

Christ The King

We are a **Reconciling In Christ (RIC)** congregation

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is a community of the people of God, called to serve all people. As Jesus welcomed each person exactly as he or she was, we will do the same. We believe that when we are marked by the Cross of Christ in baptism, we are marked as his forever.

**So, you are welcome here!** We welcome all who wish to worship our Risen Lord and learn about his message. As Jesus included all in his life and death, so do we.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome you  
 ...without regard to race or ethnicity, income level, abilities or disabilities  
 ...without regard to whether you own a home, rent, or are homeless  
 ...without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity: straight, gay, lesbian, transgendered or bisexual  
 ...without regard to age or marital status: single, married, separated, divorced, remarried, widowed or partnered.

We welcome you to join us as an active, responsible, fully participating member, growing with us in faith and fellowship. *“All this is from God who reconciled us through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*  
 2 Corinthians 5:18

This morning, we want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who is visiting for the first time. Whether you are just having a look or whether you are searching for a place to worship, we are delighted to have you here. St. Paul’s is a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse congregation. All are welcome at the Lord’s table for Holy Communion. If you are unable to walk up for Holy Communion, let an usher know and Holy Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

PRELUDE

LIGHT PROCESSIONAL

HYMN “Crown Him With Many Crowns” ELW #855 vs. 1-5

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
 the Lamb upon his throne;  
 hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
 all music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing  
 of him who died for thee,  
 and hail him as thy matchless king  
 through all eternity.
2. Crown him the virgin's Son,  
 the God incarnate born,  
 whose arm those crimson trophies won  
 which now his brow adorn;  
 fruit of the mystic rose,  
 yet of that rose the stem,  
 the root whence mercy ever flows,  
 the babe of Bethlehem.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Celebrant and Preacher.....Rev. Teresa Foster  
 Minister of Music.....Charles Jones  
 Lector.....Jane Cuccia  
 Worship Assistants.....Vincent Chisolm, Rick Spaulding  
 Ushers.....Cheryl Bjorge, Dave Meeks, Mary Jane Bramer, Chad Mowbray  
 Altar Guild.....Cheryl Bjorge, Gretchen Bush, and Emmy Volenberg  
 Audio Technician.....Mirko Bratic

3. Crown him the Lord of love--  
    behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
    in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
    can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
    at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of life,  
    who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
    for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
    who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
    and lives that death may die.
5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
    the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
    ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
    For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
    throughout eternity.

#### **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen**

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

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

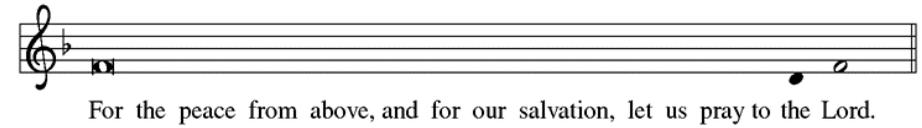
**C: And also with you.**

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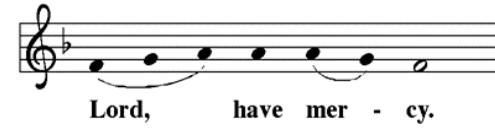
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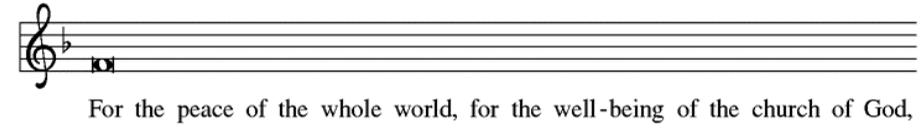
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



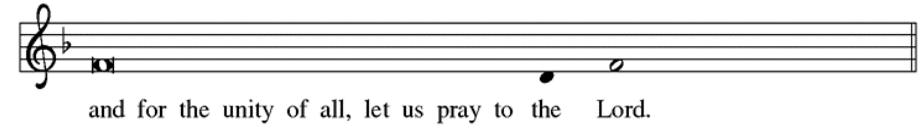
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



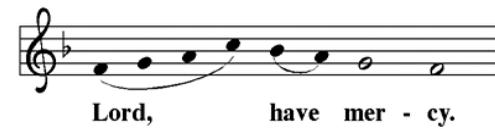
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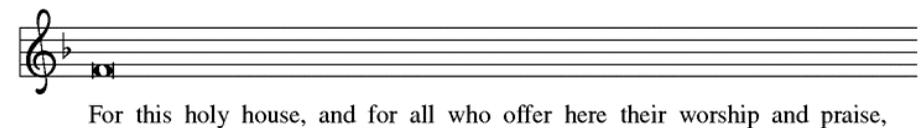
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



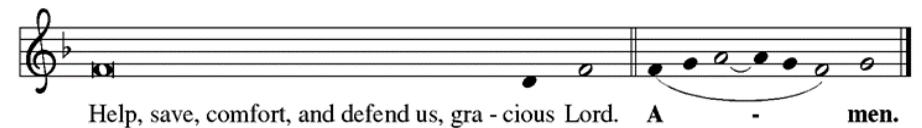
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be seated.)*

**FIRST READING** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Silence is observed after the reading.)*

**PSALM HYMN** “Awesome God”

Maranatha #161

Our God Is an awesome God.

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power and love,

Our God is an awesome God. *(Repeat)*

**SECOND READING** Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the

**SENDING HYMN** “Lift High The Cross”

ELW #660

vs. 1-4

**Refrain**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks Be To God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*(Personal prayer is available at the side chapel in the front of the sanctuary. If you would like prayer, please go to the side chapel and a prayer partner will join you.)*

(After all have communed and the Holy Communion is returned to the Altar and set, we stand and sing the Post Communion Canticle.)

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

C: Amen.

clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Silence is observed after the reading.)

(Please stand.)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW pg. 174



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL John 18:33-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you O Christ.

### THE WORD FOR OUR LIVES TODAY

Pastor Teresa Foster

(Please stand.)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW # 434

vs. 1-5

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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 THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** *(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. If you would prefer grape juice or a gluten free wafer please communicate with the communion assistant. If you wish to kneel at anytime during Holy Communion, you may use the pew kneeler located in front of you.)*

**HYMN DURING HOLY COMMUNION**      “Beautiful Savior”      ELW #838  
vs. 1-4

1. Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

ELW Setting 4 pg. 154

*(Please remain standing during the 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.

*(Please be seated.)*

L: Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace. You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick especially Herb Schaepering, Donna Gibson, those on our prayer list and those we offer now either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*(We stand and sing as the gifts are being brought forward.)*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “We Are An Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are Yours:  
We are an offering.

All that we have, All that we are,  
All that we hope to be, We give to You,  
We give to You.

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering,  
We are an offering.

‡THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ‡

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**  
 P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**  
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P: 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:

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW Setting 4 pg. 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: O God most mighty,  
 O God most merciful,  
 O God our rock and our salvation,  
 hear us as we praise,  
 call us to your table,  
 grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.  
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;  
 When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.  
 Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
 and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
 and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
 He was born among the poor,  
 he lived under oppression,  
 he wept over the city.  
 With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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. *(Bells chime to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.)*

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. *(Bells chime to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.)*

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**  
 Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**  
 Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
 O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
 O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
 O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.  
 O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,  
 you show us a vision of a tree of life  
 with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
 Grant us such life,  
 the life of the Father to the Son,  
 the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
 life in you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**