

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**THEME:** Our True King, Jesus, has won the victory. This gives us renewed strength even as we struggle with the “battles” of life.

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN “Green Book” 534 Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,  
Who, from our mothers’ arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

### OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

### WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: Before we continue in our worship and praise, it is fitting for us to admit to God and each other our sinfulness, especially our failure to live our lives ready for the world’s end and our end.....

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

**C: We do acknowledge our sinfulness, O Lord. We have sinned in our actions, our words, our very thoughts. And we admit that we have often lived only for this life, focused on the material and ego things of this world, and not living or your Kingdom.**

### ...HEARING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

P: God knows our hearts, our failures, our living only for now and for things of this world. And He forgives us for our sinfulness, because He wants us to live free as His beloved children. And so in His name I announce to each of us the full pardon for all of our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### [PRAYER OF THE DAY](#)

P: Let us all pray together these words:

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### [THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS](#)

#### [The First Lesson: Malachi 3:13-18](#)

A book of remembrance is kept by the Lord keeping track of those who fear the Lord

*“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”*

*Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.*

#### [The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20](#)

In Jesus the fullness of God was revealed to us.

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

[The Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:27-43](#)

Through the dry wood of His cross, Christ opens up the way to paradise for those who repent

***And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"***

***Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."***

***One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."***

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG "Green Book" 170](#)      [Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but his own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

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.

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.

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.

Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways

From pole to pole, that wars may cease Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

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.

SERMON      "In the Restoration Business?"      Pastor Lucke

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

**C: We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
    Creator of heaven and earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
        And born of the virgin Mary.  
    He 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,  
        And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
    He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
We 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**

OFFERINGS

We give our offerings as signs of our lives offered to God in humble thanks and service.

OFFERING SONG "Green Book" 410    We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blesses us, To thee our firstfruits give.

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWL FOR JOY

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Green Book" 259

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC