Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA / www.zionharrisburg.org November 24, 2024, Christ the King Sunday 10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament and Healing Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

(During the prelude, you are invited to be in quiet prayer as we prepare to begin our worship of God. It can be an opportunity to pray for people and situations mentioned during the announcements; a time to prepare for confession and forgiveness; and/or a time to be in silence before the Lord.)

Prelude "Soon and Very Soon" - Andre Crouch, arr Jack Schrader

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Gathering Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns Red 431 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its 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 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 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.

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



Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- P Let us pray: Sovereign Lord, at the end of time your eternal reign will be fully revealed and all will stand in awe of your Son Jesus, the King of kings. As we gather in your holy presence, nourish us with Word, bread, and wine that we may go forth making that reign known; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6

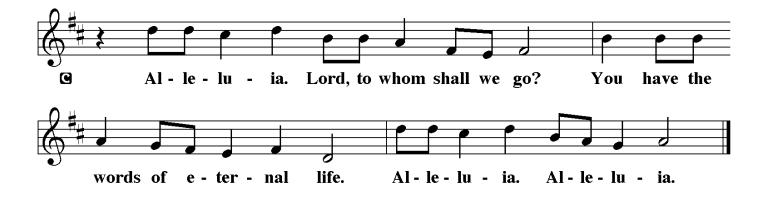
⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Psalm 93

- ¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- ²Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- ⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!
- ⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."



Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten" - 13th c. plainsong Sammy Stark, soprano, with Zion Ensemble **Apostles' Creed**

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

I 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 into hell. 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.

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. Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Prayers

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

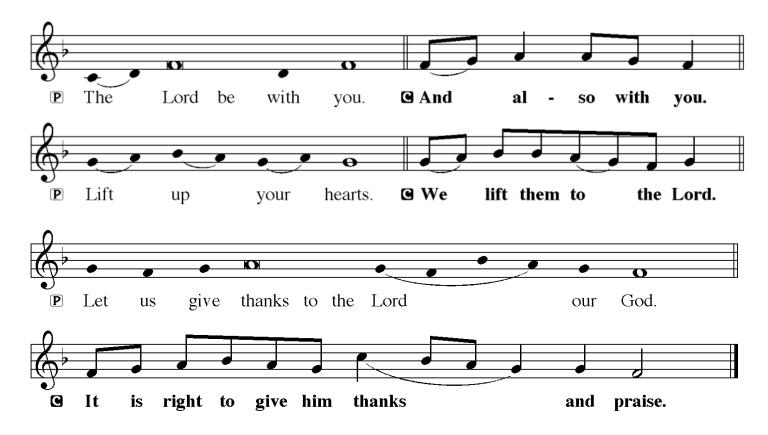
A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers: P Lord in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

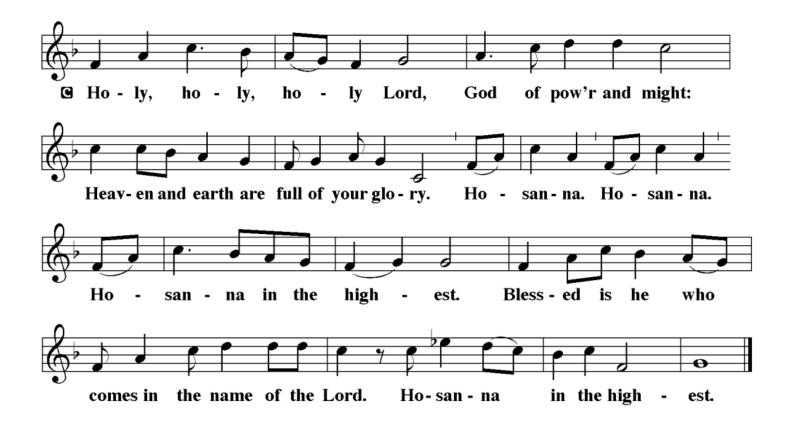
The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Eucharistic Prayer

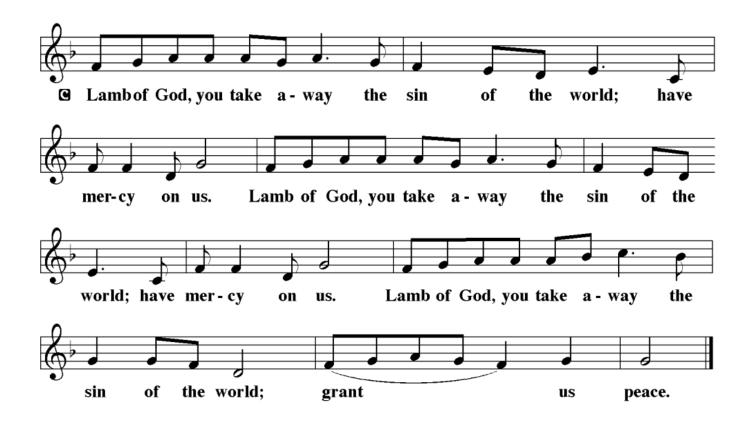
P Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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 in 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 which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.



The Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord. All who would desire healing prayer are welcome to receive it.

For those communing in-person, take a clear communion cup to receive wine from the assisting minister or a purple communion cup to receive grape juice. Communion is offered at the altar rail on the pulpit side. Healing prayer with anointing is offered at the altar rail on the lectern side. For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually in my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. (Saint Alphonsus Liquori)

Post Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Sung Response:

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Red 428 (tune 2, vv 1 & 4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His Blood can make the foulest clean, His Blood availed for me.

Post Communion Prayer

- P Let us pray: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn	Now Thank We All Our God	Sun Sch 556
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Now thank we all our God With heart and hand and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blest us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Thro' 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 ills 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. Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

A time of fellowship with those attending online directly follows the worship service.

Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another following worship is encouraged.

Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.

Serving in Worship Today: Presiding Worship Leader: Preacher: Minister of Technology: AV on Site: Minister of Music: Vocalist: Cantor & Responsive Reader: Lector: Assisting Ministers:

Pastor Keith Eslinger Pastor Karin Pejack Catherine Germann Bob Haas, Jeff Springer, John Cooper Norma Swain Sammy Stark Ricky Perrine Todd Pejack Pastor Karin Pejack, Eileen Marks, Judy Atticks

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36