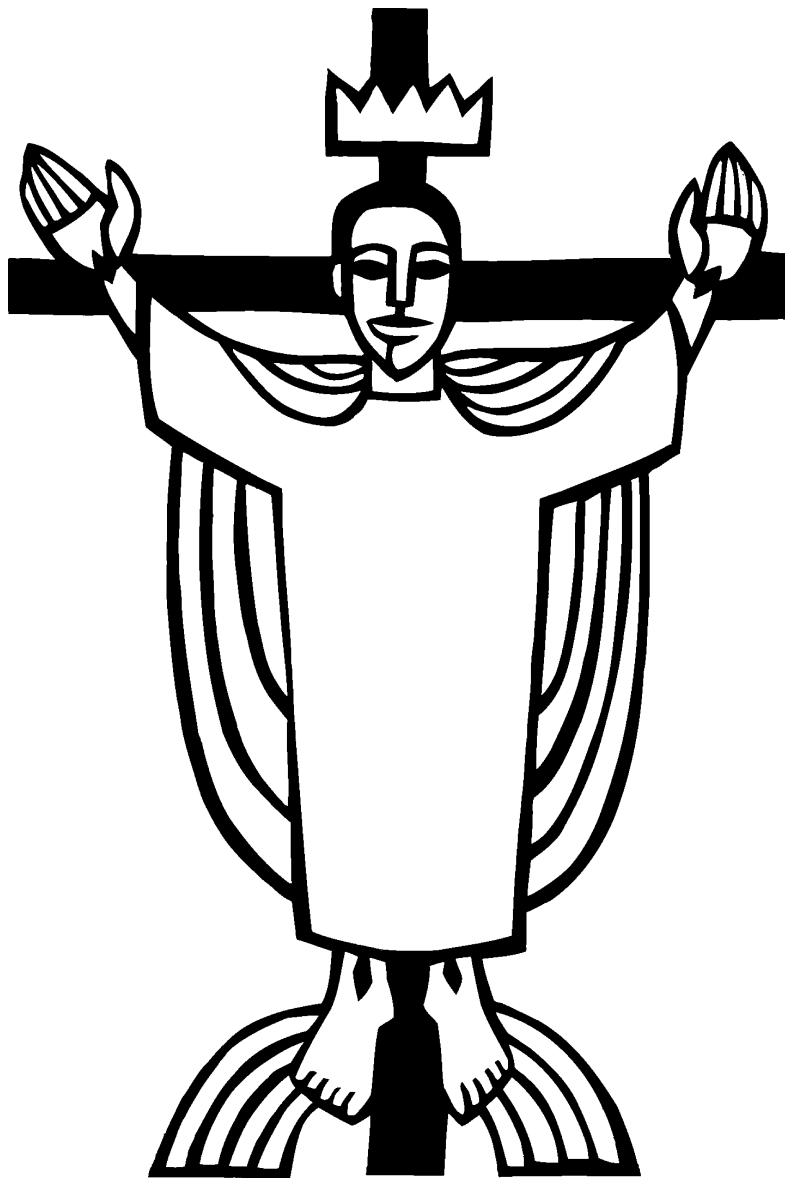


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At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am November 23, 2025

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



Christ the King



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 46

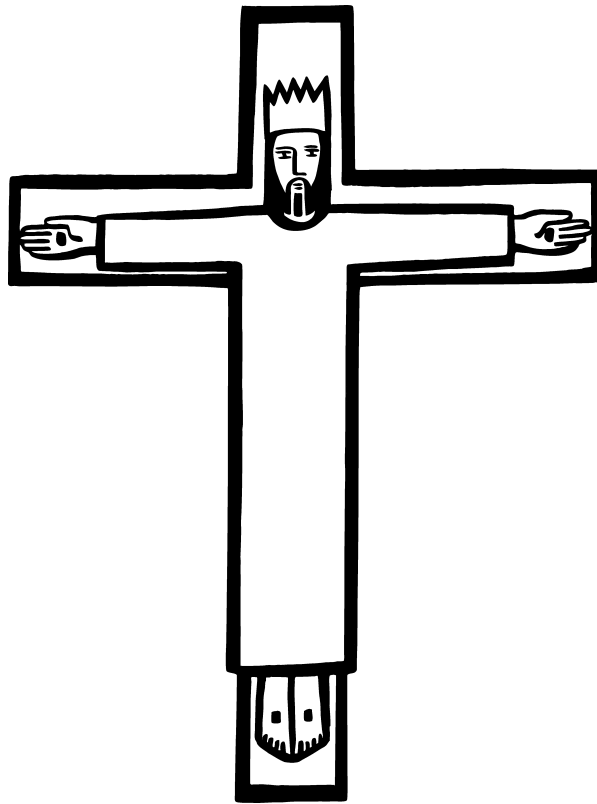
Pastor God is our refuge and strength.
All A very present help in trouble.

Pastor Therefore we will not fear.
All Though the earth be moved and though the mountains shake.

Pastor There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.
All It is the holy habitation of the Most High.

Pastor God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be shaken.
All God shall help it at the break of day.

Pastor The Lord of hosts is with us.
All The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Amen! Alleluia!



GATHERING SONG
All sing.

Majesty

Jude 25

♩=96-104

A Bm7 A/C# 3 D A6/C# Bm7 D/E E

Maj - es-ty, wor-ship his maj - es-ty. Un-to

A E/G# F#m7 B7 3 E7sus E7

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon-or, and praise.

A Bm7 A/C# 3 D A6/C#

Maj - es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty

Bm7 Dm/F A/E Bm7 E7 D/E E7
 flows from his throne un - to his own; his an - them

A D/A A C#m7 Cdim7 Bm7 E7 D/E E7
 raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

A D/A A C#m7 Cdim7 Bm7
 Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -

E7 D/E E7/D C# Bm7 E
 fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

A Bm7 A/C# D A6/C#
 Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty,

Bm7 Dm/F A/E Bm7 E7 D/E E7
 Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, king of all

To repeat A D/A A Last time F#m Bm7 Dm/F
 kings. kings, Je - sus who

A/E Bm7 E7 D/E E7 A D/A A
 died, now glo - ri - fied, king of all kings.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jack Hayford

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All Amen.

Pastor God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Pastor Gracious God,

All have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us
alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus
Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and
guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The 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. ⁶In 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."

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

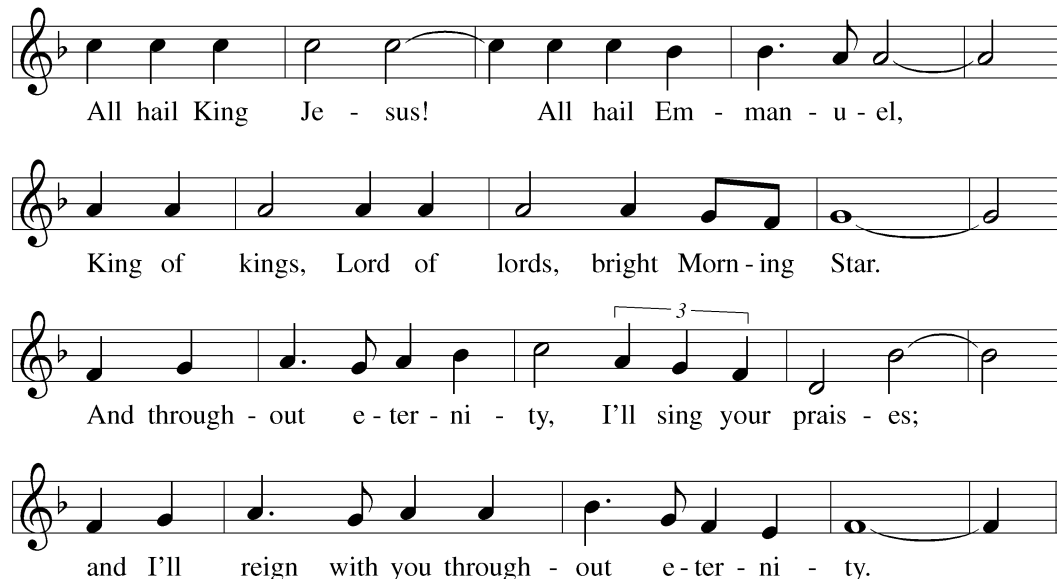
¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

All Hail King Jesus!



Text: Dave Moody
Music: KING JESUS, Dave Moody

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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

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

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Looking for Another Candidate
Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

Joy to the World

The musical score for 'Joy to the World' is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef), both in the key of D major (two sharps). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a repeat sign and a final 'and' at the end of the line. The fourth system continues the lyrics and ends with a double bar line. The music features various note values, rests, and repeat signs, with some notes beamed together in the vocal line.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

NICENE CREED

Pastor With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Congregation **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.**

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. God of grace,
All hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERTORY SONG

“The Lord is King” by Mike Busbee

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

All **Creator God,**
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good,
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table
with these gifts of the earth
that we may work for the good of all,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.



COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction.

For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
You are an important part of our faith community.*

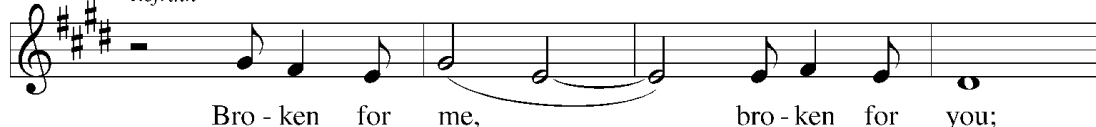
In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG

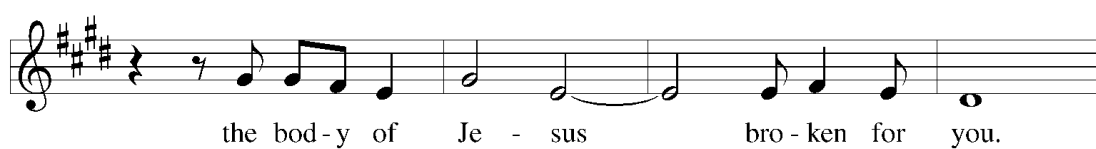
All sing.

Broken for Me

Refrain



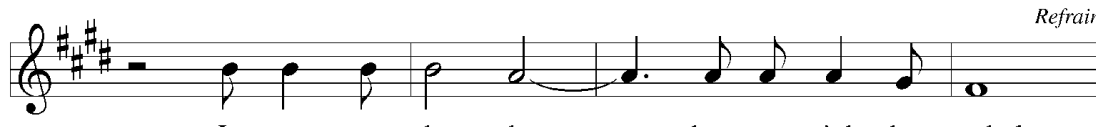
Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;
2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;
4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

Refrain

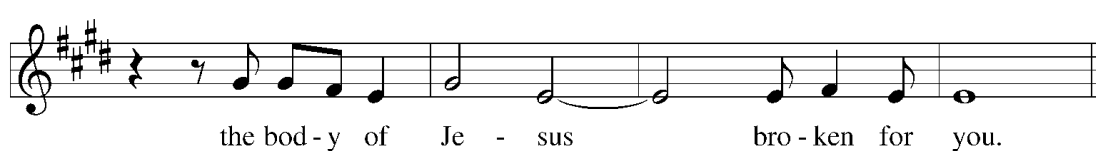


Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.
eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

Final refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

Text: Janet Lunt

Music: BROKEN FOR ME, Janet Lunt

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Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

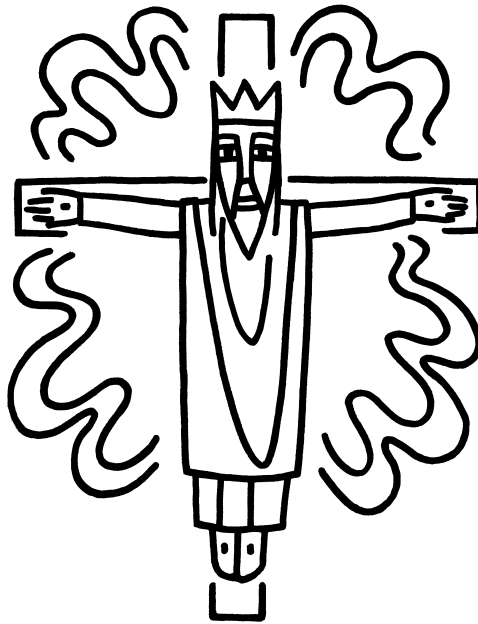
PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now
send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.



+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

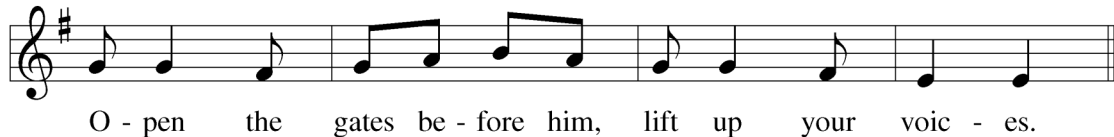
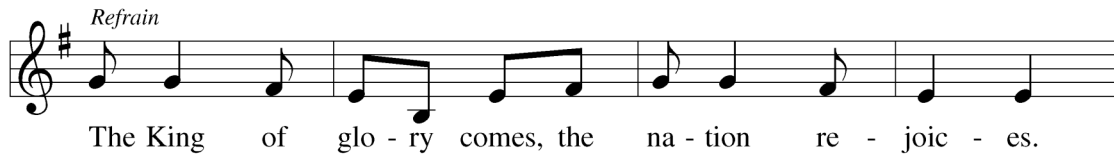
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

The King of Glory



Text: Willard F. Jabusch
Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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Sunday Services:

8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service

Next Sunday's Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

The Servant King

Many congregations will sing a hymn this Sunday that declares, "Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save" (ELW 855). This is an image of a conquering hero who fought Satan and won. Hail to the king! But that is not the king we are presented with in today's gospel reading. Jesus is a broken, rejected man hanging naked in public shame, dying for a capital offense, sandwiched between two criminals.

Many people struggle to think of Jesus as king because of the negative actions of historical kings. Kings have too often been men wielding power for their own gain, sitting on thrones upheld by patriarchy and wealth. Furthering this negative image are colonialism and the kings who issued decrees to ravage and control people in their native land. Neither is this the image of Christ the king in today's reading.

At Gonzaga University (Spokane, Washington), a focus on servant leadership is offered as a concentration in the master's program in organizational leadership. Its focuses are forgiveness and restorative justice, listening and discerning, community-building, foresight and strategy, and transformational thinking. Doesn't that sound a lot more like the leadership of Jesus?

Perhaps we are reminded of the hard parts of Jesus' journey to draw our attention to his purpose and the focus of his teachings. He wasn't a conqueror, and he didn't wield power for his own gain. He hung naked on the cross to be the ultimate servant leader. We claim Jesus as our king because of his servant leadership—his focus on forgiveness and restoration, building community, and thinking in transformational ways. Hail the servant king!

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
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