

*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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**Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LUYH 223:1,2,4

Christ the King Sunday

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Ezekiel 34:15

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

+ Today is “Christ the King Sunday,” also referred to as “Reign of Christ Sunday.” On this last Sunday of the church year, before we begin a new liturgical year with the Advent season, we remember that Christ is on his throne ruling over all.

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the church, his body.

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.**

Give thanks and praise his loving name!

*Song: "Lord Most High"

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Behold Our God"

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One Who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!

Behold our King! Nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,

bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave,

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (to chorus)

Communion Song: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

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Communion Song: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

**He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,

for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,

for in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.**

**For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.**

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now and ever is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.**

**And day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.**

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34	p.1341
Message: “Christ Is King! Sleep Well.”	Rylan Brue
*Song of Response: “Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”	LUYH 518:1,3,4

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

The Invitation

The bread which we break is our sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the same loaf.**

The cup for which we give thanks is our sharing in the blood of Christ.

**The cup which we all share
is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.**

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table.

Bridge:

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth! (Repeat)

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

God searches for the lost,

and finds us;

God invites the hungry to the table,

and feeds us;

God sends Jesus,

and frees us from death's prison;

God forgives all who sin,

and heals us with mercy and grace.

Thanks be to God.

Song for Grateful Living: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me” LUYH 330:1,3,4

Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children’s Blessing: “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” LUYH 357

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.