Christ the King – ELW 8

November 22, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist	Diane Rauser
Liturgists	8:15 - Vickie Boelman
	10:45 -

ELW = the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† *indicates stand as able*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Loving God, **We have rebelled against your life-giving reign and raised up worldly kings for ourselves—people, possessions, fame. You have sent us prophets to declare to us the error of our ways and we have despised them, choosing instead to follow false prophets who tell us what we want to hear. We have failed to heed your persistent call to lives of simplicity, love, self-sacrificial service, and commitment to the flourishing of all creation. Forgive us our short-sightedness and self-focus. Draw us back to you, that we might center our lives on our relationship with you, and turn outwards in love for all that you have made.**

Our God still reigns over all that is, and cherishes each and every one of us as beloved children. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, and you are set free to serve and do

justice in all the earth. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: *Come, Thou Almighty King* **ELW 408**

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Liturgy of the Word

† 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 p. 184**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

† Prayer of the Day

God of peace, teach us to reject the weapons of war, turn from the rhetoric of hatred, and practice the way of nonviolence, that we might lead the world into a time when your eternal reign of love and justice breaks into our world here and now. In the name of Jesus, our holy savior, friend, and ruler. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem: *Give Him Thanks* ***Adult Choir***

† Reading: Isaiah 36: 1-3, 13-20, 37: 1-7, 2: 1-4

In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of [1]Judah and captured them. [2]The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. [3]And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

[13]Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! [14]Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. [15]Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' [16]Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, [17]until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. [18]Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The Lord will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? [19]Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of

Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?
20Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their
countries out of my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem
out of my hand?’”

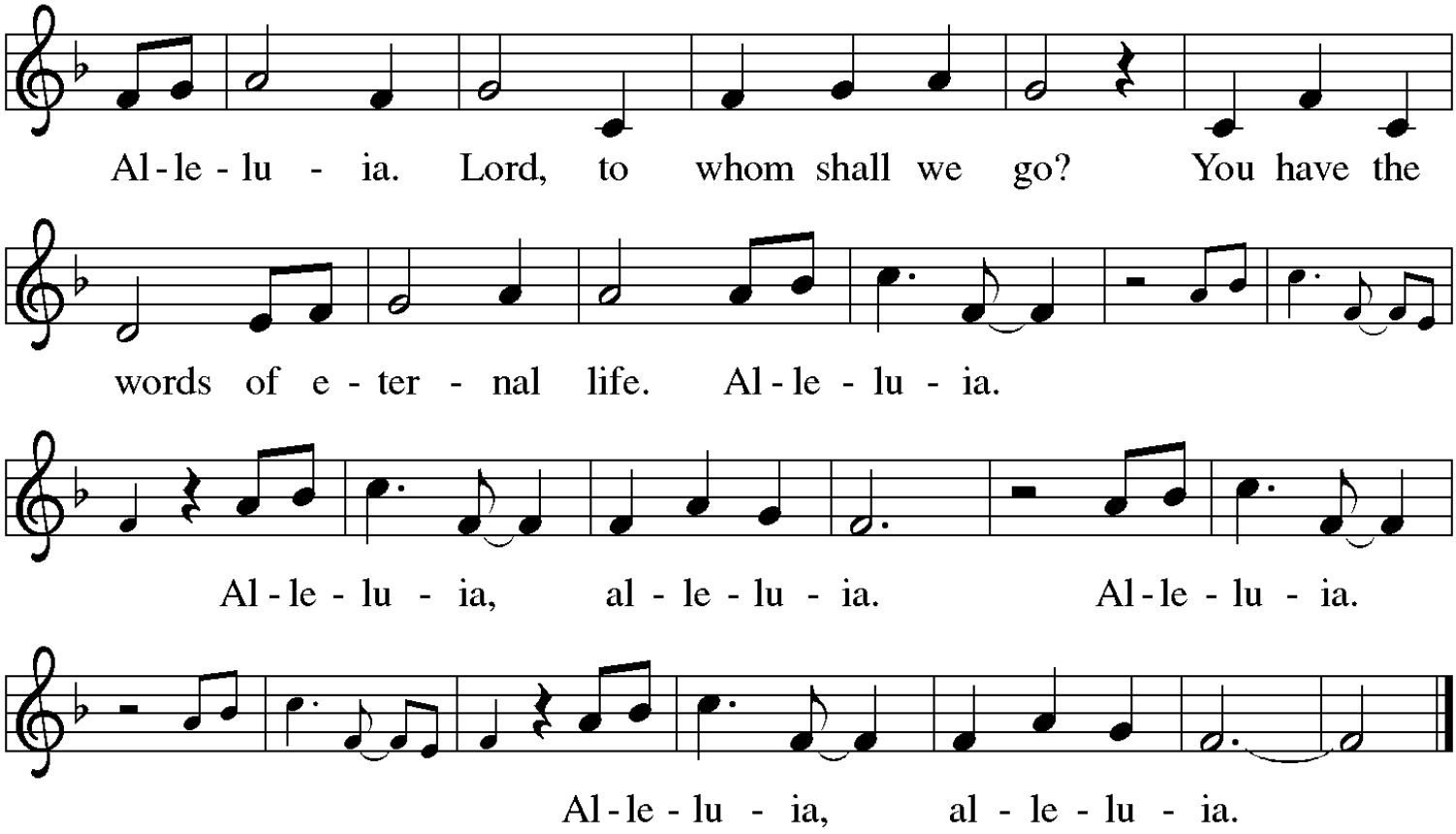
37:1When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered
himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.
2And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and
Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with
sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. 3They said to him,
“Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke,
and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no
strength to bring them forth. 4It may be that the Lord your God
heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of
Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the
words that the Lord your God has heard; therefore lift up your
prayer for the remnant that is left.” 5When the servants of King
Hezekiah came to Isaiah, 6Isaiah said to them, “Say to your
master, ‘Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the
words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king
of Assyria have reviled me. 7I myself will put a spirit in him, so
that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will
cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.’”

2:1The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem. 2In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall
be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
3Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he
may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For
out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord
from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, and shall

arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Acclamation **ELW p. 188**



† GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

14 Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon **Maggie Evans**

Sermon **Pastor Beth Wartick**

Hymn of the Day: *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* **ELW 628**

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
continually are green;
there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
as nowhere else are seen.

There trees forevermore bear fruit
and evermore do spring;
there evermore the angels sit
and evermore do sing.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

† Apostles' 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

Trusting in God's benevolent rule over creation, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, relieve us of the fear that leads us to believe warfare is inevitable and necessary. Make all of humanity eager to dismantle the weapons of war and turn their efforts and attention to laboring for the peace that is your perfect justice. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Guide all whose work involves the plow; give them wisdom to care for and restore soil and to practice farming methods that enrich rather than degrade the earth. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Guide all whose work involves international relations; give leaders, diplomats, and emissaries wisdom to work for peace among all nations. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Guide all whose work involves the provision of medical care to those we know and to those we don't know; give them wisdom to bring hope and healing to the suffering, especially Jim and Earl. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Guide all of us each day in whatever work is ours to do, that we might live out your call to love and serve. Give us wisdom to know that even the smallest acts of kindness make a difference in your universe. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Guide us to see the ways in which your saints have worked to bring peace to our world, and to follow in their example each day. God of mercy, **You hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we lift these prayers to you, and have faith that all things are in your hands. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, we offer now these gifts out of the abundance you have first given us. Receive them for the sake of all creation. Bless and use them for the work of turning swords into plowshares, that all of your beloved creation might have peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

† 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 God thanks and praise.

† Thanksgiving at the Table

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy… and join their unending hymn:

† Holy Holy Holy **ELW p.190**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Padrenuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

Communion

If you are communing at home, receive the bread with the words "The Body of Christ given for you," and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God **ELW p. 191**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is **ELW 502**

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise

within thy house forever.

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† Sending Song: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* **ELW 805**

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.

Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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