

Christ the King Sunday

November 23rd, 2025

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "In Christ Alone" (Screens)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: "There is a Redeemer" (Screens)

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us now take a moment to confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and gracious God, who sent Your Son to be surrounded by sin and judgment so that we might be surrounded by Your mercy, grant that in every season of pressure or fear we may find refuge in Your steadfast presence. Surround us with Your forgiveness, strengthen us with Your promises, and keep us as Your treasured possession. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Malachi 3.13-18**. Here the Lord responds to His people who feel overlooked and forgotten, assuring them that He sees, remembers, and treasures those who fear His name.

Our Psalm for today is **Psalm 46**. Even when the world shakes and everything feels uncertain, God remains our refuge, strength, and ever-present help in trouble. **We will speak this Psalm together.**

Our Gospel reading is **Luke 23:27-43**. In this reading, we witness how Jesus was surrounded by mockery and suffering yet offered forgiveness and salvation to all—even to the criminal beside Him.

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Nicene Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Were You There" (456)

SERMON: Luke 23.27-43

THE OFFERTORY and THANKOFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each prayer: **"Hear our prayer"**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should . . . evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTURBTION SONGS (10:30):

“How Good it is,” “This is Amazing Grace,”

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (Screens)

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AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (525)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God’s love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: “We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to
Jesus.”**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God’s love. As God’s beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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