

November 23, 2025  
Reign of Christ



**Worship Leaders:**

Pastor Brian Entz & Barb Janski

**Music Leaders:**

Ralph Johansen, Mike Agre, & BPC Choir

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All are invited to stand when there is an \**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The Church is the Church only when it exists for others.... not dominating, but helping and serving.  
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison*

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Glorify Thy Name

*Adkins*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**from Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
**and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

The God of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Be still, then, and know that God is God;  
**God will be exalted among the nations;**  
God will be exalted in the earth.

\*OPENING HYMN

**#268 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Sovereign of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the loving commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has rescued us from the powers of sin, death, and evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our redemption. Trust this good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free. **Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE**

**#581 The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSV)

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."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSV)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

**#209 My Song Is Love Unknown**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-43 (NRSV)

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."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Coronation

*Courtney*

Sebastian Vanderheiden, French Horn  
Ralph Johansen, Piano

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."  
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\*DOXOLOGY

**#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from A Brief Statement of Faith**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sovereign God, we come before you giving thanks for the gift of this day and for the life and promise you offer the world.

In the face of Jesus Christ, your wondrous will is revealed.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For peace in the world, between people and between nations, especially in Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For your beautiful and diverse creation, that humanity may learn to live in harmony with all your creatures, placing care for what you have made above capitalizing from it.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For people who don't have enough: for those without homes, for those without food and water, for those without access to education and healthcare, for those without community and family.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For those in need of healing and those in recovery. Especially...  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For those in grief and mourning. Especially...  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For those seeking justice and an end to violence and oppression.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For those seeking meaning, truth, and beauty in life. May they find in you the source and summit of all that was, is, and is to come.  
God of glory, **transform this world.**

For your Church in all its forms across the world and in our community, that we may proclaim your glory and enact your love.

God of glory, **transform this world.**

For all other concerns and needs in our lives and in our world...

God of glory, **transform this world.**

Holy One, as you gave yourself for the world Christ, teach us to take up our crosses and follow. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his kingdom. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Lord who taught us to pray...

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

**#366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

***Our Mission is:  
Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus***

#### WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship comes from The Saint Helena Psalter, by the Order of Saint Helena (2004).

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adopt-a-Family:** We have the family that we have adopted for the holidays! Items that are donated need to be turned in by **December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Here is the link to sign up for the specific needs and preferences that this family has: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAA72AA3FDCE9-60649395-adoptafamily> Thank you so much for supporting a local family in need this holiday season!

**Lost & Found and Other Items:** There is a table with items outside the Fellowship Hall. These items are free for the taking before November 26th.

**Immigration Aid Collection:** Thank you, BPC, for allowing me to share a bit with you about loving our immigrant neighbors and telling you of the goodness of God's presence already at work in our community. Thank you, Mission Committee, for supplying the donation bin outside the fellowship hall. The bin is for gathering donations of bath & body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent. If you have any questions about what to donate or suggestions about available resources, please let me know. Blessings! Patti Pokorney

**Thanksgiving Service & Ushers:** Join us at Zion Lutheran for the Community Thanksgiving service on **November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**. We are looking for **ushers for this service**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are available to help at this time. Or just let Christy know in the office. Thank you!

**Office Closed:** The office will be closed in observance of **Thanksgiving on November 27, 2025**.

**Poinsettia Orders:** Please submit your poinsettia order and payment to Christy in the office by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Deck the Halls:** We will be Decking the Halls with our friends from Spirit of Joy on **November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am!** After we decorate, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and a chili feed. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office if you are interested in providing chili and/or cornbread.

**150th Celebration Worship Service:** Join us in celebrating serving the community for 150 years! This special service will be on **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

## UPCOMING THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b> <b>November 23rd</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC~Conversations To Go
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>November 25th</b>	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>November 26th</b>	7:30pm: Thanksgiving Service at Zion
<b>Thursday</b> <b>November 27th</b>	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> Office Closed
<b>Sunday</b> <b>November 30th</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC~Deck the Halls & Chili Feed



## ***How Can We Pray for You?***

*Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests.*

### **BPC Prayer List:**

- Family of Larry Pattee
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Rich Dahl
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- George, Elaine, and the Thole family following George's brother's death
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Family of Lisa Johnson
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.



# My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

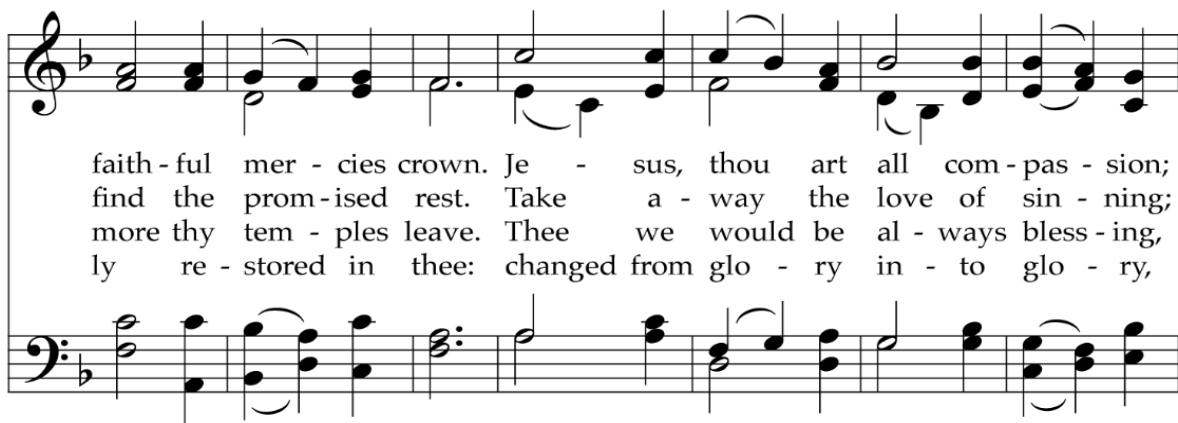
## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



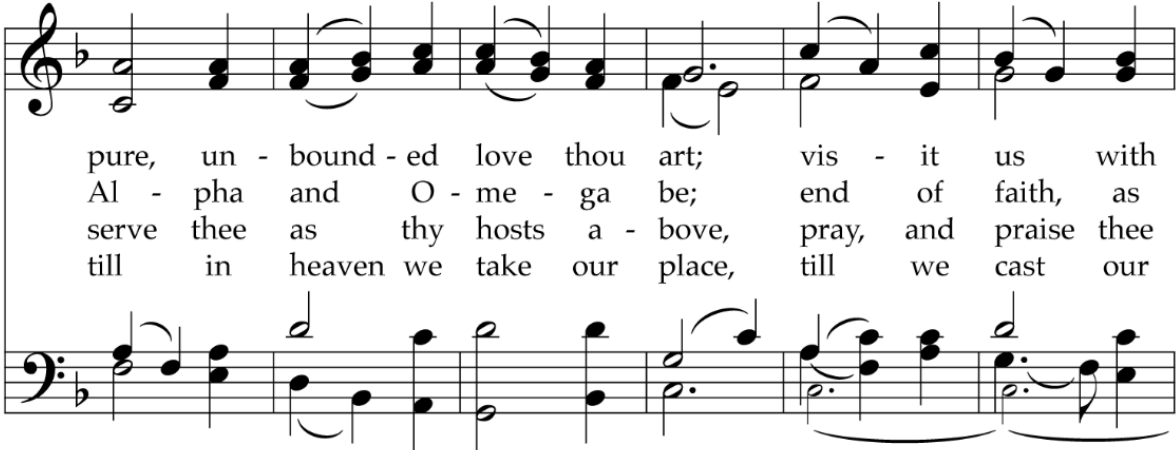
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

# CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.