

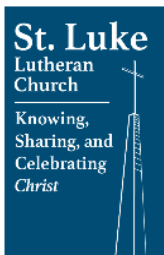
# Christ the King Sunday

**November 23, 2025**

**Welcome to 9:30 am Worship**



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.



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**November 23, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

setting, Jonathan Reuss  
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**GATHERING**

**ELW 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts.5-6  
Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 431 O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us**

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939, Text ©2001 GIA Publications, Inc; Music: Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

**OFFERING SONG**

**Create in Me (ELW 186)**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4; Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

### **Confession and forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

ELW 634

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

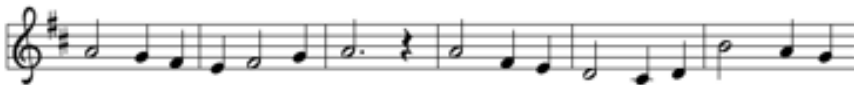
## This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



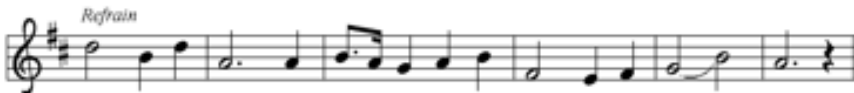
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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## Prayer of the Day

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, 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

## READING:

### A reading from Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <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 of all creation, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.

## **Psalms 46**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

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

<sup>3</sup> though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

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

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

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

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Please rise in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke 23:33-43

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers

also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Message**

**Min. Bobbie Hoffman**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us**

**ELW 431**

## **CREED**

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the  
good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved  
community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation.  
Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands.  
Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O  
God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public  
safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with  
accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in  
body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O  
God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**OFFERING SONG**

*We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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 DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

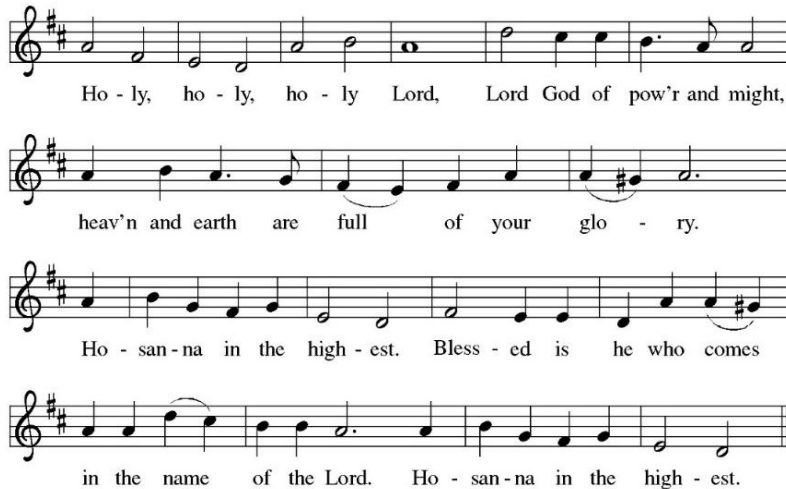
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
With the church on earth and hosts of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## 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.

*All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
    **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**  
    **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.**

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2026 Offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Please find your  
envelopes to bring home with you. Thank you in advance for your  
generosity.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will be preparing cookies to take to the residents of  
St. Luke Knolls & teachers at the Elementary schools in our community.  
Please bring cookies in then to share with our community.

## **SENDING**

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

*Please rise in body and spirit.*

## **BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.  
The holy Trinity bless you ✝  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**ELW 855**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**