Vasa Lutheran Church

Christ the King

Pastor Tim Seitz Accompanist Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 22, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS ELW 855

V1
Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly 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.

V2

Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

V3

Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning
eyes at mysteries so bright.

V4
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.
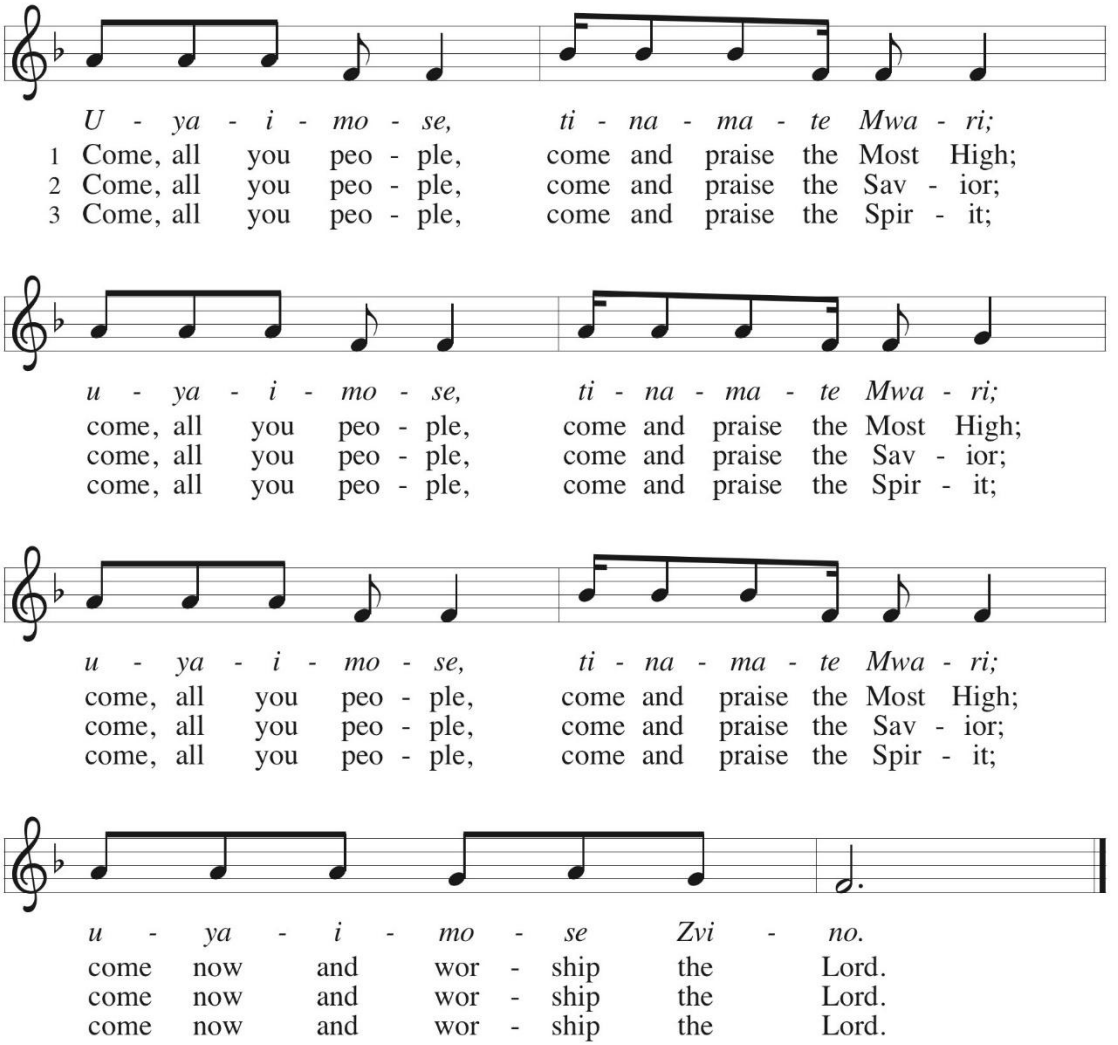
V5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

GREETING: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



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PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.**

Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-7 *We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.* Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to the disciples:] "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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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, 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, 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.' 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 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.' 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, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.' 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?' 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

L: Word of God, word of life | **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY ELW 264

V1
Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

V2
God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

V3
Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

V4
His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY JESUS SHALL REIGN ELW 434

V1
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

V2
To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

V3
People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name

V4
Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

V5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: God, in your mercy. Please respond with **Hear our prayer**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.
L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT
LORD'S PRAYER
Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

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 HYMN COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME ELW 693

V1
Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
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V2
All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

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V3
For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

V4
Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.



Rita Pearson, Wendy Anderson, Scott Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson, Lynda Rosener, Connor Michalicek (Rosann Pearson's grandson), Rachel Harper (Barry Skog's Niece)

Parish Pulse:
November 15th
Participating in Worship:
97+ 125 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
$3,205

Worship Assistants Today
November 22nd
Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Rick Samuelson
Lector: Barry Skog
Hospitality: Sue Hedeen

Worship Assistants Next Week
November 29th
Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Tim Carlson
Lector: Tim Carlson
Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

*There will be Thanksgiving treats after service today.
*Forms are available for ordering your Christmas poinsettias. Deadline is Dec.3rd.
* a Christmas tree with gift options will be up at the church if you are wanting to give to the Goodhue County Christmas project.
*Sat. Nov 28th at 9AM we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please join us if you are able.
*Sunday Nov 29th no Sunday school. There will be a "fluffing" of the Christmas tree after service.

Altar Flowers given today:
By ***Tim and Melanie Carlson in memory of Marilyn Carlson.***

MUSIC FOR November 22, 2026

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COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME
Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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