

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Susan Roegge – "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. James Koerts

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “My Life Is In You, Lord”

(piano)

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life. I will praise you with all of my strength,
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you, in you.**

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God of all people, as so many struggle and suffer, show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW 834, vv. 1, 3, & 4
(organ)

- 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**
- 3 **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
- 4 **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

WORD

Reading: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Reader: John Williams

¹The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

²And he said:

The Lord roars from Zion
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

⁵Seek good and not evil,
that you may live,
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 7:37-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”

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

Scripture Song – “We Are Called” ELW 720

(piano)

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

Sermon: “Amos: Justice Rolls Down”

Song of the Day – “There Is a Redeemer”

(piano)

**1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Refrain: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

**2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. Refrain**

**3. When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place. Refrain**

**The Apostles’ Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

by Sandi Watts
organ

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing,
share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offertory*

“Give Thanks”

(piano)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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*

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 Songs

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631 (*organ*)

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

“Spirit of Gentleness” ELW 396 (*piano*)

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

- 3 **You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***
- 4 **You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Where Justice Rolls Down”* *(piano)*

*Refrain: Where justice rolls down like a mighty water,
And righteousness grows like an ever flowing stream,
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean,
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed. Repeat*

1. **There is a river that streams from the temple.
Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea.
As it grows, healing it will give.
Where it flows, ev’rything will live. *Refrain once***
2. **Wade in the water and feel the strong current.
Remember the stagnance of stale life before.
God is here. Leave the past behind.
In these clear waters you will find, *Refrain twice***

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are donated today by Lynette Hamilton in celebration of
Shanon & Dan Keller's anniversary on November 27
and
by Celeste Hill in celebration of her parents' anniversary

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 23, 9:00am: Christmas Program Rehearsal

9:30am: Worship

Sunday, November 30, 9:00am: Christmas Program Rehearsal **Friends from Faith**

9:30am: Worship

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Confirmation

Wednesday, December 3, 11:30am: Advent Allegro Lunch in Great Room

12:15pm: Advent Allegro Concert – JHS Madrigals

Saturday, December 6, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Children's Christmas Program

This year we are going to celebrate the Christmas season with a simple and short Nativity play using kids ages 3-12 as the actors. If you have not signed your child up to participate, please do. This will be a fun and positive experience for them. The sign-up sheet is at the Coffee Sales counter in the Gathering Area. **There will be 2 practices — Nov. 23 and 30 at 9:00am before church begins.** We will present the Nativity on December 7 during the 9:30am service. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Street, Liddy Stark, or Pam Devlin.

Faith's Little Flock -- (Ages 2–7)

gathers during worship right after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

In November, Faith's Little Flock will explore stories about Elijah, and messages of justice, light, and hope from the prophets Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Through engaging activities, the children will experience the themes by learning, living, and singing them. We will also be practicing songs for Christmas! *(continued)*

Faith's Little Flock warmly welcomes—and deeply appreciates—our adult and older youth volunteers. If you're interested in spending time with the children during part of the Sunday worship service or joining the teacher rotation for Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street, Liddy Stark, or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Bible Boot Camp

It will be a big month for Bible Boot Camp with three events in November. We are looking for helpers at each one to lead an activity/craft or provide a meal for approximately 20. We will meet on **Sunday, November 30 from 4:30-6:00pm and then a Christmas party on December 14.** Contact Pastor Adam for more information and sign up to help.

Upcoming Youth Events

Our youth have a lot going on this month with Confirmation/Youth nights on **November 30 and then a Christmas party on December 14.** We'll join the Boot Camp crew for a meal at 5:30 and have our event from 6:00-7:30pm. Remember our Carlinville Retreat on November 21-23 with the youth from across the synod.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concert

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

December 3: JHS Madrigal Singers

December 10: Matthew Nall on piano

December 17: IC Percussion Ensemble

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5. **We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup.** If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.** Thank You!

Poinsettias

To purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the church for Christmas, please sign up at the counter by the Coffee Sales and drop your check (or cash) into the decorated box; the cost is **\$10.00.** Please make your check out to Faith Lutheran Church, with a notation for *Poinsettia*, or call or email the church (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) **by December 15** and send your check to the church (1385 W. Walnut St., Jacksonville, IL 62650). Please indicate if the poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone special.

Discipleship Group

Join us for the Discipleship Group meeting at **10:00am on Wednesday, December 17**, in the Faith Library as we meet for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. We have a lot of fun with lively discussions. Let's grow together in compassion, connection, and purpose.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

There is always a need for food donations at the Food Center. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet). Donations of money are also greatly appreciated – those can be placed in the offering plates, if they are clearly marked for the Food Center.