

Christ the King
Service of Holy Communion
November 23, 2025
9:30 am
Grace Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, PA

**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this autumn. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. 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.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

With a Joyful Heart

Susan Geschke

Bells of Grace

Please stand as you are able.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW#855

***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.

***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.**

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING OF CARE PACKAGES

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in
the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has
enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the
light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in
him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ 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. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ 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!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Gather Together

Netherlands Folk Tune

Cora Chesky - organ

The assembly stands as able.

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the 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.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today’s regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing

Grace Chancel Choir

arr. Greg Gilpin

***SETTING THE TABLE**

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW#464 vs 1



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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. **Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

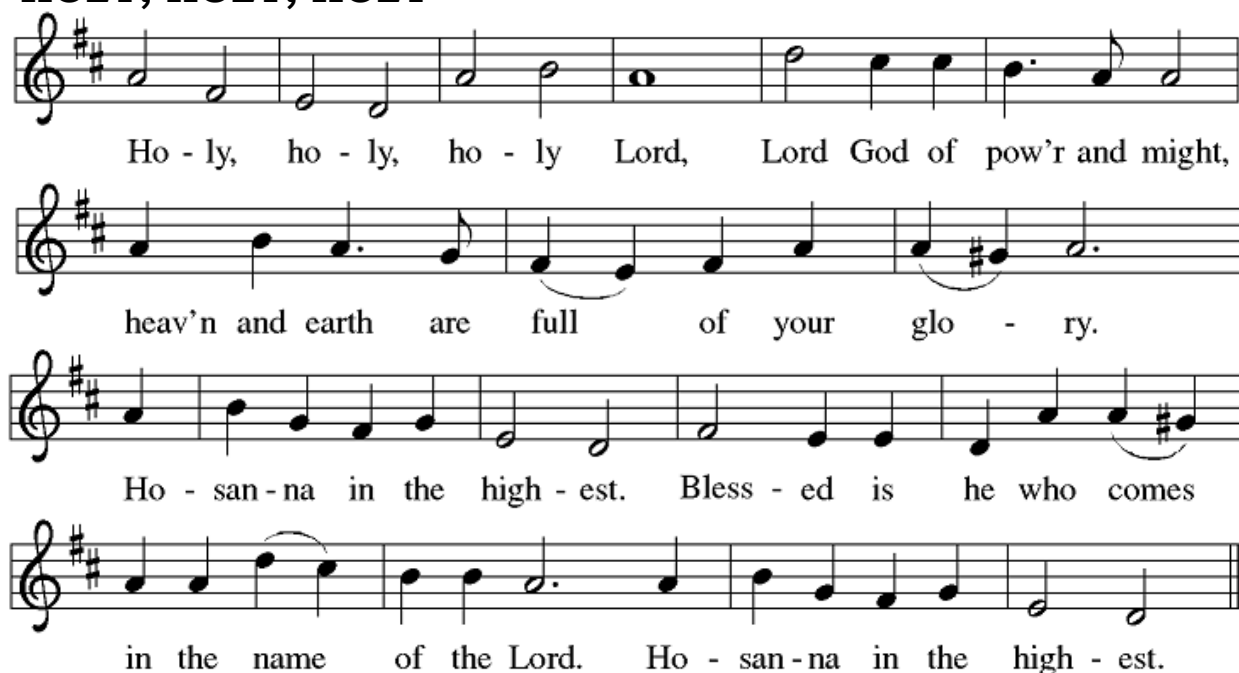
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will
for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

***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.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW#885

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

ELW#660

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister..... Sue Painter
Lector..... Karen Galle
Acolyte Zach Weber
Communion Assistants Marti Bert, Tom Blackburn
Sound Larry Hoffman
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist..... Emily Hartman
Technology Operator Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: November 22 - 28

The altar flowers are given by David & Donna Enrico in honor of their daughter, Madelyn.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given by Nancy Whitcomb in memory of her parents, Kathryne & Charles Piper.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Joe Swank, Halie Osswald, Donna Crossley, Steve Behr, Mary Louise Shetter, Dave Hawkins, Lisa Miller, Ed Klemmer, Barry Fenicle, Beverly Earhart, Amy Vogel, Alice M., Dean Jury and the friends & family of Dave Rowland.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Dave Rowland

Advent Event – Sunday, November 23

Join us for fellowship, Christmas Karaoke, wreath making and much more. All are welcome. The decision was made to include the Potluck lunch again this year. Even if you didn't sign up you are more than welcome to attend and bring your favorite side dish/dessert to share!

Pastor Chad is Being Spoofed via Email Again

Please always look at the email address and make sure that it is exactly pastorchad@gracecamphill.org. If it is anything other than that, please disregard. Pastor Chad will never ask you for gift cards or be vague about something he needs you to do for him. If you ever have a question about a strange email that appears to come from Pastor, please always call him or the office to verify. Stay safe out there everyone!

Pub Theology

Please note that Pub Theology will not be meeting for their monthly talks in November or December. Gatherings will resume in January 2026. Watch the Events Page on the website, the Bulletin and the This Week at Grace for further updates.

Children's Play on Christmas Eve at 4pm

Calling all kids! We are looking to see who may be available to participate in the Children's Play during the 4pm Christmas Eve service. If your child is interested in participating, please contact the church office at office@gracecamphill.org or 717-737-0439 by Monday, December 1 so we can schedule rehearsal dates.

Grace Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is revamping and reorganizing all of Grace's Policies and Procedures. We are doing this to make volunteering and working at Grace clearer and easier to understand. If you are a leader of a ministry, you will probably be hearing from one of the Personnel Committee members for a policy/procedure for your specific ministry. The Personnel Committee is not here to dictate what happens, but rather to organize and communicate with the congregation the policies and procedures in place. Our goal is to become as transparent as possible on the inner workings of Grace. Thank you all!

Christmas Wreath, Poinsettia and ELCA Good Gift Christmas Eve Sponsorships

We are excited to let you know that once again you can sponsor Christmas Eve at Grace! This year we're offering multiple sponsorship opportunities, including: (12) beautiful wreaths from the Scouting America Troop 54/Cub Scout Pack 54 (\$23 each); (2) Large Red Poinsettia for on the altar (\$35 each) or (20) 6.5-inch Red Poinsettia for in the sanctuary (\$13 each). If you wish to sponsor a Wreath or Poinsettia, please contact Diane at ddeppen@gracecamphill.org or 717-737-0439x15 to reserve one before paying. Payment can be made in person with envelope or online **HERE** or with QR Code below. Please include your dedication with payment. *Please note (2) Altar Poinsettia cannot be paid for online.*

Plus, new this year we're introducing ELCA Good Gift Ornament sponsorship in a price range from \$10-\$150 located on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex starting on Sunday, November 30. For the ornaments just remove one from the tree and include it with your dedication and payment. *Payment for the ELCA Good Gift Ornaments cannot be made online.*

Check out the new Merchandise Store for Grace

Looking for some Grace swag? Check out our new merchandise store at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-camp-hill-merch/>. You can find hats, clothing (with Grace's purpose on the back) and water bottles. What a great way to support Grace and start a conversation.



GRACE LUTHERAN MERCHANDISE

Finance & Stewardship Ministry

Pledge letters and pledge cards were mailed out this week. If you did not receive one in the mail and are interested in pledging you may either contact the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org to have a pledge card sent to you or you can pledge using the QR Code



Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **November** is **ELCA World Hunger**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the QR Code.



Give Now

Calendar

11/22	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
11/23	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Coffee Hour (After worship from 10:30 – 11:00am, too) Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary Advent Event w/Potluck Lunch
11/24	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
11/25		No Quilting Ministry No Bible Study
11/26		No Grace Giving Pantry nor Community Meal
11/27		Happy Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed No Bells of Grace nor Chancel Choir

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

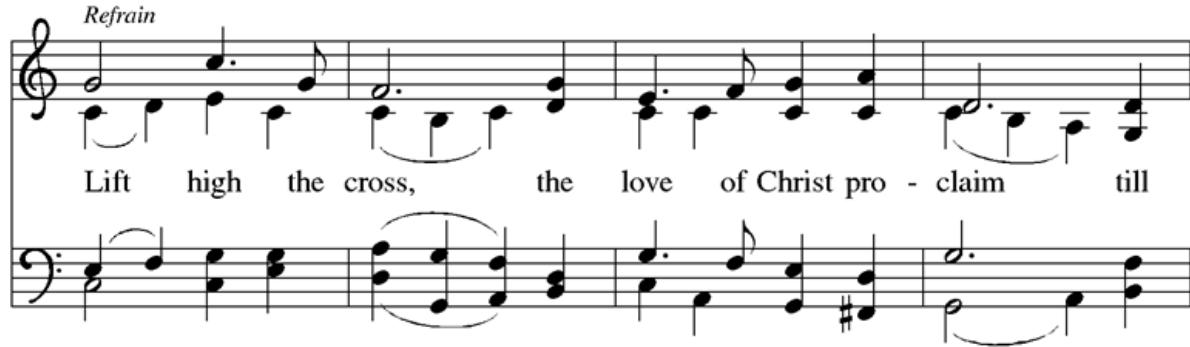
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Lift High the Cross

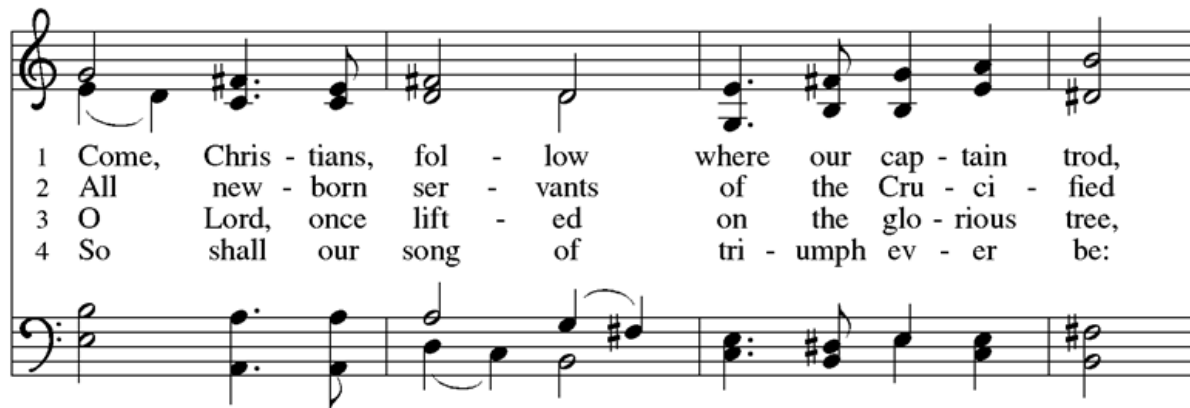
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

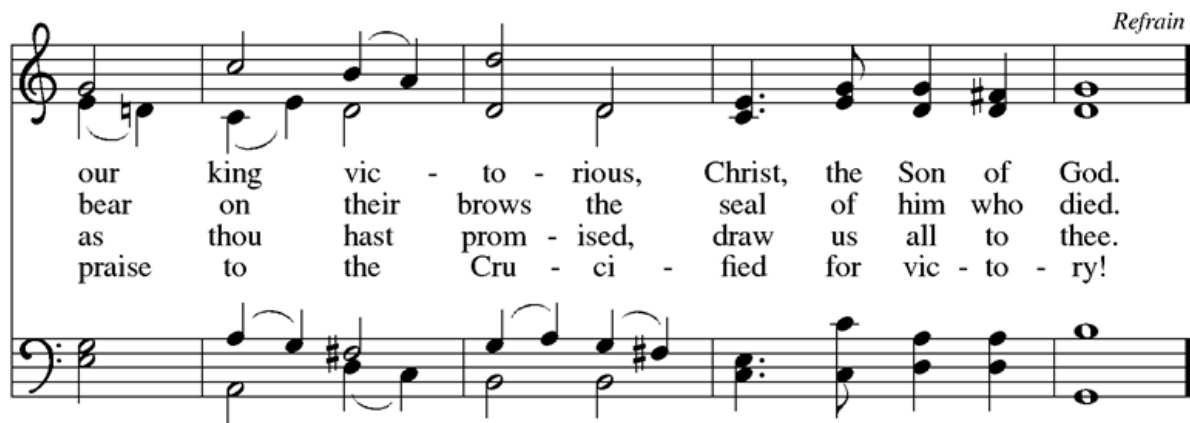


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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