St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.



The Mission of St. Brendan's

The mission of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church is to respond to the needs of the community and the world in a form that fosters and encourages a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We welcome visitors. Take time to sign our guest book in the entry, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska
Michael Rowcroft ~ Officiant
Musicians ~ Stephanie, Piano & Elena, Violin

Last Sunday after the Day of Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2026

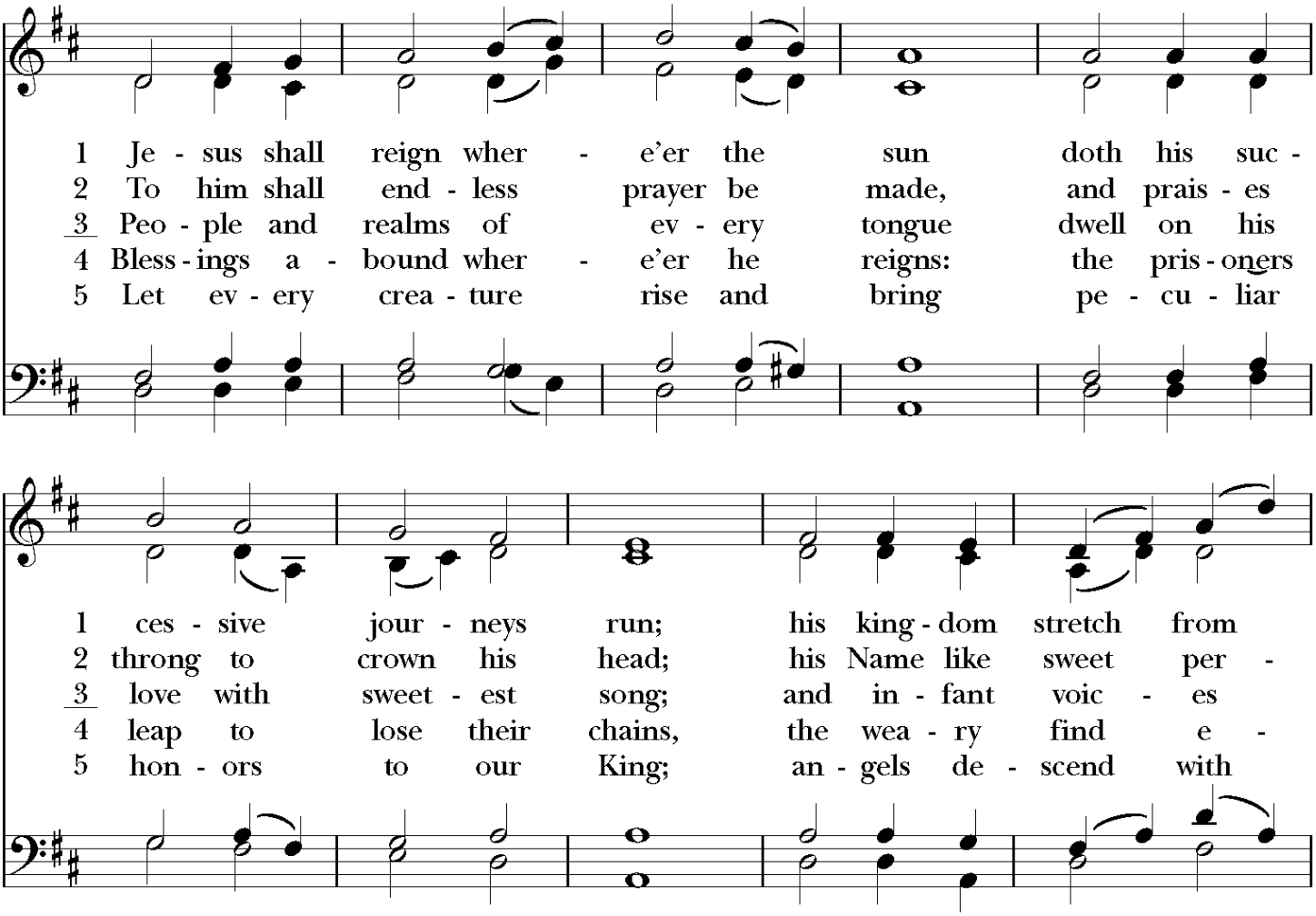
Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able and join in singing the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign where o'er the sun

Hymnal 544





All standing as able, the Officiant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel or stand as able.

The Officiant says

If we say that 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. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

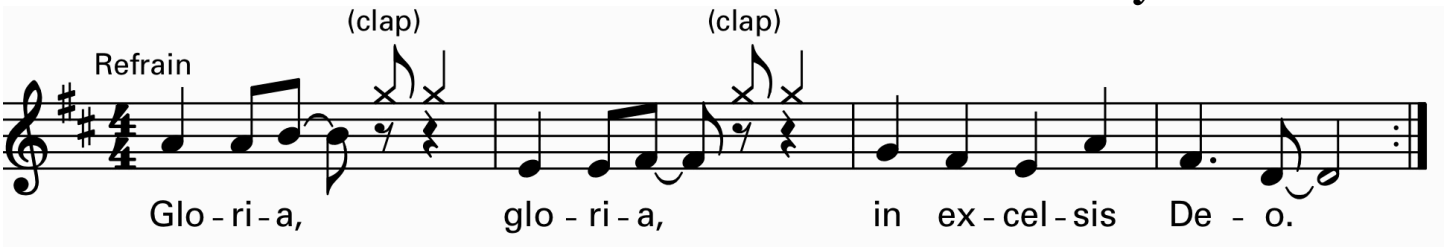
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

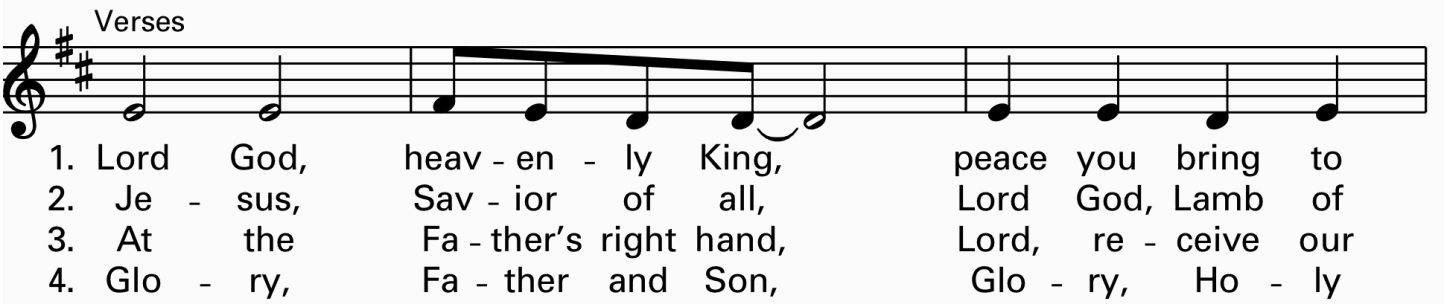
The Officiant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The following is sung, all standing as able.

Gloria **Glory & Praise 100**







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Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24* Dave Muldoon

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the

countries, and will 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 100 — Elena Levi

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

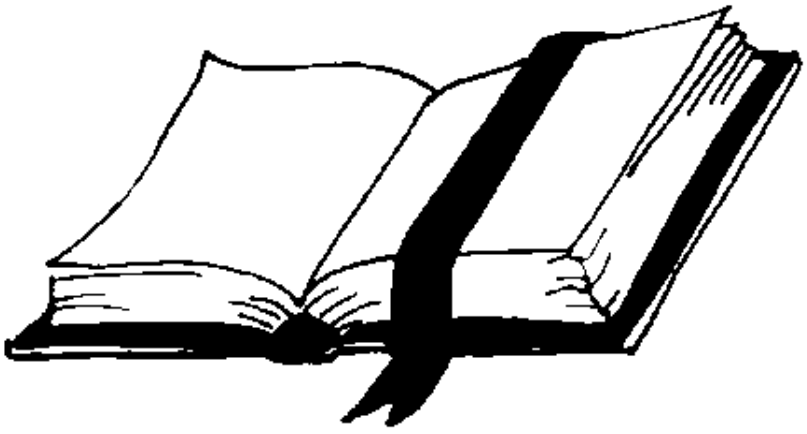
4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23* Sean Murphree

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn — Glory & Praise 560

God of the Hungry

Scott Soper



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All stand as able.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46* Michael Rowcroft

The congregation may remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "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 that 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 who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 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 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."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon — Michael Rowcroft

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Form III — Brita Rice

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble*;* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.*** We pray for ***Mary, Cindy & family, Gary, Christy, Eve, Kobe, Penny E., Ron, Geoff, Sarah, Jeff, Katie, Cecelia, Kendon, Mark, Al, Peter, Judy & family, Jim, Marilyn, Caroline, Tamira, Heather, Fred, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, John, Judi, Linda, John, Mike, Ashu, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Julie, Linda, Penny, Jim, Anne, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S: Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

All Stand as able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

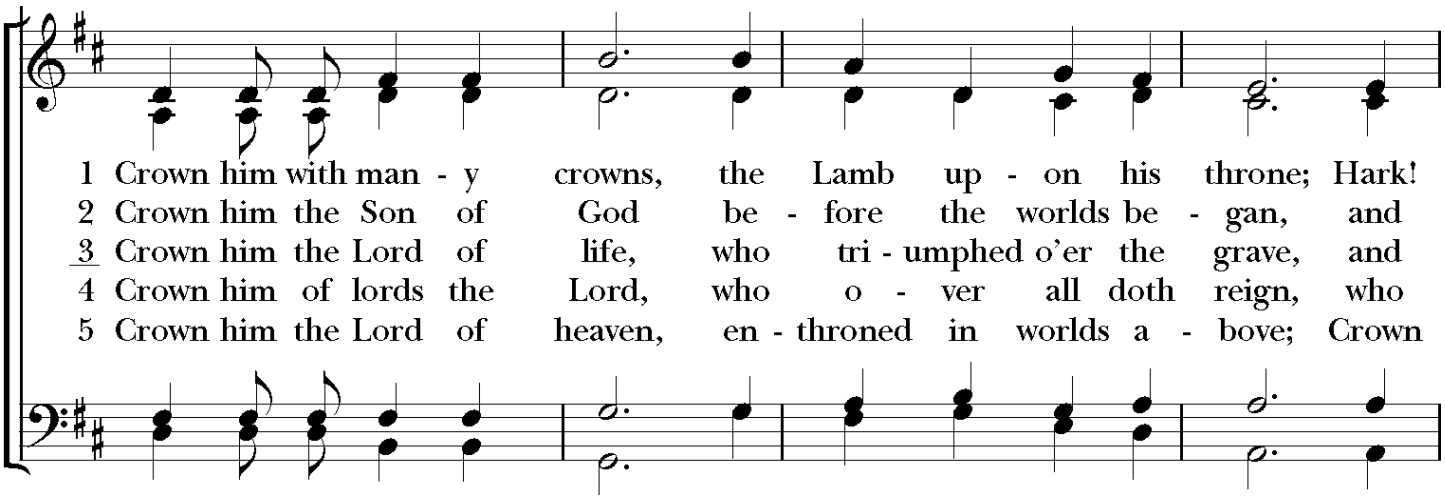
Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Today's loose offering will go to the Vestry Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Hymn

Crown him with many crowns **Hymnal 494**





The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology *(a hymn of praise)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion
The General Thanksgiving

BCP page 836

Officiant and People say

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*.

The Officiant says

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to sing,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's tale. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Worship Leader know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers –**Dave Muldoon & Jo Schoeppe***

Communion Music **Stephanie & Elena**

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing as able for any birthdays or anniversaries and together say

Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

People may be seated and announcements are now made.

THANKSGIVING EVE SOUP SUPPER

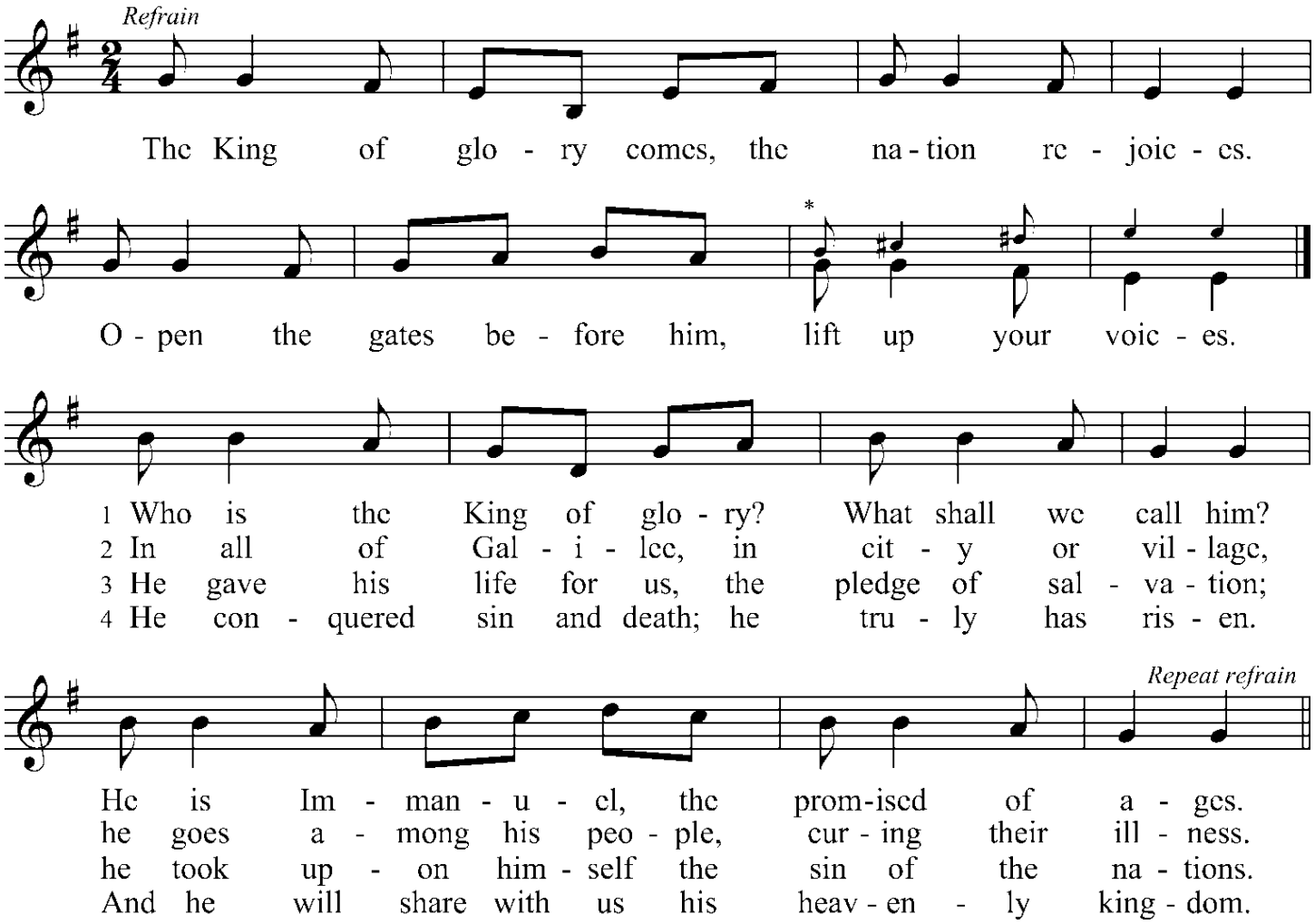
Wednesday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m.
Aldersgate Methodist Church – 9161 Cinema Drive
See Carla with any questions



Holiday Market Important Notice!!!

- **Set Up – Monday – Friday - 11/30-12/4 - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- **Please Bring Donations No Later Than Wednesday – 12/2/ 9 a.m.**
- **Bring Baked Goods No Later Than Friday – 12/4 - Noon**

Closing Hymn *The King of Glory Comes* My Heart Sings Out 90



**Sing small notes as a descant on the final refrain.*

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Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 29: The Reign of Christ or Christ the King—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays. In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race.

In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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H 494 - Music: Descant, © 1970, Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.M 90 - Words © 1969, 1982 OCP Publications. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Arr. © 1974 United Church Press. All rights reserved. Used by permission. **Gloria (Clap, clap, clap Gloria)** Type: Music; First Line: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo Language: English Contributors: Mike Anderson Tune: © 1983, Kevin Mayhew **God of the Hungry** Type: Words and Music; First Line: God of all the hungry millions Language: English Text based on Matthew 25:35-40. Text and music © 1989, OCP. All rights reserved. Contributors: Scott R Soper, Scott Soper **The King of Glory Comes**
Type: Music; First Line: The King of glory comes, the nations rejoices. Contributors: Willard F. Jabusch, 1966, John Ferguson, 1973 Tune: Arr. © 1973 United Church Press

"Of Goats and Kings"

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"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 that are blessed by the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world..." - Matthew 25: 31

I have always struggled with what appears to be a major difference of opinion that I have with Jesus. He seems to like sheep more than goats. In Matthew 25 he describes separating sheep and goats with the sheep ending-up in the place of favor at his right hand. Moreover, they get to inherit the whole kingdom, which, it turns out, was prepared for them from the very beginning.

It was all for the sheep? Boy, won't the cats be surprised when they find out about this. Don't look at me, though, I'm not telling them.

In my very limited farming experience, I must confess that I developed a bit of a prejudice against sheep. They were a contrary and stubborn lot as far as I was concerned. They never came when called. Never allowed folks to get too close, certainly not close enough to pet. And when they escaped their enclosure, it was pure chaos. Frankly, I think sheep are better left to the dogs (pun intended).

On the other hand, the goats I knew on the farm were much more agreeable. They would come when called. They enjoyed being petted, and would stand still for milking. They never caused much of a fuss, well, save for that glove one of them ate.

But Jesus, it seems, isn't such a fan of goats. He calls them accursed and casts them out to the eternal fire. My poor friends the goats, I cannot help but feel that Jesus obviously never worked on a farm with sheep and goats. Where did they go wrong?

The sheep get it all because they cared: they loved, they welcomed; they fed; they served others. Ironically, they did the work of shepherds. They lived like it was the Kingdom.

Evidently the goats did not.

That is in itself a pretty clear message. But there is perhaps a deeper message that Jesus is making by way of the sheep and the goats. It is a subtle message that would be lost, perhaps, to ears not trained in the rituals and requirements of the Temple. But it is a message that would be loud and clear to those in power and position in his time, and clear the poor and down cast, too.

A goat was the required offering--the sacrifice, for a leader to offer in atonement for sins or impurity. Indeed, two male goats were required on the national day of atonement, Yom Kiippur--one for the Lord and one for Azazel--the scapegoat.

For a common person, someone lacking power, prestige, or great wealth, a sheep was offered for atonement or to restore purity. The very poor, however, could offer a dove or grain.

Jesus' example of the goats and sheep makes a significant and powerful point. Those who are leaders, those who have much, those who are privileged enough to require the sacrifice of a goat may find their offering rejected if it is not offered with love for neighbor, food for the hungry, refreshment for those who thirst, welcome of the stranger, clothing and dignity for the naked or cold; health care for the sick; companionship and concern for those in prisons.

For such is the Kingdom of God. It was prepared for this type of love and service from the foundation of the earth.

Just ask the sheep.

St. Brendan's
Episcopal Church

Pancake Breakfast
9-11am



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Serving Schedule ~ November 1 – November 29, 2026

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dan Hall
1st Reading	Elena Levi	Ken Vaughan	Sean Murphree	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe
Psalm	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Rob Smith
2nd Reading	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Jo Schoeppe	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall
Gospel	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Prayers of the People	Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi
Chalice Bearer	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith	Dan Hall & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith
Worship Leader	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play
Coffee Hour	All Saints Potluck	Paulina & Andrew	?	Bailey	?
Ushers	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Dave Muldoon	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba	Jeff & Carol Fujioka