

Chronicles of the King



Wednesday Lenten Service

March 22, 2023 7:00 PM

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



(Hymns are from the *Lutheran Service Book*)

PRELUDE

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

OPENING HYMN

(Please Stand)

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

#421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, “Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed,” That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.

THE INVOCATION

P: *O Lord, open my lips.*

C: *And my mouth will declare your praise.*

P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*

C: ***Make haste to help me, O Lord.***

A: ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

READINGS

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 110

P: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

C: **The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

P: Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

C: **The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

P: The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

C: **He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.**

P: He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore, he will lift up his head.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE FIRST READING

II Chronicles 26:1-5, 15b-21

P: The First Reading is from the 26th chapter of Second Chronicles.

And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. He built Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. He set himself to seek God in the

days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor, and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God." Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the LORD had struck him. And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:1-10, 26-28

P: The Second Reading is from the seventh chapter of Hebrews. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! And those descendants of Levi

who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

P: The Gospel Lesson is from St. John, the 10th chapter.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have

authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

"Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

#564



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.

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MESSAGE

"Know Thyself: King Uzziah"

II Chronicles 26:1-5, 15b-21

VOLUNTARY

"Romance"

Pat Magill, Chris Berndt

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

THE PRAYERS

P: Let my prayers rise before you as incense,

C: **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

A: **Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to you.**

Special petitions may be spoken by the Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: **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.

P: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

#529



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.

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POSTLUDE