Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 9:00AM

Order of Worship

Worship For Life liturgy

(Worship For Life music folders are in the basket next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #641 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 All Are Welcome

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. Move us with mercy. Amen.

(Prayer opening attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)

Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

31 "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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats
at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 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, 36 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.'
37 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed
you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited
you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and
you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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.' 44 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?' 45 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment
but the righteous into eternal life."

Anthem- To Thee, Almighty King Peace Choir

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #431 O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us

Prayers of the People- (response to *'Lord, in your Mercy'* is *'Hear our prayer.'*)

Sharing of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem- Sing to the Lord of Harvest Ju'bell'ation Ringers

P: Let us pray.
All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.

Holy Communion
Words of Institution
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.**
Distribution
Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)
Communion Hymn- Come Now, You Blessed

1. "Come now, you blessed, eat at my table, said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.
   When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless, sick and in prison, you showed me your love."
2. When did we see you hungry or thirsty? When were you homeless, a stranger alone?
   When did we see you sick or in prison? What have we done that you call us your own?
3. "When you gave bread to earth's hungry children, when you gave welcome to war's refugees,
   when you remembered those most forgotten, you cared for me in the smallest of these."
4. Christ, when we meet you out on life's roadways, looking to us in the faces of need,
   Then may we know you, welcome and show you, love that is faithful in word and in deed.

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)
Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

Dismissal
P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving us today:
Pianist & Ju'bell'ation Ringers Director- Sherry Johnson Song Leader: Judy Hughes
Peace Choir with Director Jerry Johnson
Ju'bell'ation Ringers- Kyle Henderson, Liz Henderson, Kristina Luedtke, Jan Rutkowski, Beth Wagner, Bonnie Walke
Greeters: Alan & Jan Rutkowski
Ushers: Alan Rutkowski, Tom Wilson, Curt Cooley, Jerry Johnson
Communion Assistants: Elaine Mischler, Kristina Luedtke, JoAnn Hoffman
Sunday AM Hospitality Time: Janell Benish
Audio/Visual Team: Lewis Walke & Michael Martinelli
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