



Psalm 95:3

**For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

Christ the King

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O Worship the King”

Phil Lehenbauer

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

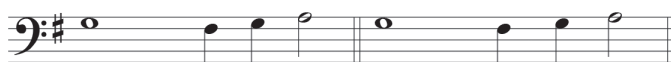


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

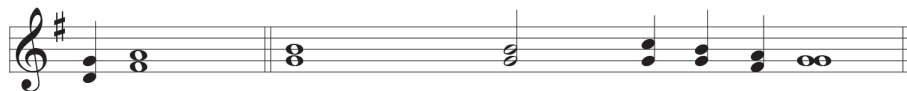


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin, find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

³For the LORD | is a great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
⁴**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**
⁵The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have molded | the dry land.
⁶**Come, let us bow down, and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**
^{7a}For he is our God, and we are the people | of his pasture
and the sheep | of his hand.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

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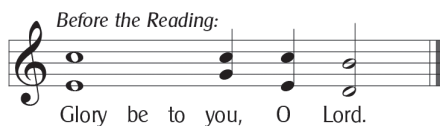


Anthem: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Charles Callahan



The Holy Gospel is written in the 25th chapter of Matthew.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

³¹[Jesus said to the disciples,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

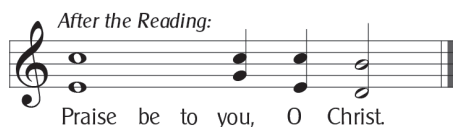
⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when

did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Our Shepherd King"

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
 Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,



Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
 ac- | cording to | your | word.
 For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
 which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
 A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
 and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
 Glory | be to the | Father,
 and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
 As it | was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fanfare to Christ the King"

Charles Callahan

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

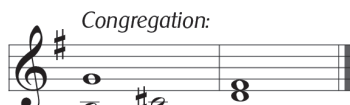
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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

*The altar flowers are placed today in honor of
Chloe Monroe's 30th birthday
on November 29th, by her parents,
Lisa and Brent Monroe.*

Help Girl Scout troop 743 (St. Paul's Troop) honor local heros. Today is the last Sunday to sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veterans grave at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex. Each wreath is **\$17**.



All money needs to be in to Nicole Amos by tomorrow, or you may scan the QR code to donate.

Bean Soup and Cornbread Supper—on December 2nd, from 4–6pm, a bean soup and cornbread meal will be served in the fellowship hall. Donations from this meal will benefit *Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries*. In order to keep Christ at the center of this mission, LMVFM does not solicit or accept government funding. Please note by your name on the friendship register “B x” and the number of people in your group to attend, (eg: Bx2) so we may plan the amount of food accordingly.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert start at 1pm in the sanctuary today, Dec. 3rd, and Dec. 10th, as scheduled below:

- 1:00–1:45 pm—A Cappella Group (Mary, Did You Know?)
- 1:45–2:15 pm—Trio (A Little Night Caroling)
- 2:15–3:15 pm—Solos/Duet (God with Us; Somewhere in Your Silent Night; Light of the World; Christmas Eve in Bethlehem)
- 3:15–4:00 pm—Mixed Ensemble (Make Room)
- 4:00–5:00 pm—Youth Group (Oh, What a Glorious Night)

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (11/19).....	\$6,685
Other Offering (11/19)	\$1,190
Sunday School Attendance (11/19)	79
Worship Attendance (11/19)	170
Children’s Mission (4th quarter–Lutheran Military Veterans)	
\$110.50 last Sunday; quarter so far: \$1,075	

Make a Joyful Noise for Christmas—The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a **Christmas Caroling** event on Sunday, **December 3rd**, after church. Sub sandwiches, chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided before we go caroling. We will accompany Pastor Ryman to Autumn Care for the service, then “Deck the Halls” with more carols.

If we get enough to sign up to go, we would like to take another group to the shut-ins. We know there are a lot of people working on the church concert that day, but if you do not have a part, think about singing with the Outreach Committee.

In order to plan for the meal, please sign up (note ‘C’ by your name) on the friendship register.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Bernhardt, 704-637-0155, or email srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – Recovering from surgery, Baptist Hospital
- Carolyn Cress – Autumn Care, room 622
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering at home from surgery
- Johnny Jenkins (property brother) – Recovering at home from surgery
- Michelle Linker – Recovering at home from surgery
- Christine Maloney – Health concerns
- Mike Morris – Health concerns
- George Reese – Recovering at home from surgery
- April Simmons – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Sunday, November 26

- Kid's Christmas practice during Sunday School, 9:30am
- Concert rehearsals, in the sanctuary, 1pm–5pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, November 27

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1pm
- Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 28

- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, November 29

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7:30pm

Thursday, November 30

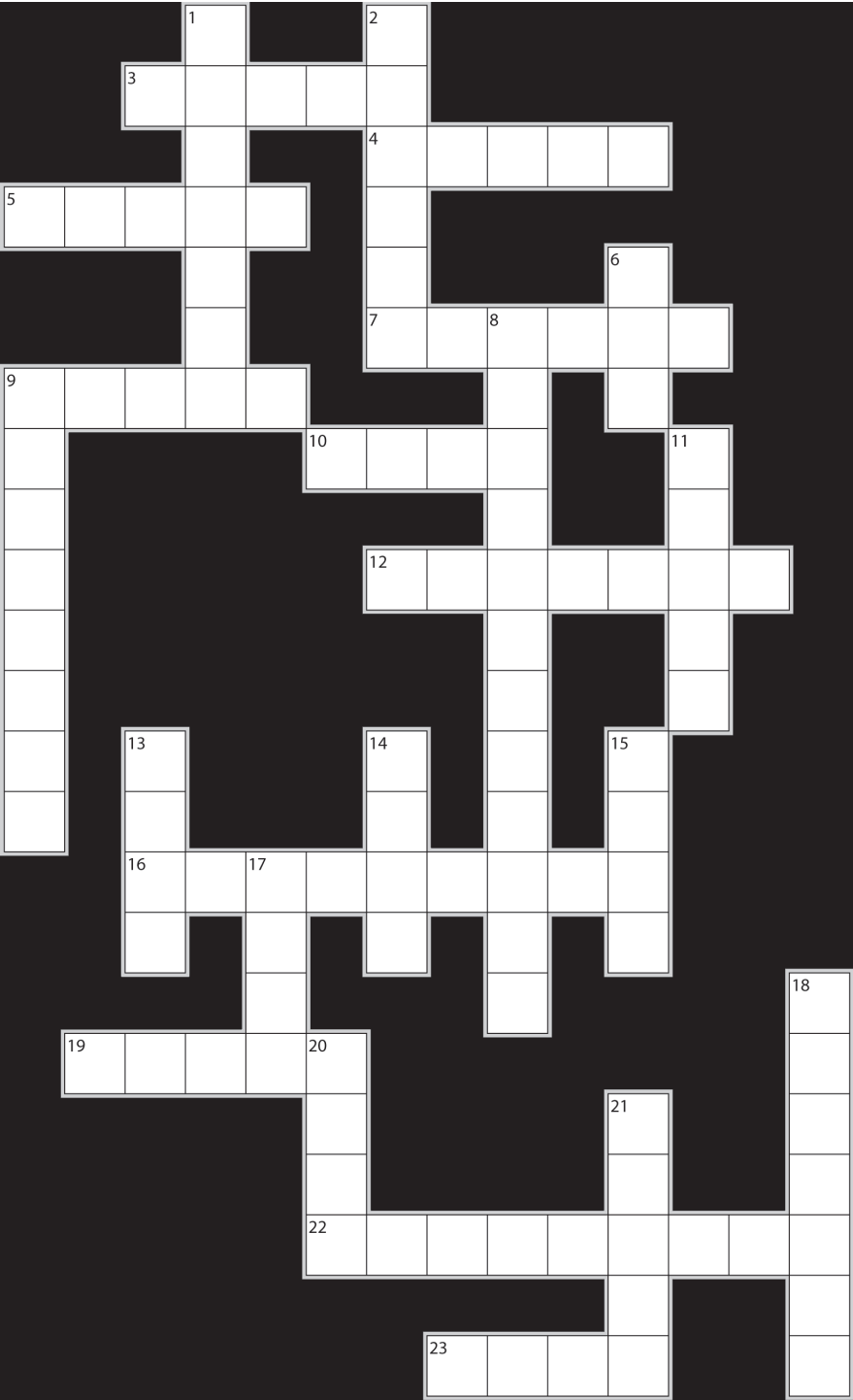
- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, December 2

- Christmas decorating, 9am; Luminaries placed, 10am
- Bean soup & cornbread supper, 4pm–6pm
(donations to benefit Lutheran Military Veterans & Families)

Sunday, December 3

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Kid's Christmas practice during Sunday School, 9:30am
- Deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas
- Concert rehearsals, in the sanctuary, 1pm–5pm
- Christmas Caroling, 2pm (lunch prior to caroling)
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, out to eat
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm



Christ the King Sunday

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

3. In God's hand are the depths of the...
4. The side for the sheep
5. The Son of Man will separate sheep from...
7. Where the Son of Man will sit in glory.
9. For whom will the Lord God search?
10. God is a great King above all...
12. Let us bow down and...
16. The Lord is the rock of our...
19. By a man came...
22. Christ's last enemy, death, will be...
23. The Lord will strengthen them.

DOWN

1. We are the people of God's...
2. The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep
6. How many shepherds will God set over his people?
8. By another man, this came.
9. The Lord will search for his people like one of these.
11. In Christ shall all be made...
13. The Lord does not seek the found, but the...
14. All die in him.
15. As you did good to the least, you have done it to the...
17. The side for the goats
18. The King says we will inherit his...
20. We are the sheep of God's....
21. God will rescue them.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 13:9; Mark 13:24-37

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