

Christ the King – November 23rd, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

L) (this part for leader only – not on screen) Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. As we gather on this Christ the King Sunday, we turn to God for healing – healing for mind, body, and spirit; healing for ourselves, our community, and our world.

L) God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, we turn to you.

C) God of great compassion, make us whole again.

L) Help us heal our broken bodies and broken spirits.

C) God of great compassion, make us whole again.

L) Teach us to love ourselves and our bodies, and to love one another as children of God.

C) God of great compassion, make us whole again.

L) Grant us the courage to breathe in the truth of your grace and to turn our grief into wonder.

C) God of great compassion, make us whole again.

L) Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may become the people you have made us to be. **C) Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"All Hail The Power"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L) The Lord be with you **C) And also with you.**

L) Let us pray.... O God, **our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, heal us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Readings

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the**

nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

L) The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been

condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L) The Gospel of the Lord **C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

L) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

L) Holy God, Holy One, Jesus prayed that your people may be one. Through the waters of baptism, connect us to one another. Mend broken relationships and bring peace, to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

L) Where your good creation groans in pain and destruction, bring healing to lands and waters. Make us ever mindful of the fragile web of life and our place in it. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

L) God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, division, terrorism, war, and their causes. We pray for the healing of the nations. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

L) Thank you for hands that reach out in care: medical professionals, caretakers, those who walk alongside of loved ones. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. Make us aware of how your amazing grace enters deep, deep within us – to bring peace. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

L) Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed [including name/s and those whom we remember before you . . .]. Heal the pain of all who grieve. In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

L) O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

L) Let us pray.... God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L) The Lord be with you.

C) And also with you.

L) Lift up your hearts.

C) We lift them to the Lord.

L) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant
us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ALL ARE WELCOME)

L) The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C) Thanks be to God.

**** Bread is Gluten Free. A Non Alcoholic option is in the center of the
trays.**

COMMUNION

L) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in his grace. **C) Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION & LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Name, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.