

*Our Vision*  
***God Nourishes All to Grow***

*Our Mission*  
***Inspiring All to Love and Serve with Christ***



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Christ the King Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

Partita on *Lobe den Herren* – Jacques Berthier

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

At the Name of Jesus – Douglas E. Wagner

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

God reigns; let the earth be glad.

God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

**We bow before God's strength and majesty;  
we come in awe before God most high.**

Grace to you and peace from the One  
who is and was and is to come.

**God's rule is from everlasting and forevermore;  
all creation bows before God's holiness.**

Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth,  
to worship and make faithful witness.

**God is our righteousness and our peace.  
We come to be renewed in God's truth.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

**Ruler of the universe, Creator of all worlds, Giver of life: we gather as your own people to praise you and marvel at your goodness to us. Bring us back from our scattered lives and fragmented loyalties to the shelter of your fold. Assure us once more of your loving care, and teach us again that we may bear witness to your truth, this day and always. Amen.**

**HYMN #35**

**"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come from those scattered places where differences divide and inhumanity dismays. Bring the injustices of a troubled world and the prejudices and narrowness of your own vision to the only one who can heal. Let us recognize together that we have fallen short in thought, word and deed. Let us confess our sins:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Almighty God, whose reign we have denied and whose purposes we have opposed, we pray for forgiveness and healing. We confess that self-concern, rather than your will, has motivated us. We have claimed to follow Jesus, but our discipleship has been half-hearted, and our worship empty of passion and expectation. Turn us around today, claim us for your own purposes. We ask it in Christ's name.**

SILENT CONFESSION

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive)

Christ loves us and frees us from our sins.

**Those who are of the truth will hear Christ's voice  
and will bear witness to God's salvation.**

God is our righteousness and our security; there is no need for us to fear.

**We are forgiven, loved and freed. Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE #582 – Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** (responsive)

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,  
let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.** (*share words of peace*)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Isn't He Beautiful – arr. Mark Hayes

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Alpha and Omega, source and ending of all that is and yet will be, we rejoice today in the ministry of Jesus that revealed your love and provided for us forgiveness of sin and fullness of life. May we embrace the reign which is beyond the standards of this world, testifying to your truth by our words and deeds, that others may learn to trust your love. Amen.**

EPISTLE

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 1: 4b-8

**PSALM 132: 1-12** (responsive)

Lord, remember David—all the ways he suffered  
and how he swore to the Lord, how he promised the strong one of Jacob:

**“I won’t enter my house, won’t get into my bed.  
I won’t let my eyes close, won’t let my eyelids sleep,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling place for the strong one of Jacob.”**

Yes, we heard about it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

**Let’s enter God’s dwelling place;  
let’s worship at the place God rests his feet!**

Get up, Lord, go to your residence—  
you and your powerful covenant chest!

**Let your priests be dressed in righteousness;  
let your faithful shout out with joy!**

And for the sake of your servant David,  
do not reject your anointed one.

**The Lord swore to David a true promise that God won’t take back:  
“I will put one of your own children on your throne.  
And if your children keep my covenant  
and the laws that I will teach them,  
then their children too will rule on your throne forever.”**

GOSPEL

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

John 18: 33-37

SERMON

“Let Your Life Speak”  
Pastor Katie Estes

**\*HYMN #264**

**"At the Name of Jesus"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has multiplied the goodness we enjoy and continues to bless us in every way. How shall we respond to the One who gathers the faithful and entrusts us with the tasks of bringing justice and truth to a troubled world? Let us give account of our stewardship in this time of giving.

### OFFERTORY

Pastorale – Léon Boëllmann

### **\*RESPONSE #607 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**No offering is complete, gracious God, unless we give ourselves with our substance. Take all that is yours and make us partners with Jesus Christ in your ministry of reconciliation. Use us as instruments of Christ's continuing revelation in the Spirit, as witnesses who live and speak your truth day by day. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

### **\*CHARGE & BLESSING** (responsive)

Grace to you and peace from God almighty.

May love and freedom be yours in Jesus Christ.

**We receive the gifts of God's grace and peace.**

**We rejoice in the freedom to love as Jesus loved.**

Let the Spirit of God speak through you today and each day.

Let God's words be on your tongue through this week.

**We are not ashamed to share the gospel.**

**We want to be caring and kind in all our talk.**

Live the good news that you have received.

Be guided by the One who rules for all eternity.

**We are here to testify to truth in word and deed.**

**We will let our lives speak of God's truth in all we do.**

### POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God – J. S. Bach / arr. Virgil Fox