



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ministers: All The People of The Congregation**  
**Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship**

**CHRIST THE KING..... Contemporary Worship**  
**November 23, 2014..... 9:00 a.m.**

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Violin & Flute Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Song: PW #68 “We Will Glorify”**

(on verse 2 women sing 1½ lines. Then men sing to the end of the verse)

**\*Call to Worship:**

**L:** Come, let us celebrate the sovereignty of Christ the King, all powerful and ever present in our midst!

**C:** We exalt his name and declare his glorious majesty!

**L:** As children of the King we enjoy a royal inheritance of every spiritual blessing.

**C:** We rejoice in our blessings as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ!

**L:** Let us share the power and authority given to us as the King’s own...to lift up Christ that he may be glorified through us, and that all people will be drawn to him.

**All:** As we worship, we open our hearts to let his kingdom authority flow to us, to overflow us, to free us, and to channel through us! Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise!

**\*Song: PW #73 “Majesty”**

**Prayer of the Day:**

**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.

**Confession:**

**C:** O God, we exalt you as Lord of our lives, yet we confess that at times we have not loved you with our whole heart. We try to control our own worlds, and have sometimes ignored your call to share your love and care for others. Forgive us, and help us to faithfully serve you and all creation, as Christ reigns in our hearts forever.

**Words of Assurance:**

**L:** Truly Christ seeks to reign in our hearts. Blessings abound for those who live under his rule. There is peace for those who answer the call in ministering to the needs of others. God’s power is there for those who reflect the love of Christ in word and deed. Through his love we are forgiven people committed to do his will in our lives. His kingdom come! His will be done!

**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Psalms 95:1-6**

**L:** O come, let us sing to the Lord!

**C:** Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**L:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

**C:** Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**L:** For the Lord is a great God.

**C:** And a great King above all gods!



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**L:** In his hand are the depths of the earth.

**C:** The heights of the mountains are his also.

**L:** The sea is his, for he made it.

**C:** For his hands formed the dry land.

**All:** O come, let us worship and bow down! Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!

**Song:** PW #66 “He Is Exalted”

**Children's Message**

**\*Announcement of Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*Gospel . . . .** Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>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.’ <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.’ <sup>44</sup>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?’ <sup>45</sup>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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ

**Sermon**

**\*Song:** ELW #439 “Soon and Very Soon”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL**

**\*Statement of Faith:**

**C:** We believe in a powerful God who created all, and continues to create. We believe in God who came to earth in human form through his Son, Jesus, to save a troubled world from sin and death, and to give us the hope of eternal life. We believe that the Holy Spirit is God with us, working in and through us to make all things new. We believe that God calls each one of us to discipleship, to reach out and care, to be kind to others, to work for justice on earth, to feed the hungry, and clothe the poor. God calls each of us to publicly proclaim the Kingship of Jesus as the Savior of the world, so that all may know the joy of an abundant life in his Kingdom forever.

