

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Sermon Hymn:** 370 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

**Sermon:** Are You Ready for the King?

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Hymn:** 747 There is a Redeemer  
748 Lamb of God

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 579 Lift High the Cross

**Ushers:** This Week – Tim Walsh  
Next Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger

**Greeters:** This Week – Chuck & Sharon Christoph  
Next Week – Rose Henning & Arlene Borchardt

The new greeter and usher schedules are being worked on. Please let Kelly Vogel or Pastor Swanson know if you would like to be added or removed.

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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** Pg. 26

**Opening Hymn:** 25 The King Shall Come

## **Prayer of the Day:**

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **First Lesson - Jeremiah 23:2-6**

*Imagine a king who cares about a sheep. A king may care about vast herds of sheep, shorn for the purpose of raising wealth. But this, our Shepherd-King, loves each of his sheep to the point of calling us by name. This Shepherd-King will come to bring us to safe pastures. There we will live with him in his kingdom of peace and righteousness.*

<sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 98, p. 103**

**Second Lesson - Colossians 1:13-20**

*Our Savior-King has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into his kingdom of light. John clarifies this in the opening chapter of his gospel. Even as the first rays of light burst forth in the opening moments of creation, so the light of Christ has dissipated the darkness of sin that enveloped his perfect world. The darkness neither understood what happened nor could it overpower the light. But those on whom that light shined stand "redeemed, restored, forgiven." (CW 388) Our Light, Our King reigns supreme.*

<sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)*

## **Gospel - Luke 23:35-43**

*Hardly a vision of triumph as the King of the Jews hangs from the cross. Taunted, jeered, and battered, the King of kings offers his life for the very ones that have so abused him and made such sacrifice necessary. Even in the midst of suffering for the sins of the world, the promise comes to the repentant heart that longs to be remembered in his kingdom: "...you will be with me in paradise." See our king: suffering, dying, forgiving, redeeming.*

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."