He will destroy every that stands against the Church. Then our joy will be complete, and God will be all in all.*

*Let's rejoice in Christ the King, who conquers all our enemies!*

## **1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (EHV)**

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." <sup>26</sup>Death is the last enemy to be done away with. <sup>27</sup>Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who subjected all things to him. <sup>28</sup>But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God may be all in all.

### **Prayers for Our family and Friends**

**The Beaumont Family, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Sally Kamps, Rose Karr, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Marjorie Urbaniak, and Jesse Zach**

### **Prayers for those called to protect**

**Military: Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

**Firefighter: Steve Campbell.**

**Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*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.*

**The Benediction:**

*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**

**(Hymn 341)**

1 Forever with the Lord!  
Amen! So let it be.  
Life from the dead is in that  
word,  
My immortality.

2 While time on earth is spent,  
Absent from him I roam,  
Yet nightly pitch my moving  
tent  
A day's march nearer home.

3 My Father's house on high,  
Home of my soul, how near  
At times, to faith's foreseeing  
eye  
The golden gates appear!

4 Lord, be at my right hand,  
Then can I never fail.  
If you uphold me, I shall stand;  
With you I shall prevail.

5 So when my dying breath  
Shall rend the veil in two,  
By death I shall escape from  
death  
To endless life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;  
How shall I love that word  
And oft repeat before the throne,  
"Forever with the Lord!"

**TRINITY'S CORE MISSION**

**Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.**

**John 8:12** - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Matthew 5:16** - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*