

Reign of Christ Sunday
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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *arr. by Cindy Berry*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

Refrain: You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days, oh He is my song

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

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+ Greeting

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+ Kyrie

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+ Hymn of Praise

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

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

First Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100	ELW #883
+ Gospel Acclamation	ELW p.171
+ Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:31-46
Young at Heart Message & Sermon	The Rev. Kaye Hute
+ Song of the Day	ELW #789
+ Nicene Creed	ELW p.104
+ Prayers of Intercession	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
+ Peace	

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #492

+ Table Blessing

+ Post Communion Canticle

ELW #200

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

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

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

(And,) O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away. O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Yeah.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me., You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down, Lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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