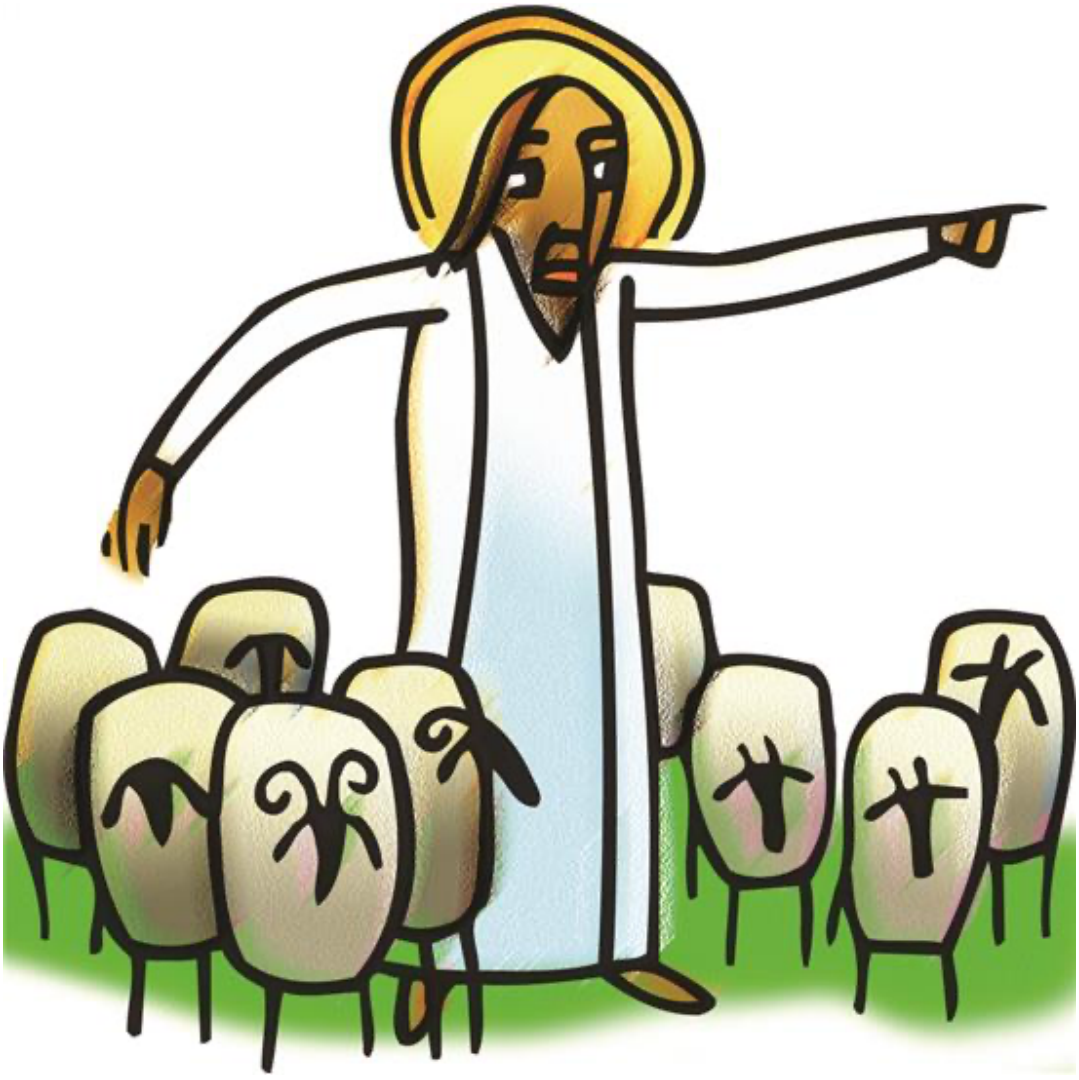
Christ the King Sunday



Word and Sacrament

"Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church"

Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church

November 22 , 2026 11:00AM

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship

This morning, we celebrate the **Christ the King Sunday.** The lyrics to the hymns are in the red hymnals in front of you. We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

Holy Communion

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, you will come up to the Altar an receive communion.

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

Christ the King Sunday

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Announcements

New Members Ceremony today!

Advent Begins next Sunday November 29th!

Advent Midweek Service Wednesdays starting Dec 2nd at 6pm at Prince of Peace!

Wednesday Servicio en Espanol: Wednesdays 7PM

Servicio en Espanol: December 12th @ 9AM

Enid's Pantry is open is December 12th @10AM.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th at 5pm

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

Prelude (Bell Choir)

Bell / Cross Processional

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

P Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the *"The Reign of Christ."*
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.

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

P 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.

C Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise his loving name!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C We confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Kyrie



CANTICLE OF PRAISE / CÁNTICO DE ALABANZA



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

WORD

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading Psalm 95:1-7

A Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**

A For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**C In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

A The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

A For the Lord| is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

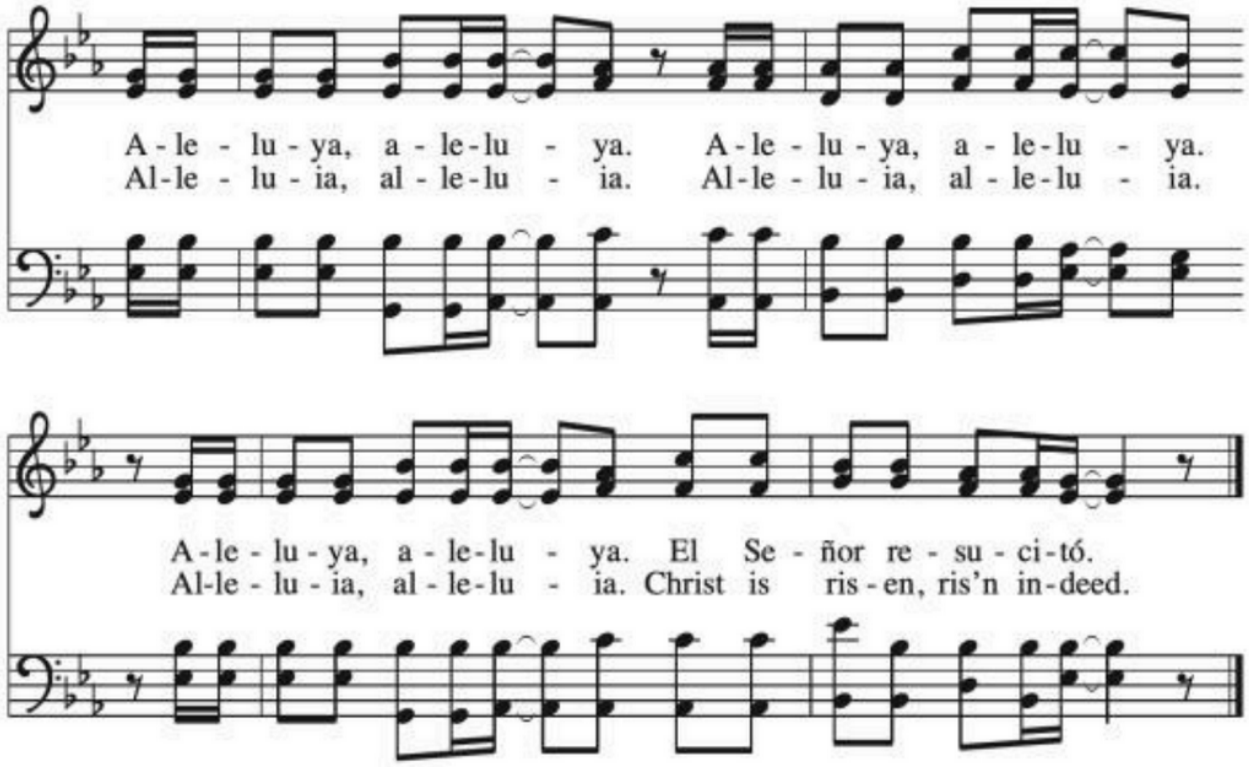
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew **the 25th** chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
Gospel: Matthew 25: 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 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, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And 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.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: ELW #434

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

NEW MEMBERS LITANY
New members say the words in bold.

P Today we are pleased to welcome: *Josefina, Norma, Naomi, Dan, Francisco, Marianny, & Monica!*

D Hoy nos complace dar la bienvenida: *Josefina, Norma, Naomi, Dan, Francisco, Marianny, & Monica*

P Dear friends, Our connection with one another is strengthened every time we gather together at the Table. But our journey and our relationship together is assured in our baptism. We give thanks for this gift as we come together to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

D Queridos amigos: nuestra conexión mutua se fortalece cada vez que nos reunimos juntos a la Mesa.
Pero nuestro camino y nuestra relación quedan garantizados en nuestro bautismo. Damos gracias por esto regalo juntamos para hacer una afirmación pública de nuestro bautismo en Cristo.

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism.

D Oremos. Dios misericordioso, te damos gracias por habernos hecho tuyos mediante el agua y la Palabra en el bautismo.

P You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith.

D Nos has llamado a ti, nos has iluminado con los regalos de tu Espíritu y nos has nutrido en la comunidad de fe.

P Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

D Sostennos a nosotros y a todos tus siervos en los regalos y las promesas del bautismo, y une los corazones de todos aquellos a quienes has hecho nacer de nuevo. Lo pedimos en el nombre de Cristo.

C Amen.

*APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able.

P Let us profess our faith together:
Do you believe in God the Father?

D Profesemos juntos nuestra fe:
¿Creen en Dios Padre?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

C **Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

D ¿Crees en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios?

C 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.

C **Creo en Jesucristo, el Hijo único de Dios, nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo, nació de la Virgen María, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado, murió y fue sepultado; descendió a los infiernos.* Al tercer día resucitó; subió a los cielos, está sentado a la derecha del Padre, y vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
D ¿Crees en Dios el Espíritu Santo?

C **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.**
C **Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la santa Iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la cuerpo y la vida eterna.**

P You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

D Has hecho profesión pública de tu fe.
¿Tienes el propósito de continuar en la alianza que Dios estableció contigo en el santo bautismo: vivir entre el pueblo fiel de Dios, escuchar la palabra de Dios y participar en la Cena del Señor, proclamar la buena nueva de Dios en Cristo mediante palabras y obras, servir a todas las personas —siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús— y esforzarte por la justicia y la paz en toda la tierra?

P If so respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
D Si es así, responde: «Sí, y le pido a Dios que me ayude y me guíe».

C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
C Así es, y le pido a Dios que me ayude y me guíe.

P People of God, do you promise to support *these siblings* and pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?
If so, please respond, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."
D Pueblo de Dios, ¿prometen apoyar a estos hermanos y orar por ellos en su vida en Cristo? Si es así, por favor respondan: «Sí, lo prometemos, y pedimos a Dios que nos ayude y nos guíe».

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**
C **Así es, y le pedimos a Dios que nos ayude y nos guíe**.

P We have come from many places and situations. We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground. We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where faith journeys meet.

D Venimos de muchos lugares y situaciones. Venimos con todas nuestras diferencias, en busca de puntos en común. Hemos llegado tras recorrer nuestros propios caminos, a un lugar donde los itinerarios de fe se encuentran.

P People of Saint Bart's, let us welcome *Josefina, Norma, Naomi, Dan, Francisco, Marianny, & Monica* in Christ to this community of faith.

D Gente de Saint Bart's, demos la bienvenida en Cristo a Josefina, Norma, Naomi, Dan, Francisco, Marianny y Monica a esta comunidad de fe.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:
A God, in your mercy. C **hear our prayer.**

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need *especially* Rolf, *Selina, Jayden, Milton, Mary Ellen, Benny, Diego, Kaiden, Shirley, Nick, Bob, Justin, Billy, Rosemary, Edy, and Rich*. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; We also pray for the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. . God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud...**(Pause)** . God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(PASTOR) Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

THE OFFERING
Online offering: https://www.stbartlutheran.net/donate

Offering Prayer

P Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

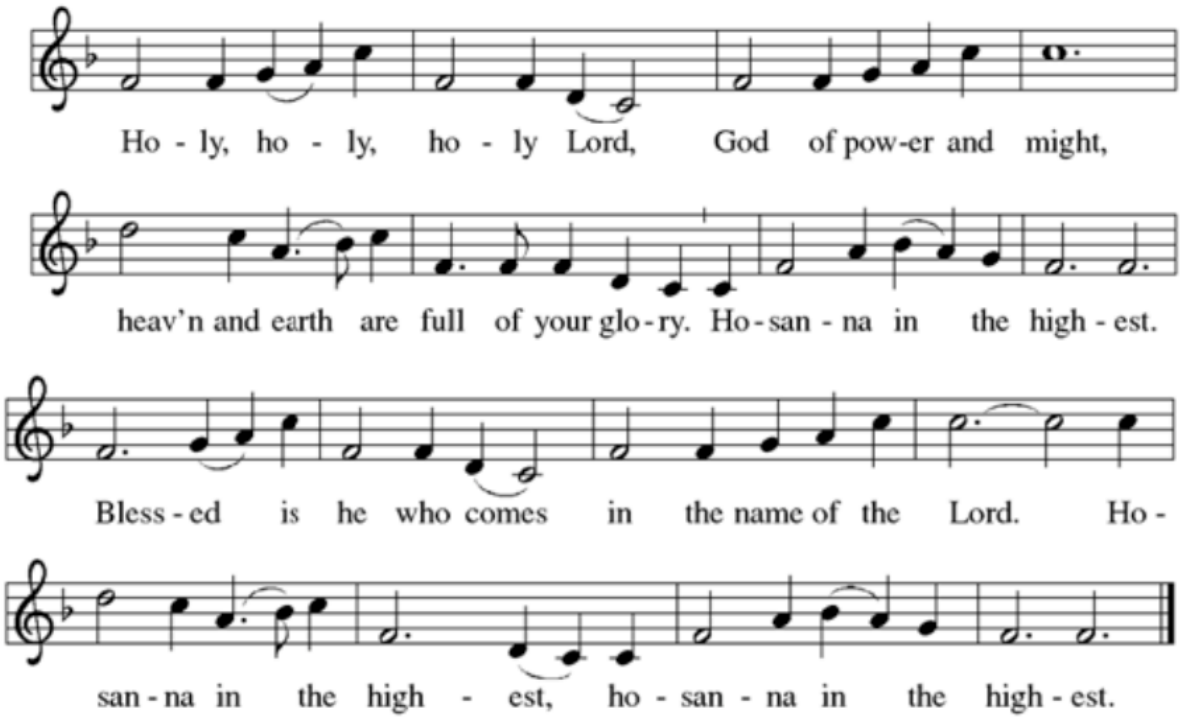
P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you.**

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 thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he might bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

C 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
C **Amen.**

Distribution

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace
C **Amen.**

Post Communion Blessing (STAND)

P Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

+Sending+

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW # 723

Canticle of the Turning



Dismissal

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude