Reign Of Christ Sunday



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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel,* from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation And Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month:
Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM)

Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM) is a grassroots non-profit organization located in our neighborhood that is dedicated to protecting Indigenous land and communities through direct action, advocacy, and community building. They have many initiatives that address community safety, healing and cultural wellness, and justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. We just transferred a property to IPM as an act of reparation.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:

Reign Of Christ Sunday

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

*Opening Hymn ***Soon and Very Soon***

1. Soon and very soon, we will live the reign of God. (3x)
   Hallelujah, Hallelujah we'll live the reign of God
2. No racism there, we will live the reign of God. (3x)
3. Peace for all the world, we will live the reign of God…
4. Justice for all, we will live the reign of God…..

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

The people repeat after the presiding minister throughout the prayer:
…We belong to God.
We belong to God.

5. We belong to God, we will live the reign of God. (3x)
6. Christ will make us one, we will live the reign of God…

*Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**.

*Prayer of the Day

*****=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading — Psalm 95:1-7a

The congregation joins in song in the bolded text.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come now and worship our God.

[1] Come, let us sing to God;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.
[3] For you are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come now and worship our God.

[4] In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before our maker.
[7a] For the God of liberation is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come now and worship our God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46** (Spark Bible p. 318)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] 31 "When the Promised One 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 ruler will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are
blessed by God, inherit the dominion 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.'37Then 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 ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from
me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil's 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."

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
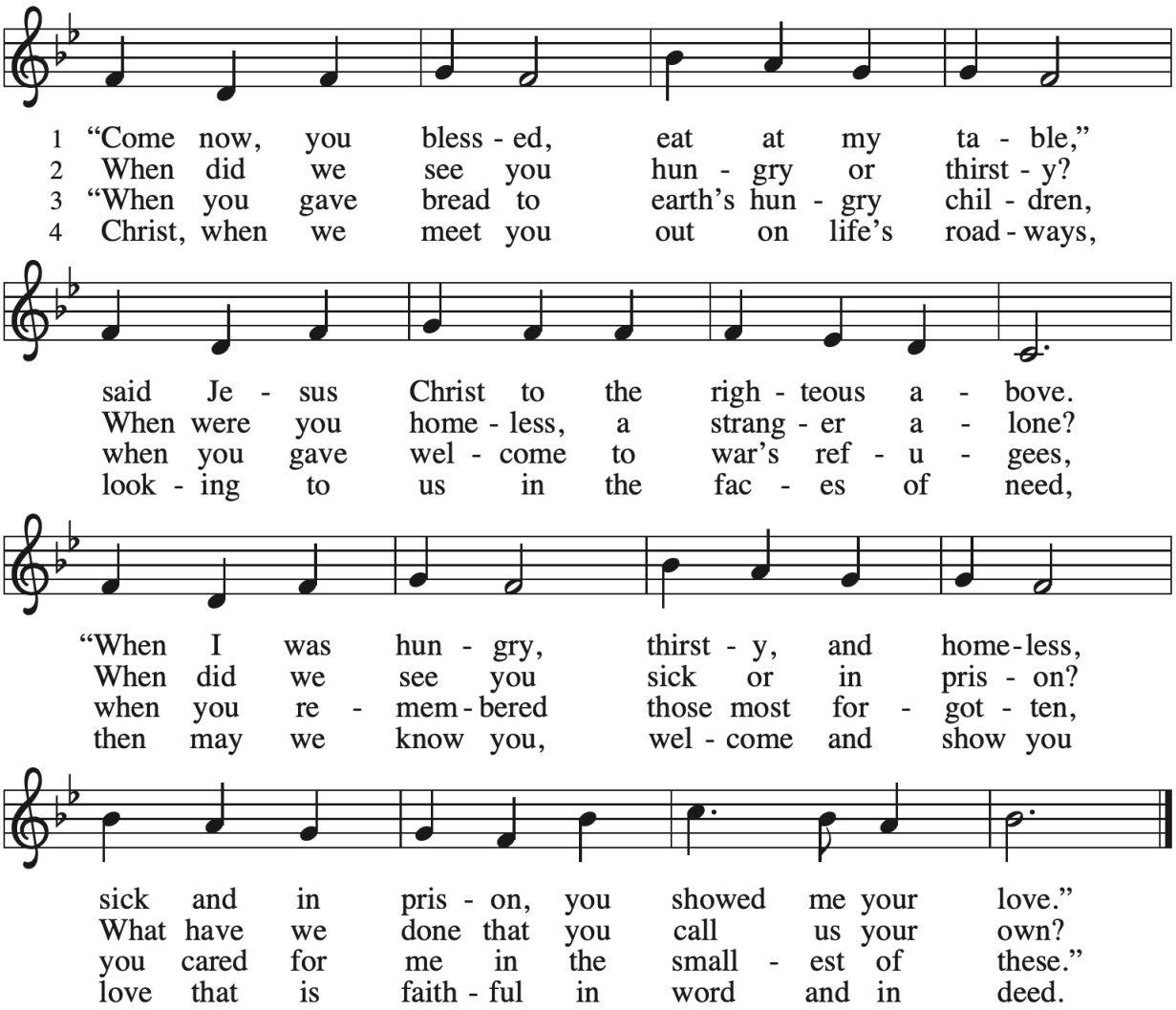
Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day ***Come Now, You Blessed*** ***ASC 1059***



*Prayers of the People

Each petition ends: God of Grace, ***hear our prayer.***

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering our Gifts ***Draw The Circle Wide*** ***Mark Miller***

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's use this QR Code.

Gathering our Pledges for 2027

Today is pledge Sunday. We invite you to make a financial pledge to support our ministries in 2027. You may bring your pledge card forward as we sing. Truly, your giving is what makes our ministries possible. Thank you for your generosity!

*Offertory ***Everything That We Have*** ***Bret Hesla***

Refrain:
Everything that we have,
Everything that we are.
Every moment is a blessing from above.

It's endless love that we breathe.
It's endless love that we receive.
What has freely come, we now let freely go.

1. Working hard to survive is no guarantee.
For the deck is always stacked against the poor.
If we'd use just what we need.
Reject the creeping cancer of greed.
Like a miracle, the hungry could be fed. ***Refrain***

2. May we show gratitude in the way that we live.
Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts.
Imagine how the world should be.
Then take a risk to build this dream.
That's the offering that God is asking for. ***Refrain***

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**
Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,
Jesus Christ will come again.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Jesus Christ will come again.

*The Prayer of Jesus

Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

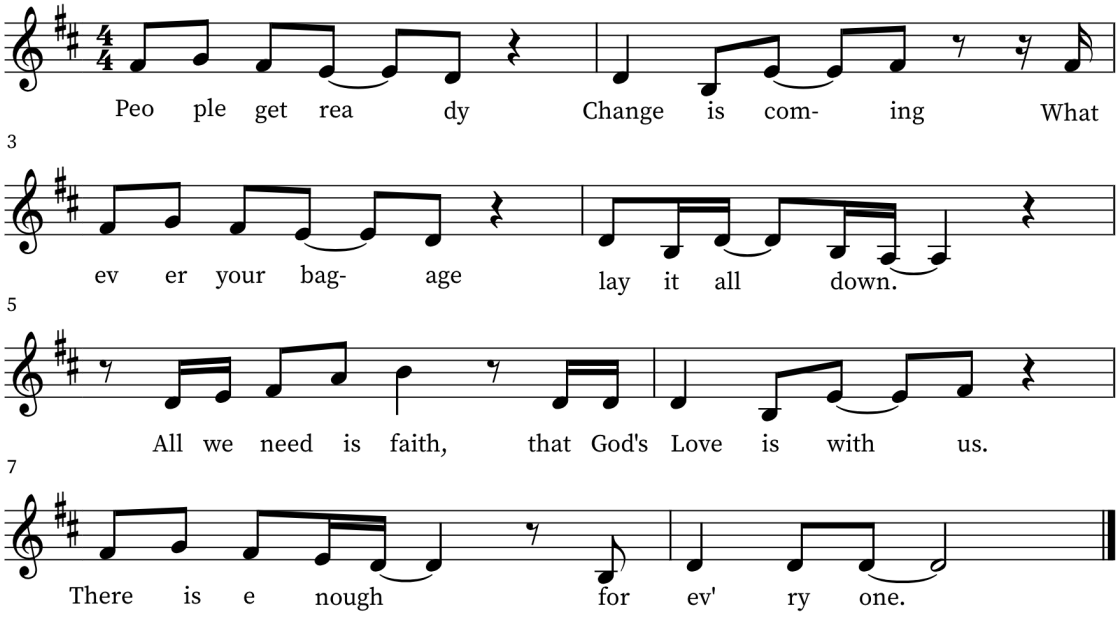
All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.

Songs During Communion

Come To The Table ***ELW 481***

People Get Ready (adapted) ***Curtis Mayfield***

Verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated.



Jesus, Remember Me ***ELW 616***

*Blessing

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.

Go in peace to love and serve.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Laura Twedell
Prayers:	Kim Guessford
Offertory:	OSLC Choir
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer
Prelude:	Estelle Ivory
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, November 25
NO DABS
10:15AM: Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

Sunday, November 29
11:00AM: Adult Forum *Advent Zine Making*

Are you interested in becoming a member or just learning more about OSLC?

Please reach out to one of the pastors:
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