LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 AND MATTHEW 25:31-46

"Christ the King 2026"

ANTE COMMUNION
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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SERVICE OF ANTE COMMUNION

BOLD *indicates congregational responses -* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PRELUDE *"Christ, Thou Art Our Day and Night"* Georg Bohm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION *1 John 1:8-9*

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.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS *Exodus 20:1-17*

1. **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; you shall have no other gods.**
2. **You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
3. **Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
4. **Honor your father and mother.**
5. **You shall not murder.**
6. **You shall not commit adultery.**
7. **You shall not steal.**
8. **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
9. **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
10. **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT *Mark 12:28-31*

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God 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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Rejoice, for Christ is King!"* **ELW #430**

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

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.

THE KYRIE *Mark 10:47, ELW pg. 147*

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

***GLORY TO GOD** *Luke 2:14, John 1:29, ELW pg. 148*

AM: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON **EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24**

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I
will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and
bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost,

and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

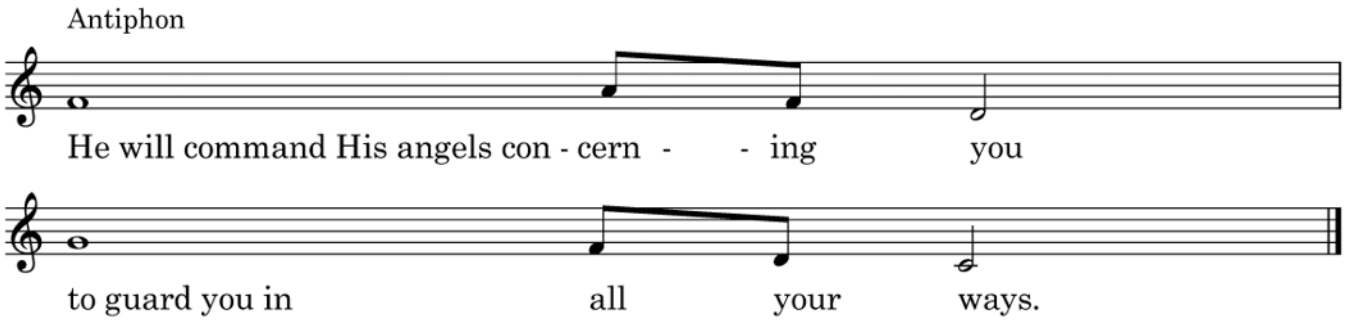
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

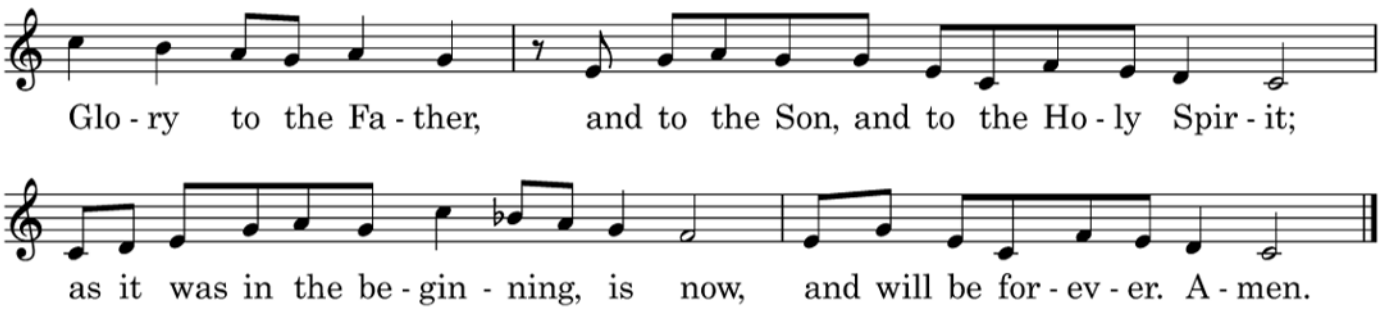
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a

Antiphon *(sung at beginning and end)* *Psalm 91:11*



1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.



SECOND LESSON **PHILIPPIANS 2:5**

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
10 so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges : Kings and Prophets : Exile : Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : +**Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

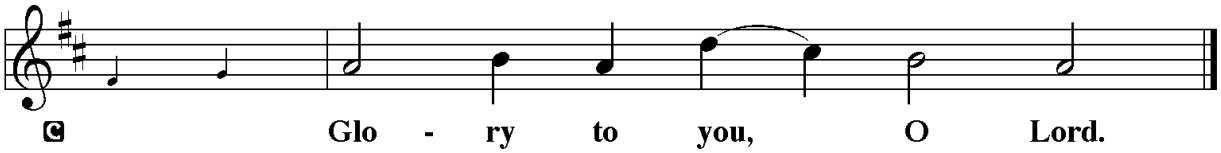
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 6:68*

Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL** **MATTHEW 25:31-46**

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

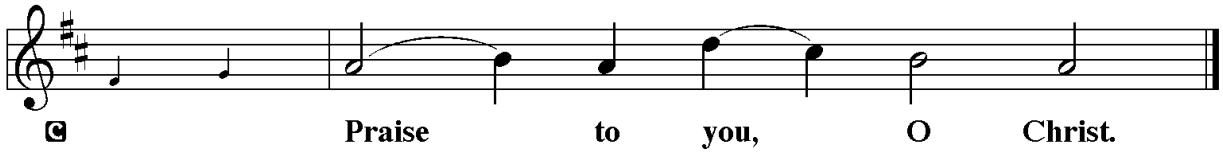
Response after the announcement:



[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave

me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life." of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE *"Christ the King 2026"*

The Mind of Christ
Jesus Christ is Lord, King of Kings

The Law *is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power:* I am accountable for this gift of life? Yes. Lord, have mercy.

The Gospel *is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power:* Jesus Christ is king and Lord of all. I trust in His rule now and forever.

So What?/Plain Sense*:* Do what you do listening and obeying Christ the King.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* **ELW #634**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come 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.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Philippians 4:7*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Tell the Good News About Jesus"* L. S. Baily & B.S. Mayo
Offered by Chapel Ringers and Chancel Choir

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*In Unison)*

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, *and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

AM: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* **ELW #855**

***DISMISSAL**
P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* Arr. by John Troutman

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Marty Lineberger, In honor of Jennifer and Bryson's birthday.



Ministers……..People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor…….Michael Comer
Activities Director…….……..Brit Borders
Administrative Assistant……...Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries…….……....Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist…….……..……Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister…….…….....Chris Lowe
Acolyte…….....Elena Hoffman
Lector…….……....Pam Overcash
Crucifer……...……..…Jordan Hoffman
Head Ushers…….Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR…….…….…….....…..Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month……..…….....David Zibell and Rob Andrews

GENERAL INFORMATION

If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE

This QR code links to the My Amplify (formerly Easy Tithe) web page that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.

Upcoming EVENTS

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES | *Boxes due TODAY, November 22*

POINSETTIA'S | *Forms Due TODAY, November 22*
If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas Season, please fill out the insert in the bulletin and return it to the church office.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS | *Due Sunday, November 29*
Please take an angel(s) from the tree in the Narthex and sign the sheet. Don't feel you have to buy everything on the list. If you would rather donate funds instead of shopping, please designate on your check/giving. Please drop off your gifts at the church placed in a bag with its angel tag securely attached. We will do the wrapping.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/COMMITMENT SUNDAY | Sunday, December 6
Budget approval for 2027 and nominations of the new Church Council members.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PARTY | *Friday, December 11th | 4:30 - 6:30 PM*
The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party.

CHRISTMAS DINNER | *Saturday, December 12 | 6:00 PM*
Please plan to attend this year's Christmas Dinner, an event not to be missed! Gramma Hoyt's catered meal, vocalist Marty Sale and door prizes. Tickets available from Steve Clark, Rick Peak, Terry Ratchford or Charles Edwards. Sponsored by the men of the church.

CANTATA & JESUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | *Sunday, December 13 | 11:00 AM*
The Christian Ed, Youth & Family and Worship & Music committees would like to invite everyone to stay for a lunch and birthday celebration for Jesus immediately following the Cantata Worship Service. Mark your calendars and plan to join your Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

CAROLING | *Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15 | 4:00 PM*
Spread some joy by caroling this holiday season. Participants should meet at the church.

ALTAR FLOWERS | *2027*
If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451. Dates left are April 11, June 6, July 4, and July 11.

NOVEMBER'S LOVE OFFERING CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER



They have served thousands of women, men, and their families. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education-procedures, risks, and alternatives, and post-abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives.

Weekly CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Life in Christ (Fellowship Hall, Chapel)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, November 23	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, November 24	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wednesday, November 25		Office Closed
Thursday, November 26		**Thanksgiving Office Closed**
Friday, November 27		Office closed
	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study
Saturday, November 28	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps
Sunday, November 29	8:00 am	Morning Prayer Service (Chapel)
	8:30 am	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	**Finance Team Budget Questions**
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)





DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME

Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer *(Psalm 1, 55:17). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

PRAYER LIST

Fellowship: Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, Deborah Gault, Baker Hampton, Larry Hoover, Susan Jackson, Lee Ann Lindler, Leon Moretz, Sean & McKenzie Rankin, Baby Arthur Rankin, Pat Robinson and Natalie Salois.

Friends of the Church: Bill Fisher, **Christy Hensley**, Vince Quinn, Lee Weaver and Linda Young.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - READ THE WHOLE BIBLE

11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19
11/23 Morning Reading: James 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 20, 21
11/24 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 22, 23
11/25 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 24, 25, 26
11/26 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 27, 28, 29
11/27 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32
11/28 Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34
11/29 Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36

THE PSALMS (Book 3 of Psalter) - Pray the Prayer book the HOLY SPIRIT gives!

St. Michael and All Angels to Christ the King/St. Andrew's Day (Sept. 29 to Nov. 30)

God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit promises the Last Day when Jesus will judge the living and the dead and bring the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	95, 73	95, 75	95, 77	95, 79	95, 81	95, 84	95, 88
Evening	74	76	78	80	82	85	89

Invitatory through Christ the King: The Lord will come again in glory: O come let us worship Him.

Antiphon through St. Andrews Day: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITTLE CHURCH - STUDY GOD'S WORDS WITH OTHERS

Sunday, November 29

Morning Prayer - Matthew 7:21-29 "*Build on the Rock Jesus Christ"*
Bible Study -
Chapel Class – Hosea
Fellowship Class – Ruth
Joy Class – Romans
Story of Salvation (Church Facebook Page) – "Philippians Mind of Christ"
Worship - Hebrews 11:1-16 and Mark 13:24-37 *"Be Alert"*

Help Us Purchase Church Handbells!

Name: _____

Donation Amount $_____ (Please note "Handbells" on check)

Memorial Transfer $ _____ Memorial Acct. Name _____

Signature for transfer _____



Inscription: (Maximum of 30 characters including spaces, up to 3 lines)

In honor or memory of :

_____ (Line 1)

_____ (Line 2)

_____ (Line 3)



Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 22. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel, and note for Poinsettias on the check. Please pick up your flowers after the Christmas Eve Service.

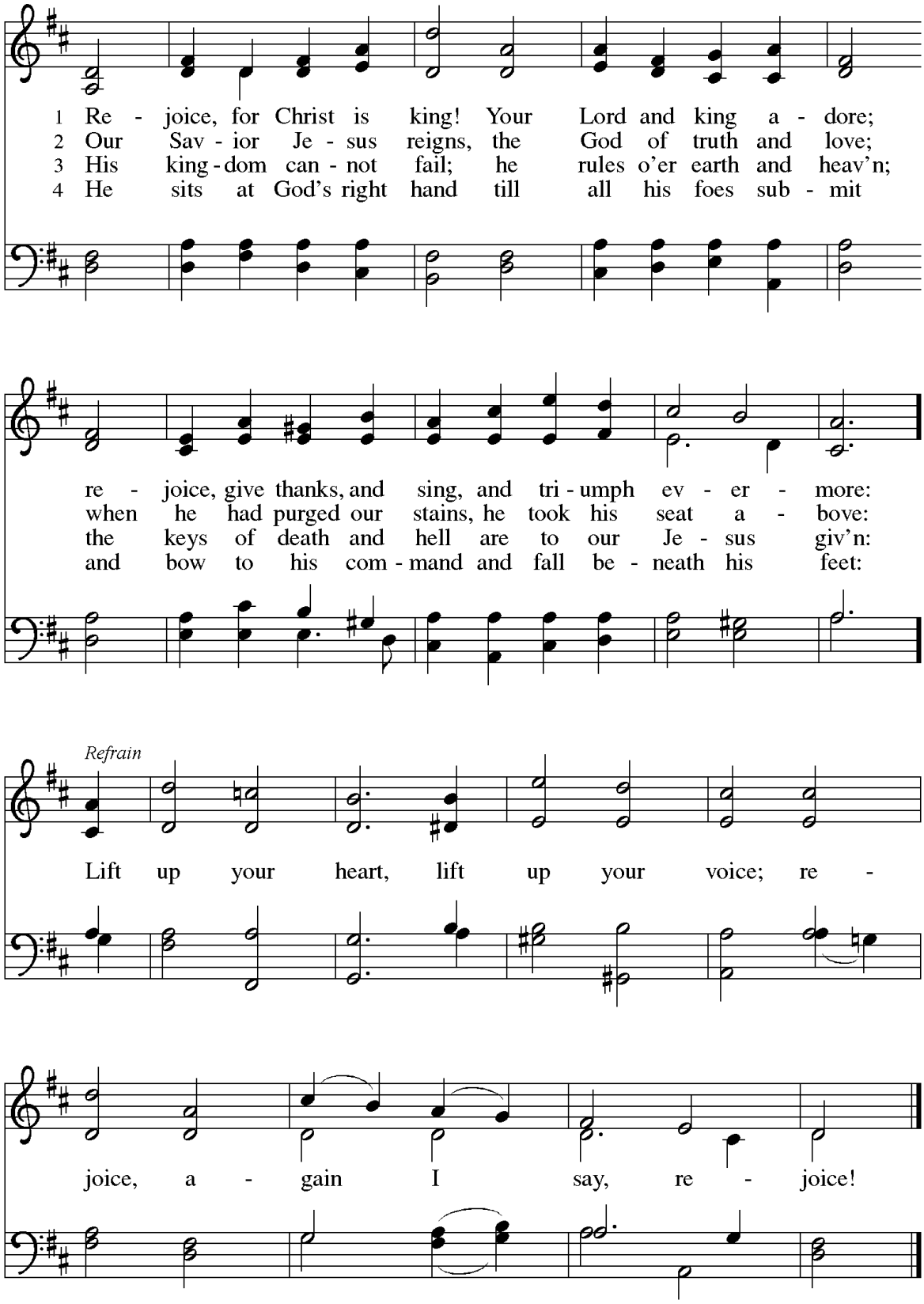
Quantity:_____ @ 12.00 each=Total $ _____

In Honor of:_____

In Memory of: _____

Placed by: _____

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



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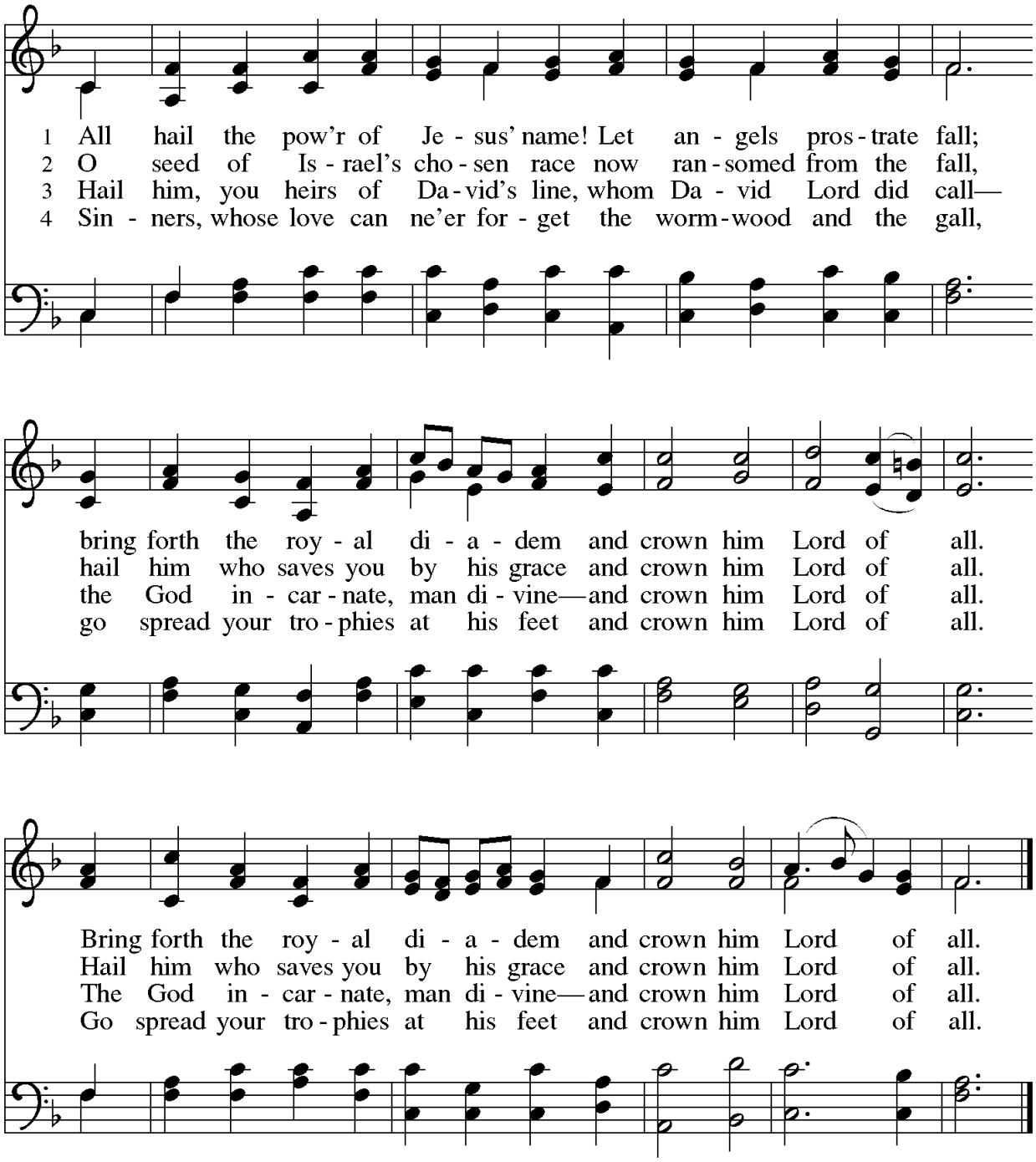
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

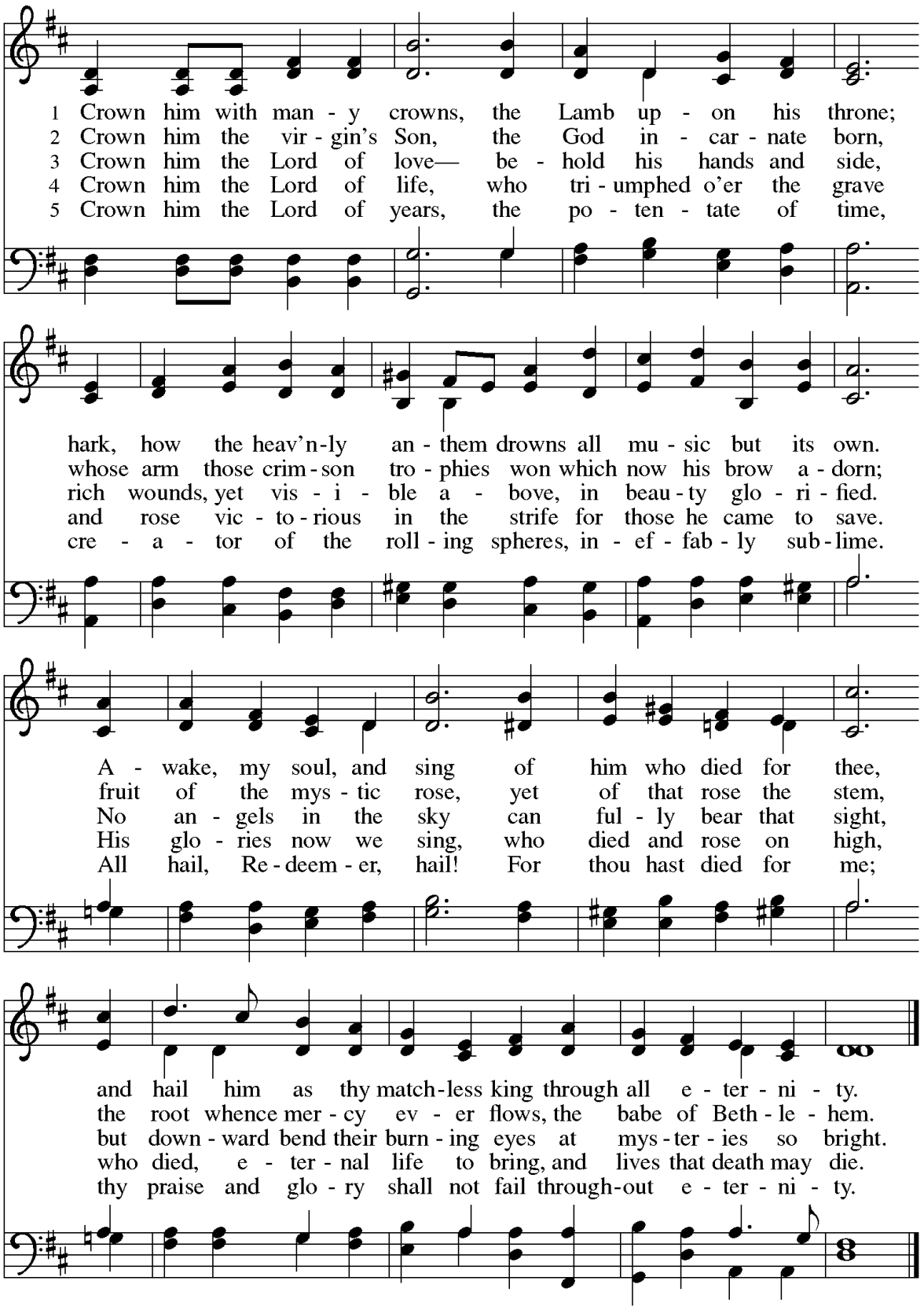


5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893