

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns ” LBW #405

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “Jesus Shall Reign” LBW #530

Prayer of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by His saving work, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth that are now torn apart and held captive by sin find liberty in Christ and be subjected to His gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading I Corinthians 15:20-28
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Mackenzie Smith
 Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:
**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “The Shepherd Knows” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LBW #424

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “I Will Rejoice” Faith Singers

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**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.**
 LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” WOV #801

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday

What Does This Mean?

1. Why is the most obvious reading of this text obviously wrong?
2. What makes the “right” reading of the text so difficult?
3. How does this text both warn and comfort us?
4. What is the only solution to this complex text?



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