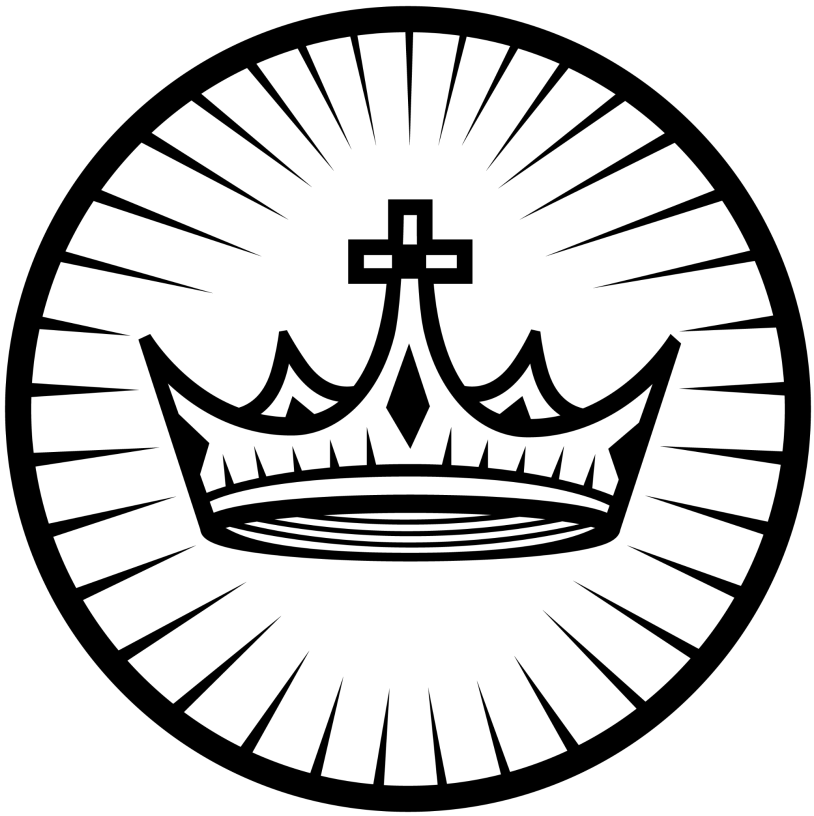


Holy Eucharist Rite I

Church of the Advent

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

November 22, 2026, 8 AM

Welcome to Church of the Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. You can find coloring sheets and children's bulletins in the narthex.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.

New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP p. 323

The Gloria BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 325

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as able.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**
Please sit.

First Lesson — Ezekiel 34:11-24

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

[11] For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek
them out. [12] As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their
scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of
the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord
GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind
up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[17] As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep
and sheep, between rams and goats: [18] Is it not enough for you to feed on the
good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your
pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your
feet? [19] And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and
drink what you have fouled with your feet?

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder,
and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them
far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I
will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed

them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

[1] O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
[3] For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
[6] O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Lesson — Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17] I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of
his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his
great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has
put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the
church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon **The Rev. Brian McVey**

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed **BCP p. 326**

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People **BCP p. 328**
The Confession and Absolution **BCP p. 330**

The Comfortable Words BCP p. 332

Please stand as able.

The Peace BCP p. 332

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And with Thy spirit.**

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.
You may also give online through the QR code on the right.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

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The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336

The Prayer of Humble Access BCP p. 337

Administration of Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come you who have much faith and you who have little, have been here often and have not been for a long time, have tried to follow, and have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please kneel as able.

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 339

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Dismissal BCP p. 340

The altar flowers are given today for the glory of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Lector: *Nancy Allen*

Chalice: *Hunter McCarty*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

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