Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude "Christ the King Medley" Susan Roegge

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 – "Oh, Worship the King" ELW 842 *(organ)*

1 **Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.**
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 **The earth with its store of wonders untold,**
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

3 **Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?**
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4 **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,**
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

5 **O measureless might, ineffable love,**
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

**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 justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:* "He is Exalted" *(piano)*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

**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

WORD

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Reader: John Williams

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. **3**Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4** He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. **5** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 5:13-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

Song – "Lead On, O King Eternal!" ELW 805 *(organ)*

1 **Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;**
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 **Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,**
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 **Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,**
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

*Sermon: "*Swords into Plowshares - The Beloved Community"

Song of the Day – "Now is the Time" *(piano)*

Refrain: ***Come to us, you who say, "I will not forget you."***
Be with us, you who say, "Do not be afraid."
Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.
Make us you own, now is the time.

1. **Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred. Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.**
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us you own, now is the time. *Refrain*

2. **Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger. Spirit of life, break the chains of death.**
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us you own, now is the time. *Refrain*

3. **Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting. Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.**
Spirit of God, walk among your people.
Make us you own, now is the time. *Refrain*

******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.

******Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"How Deep the Father's Love" *(Faithful Four and piano)*

–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–

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

"Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689 *(organ)*

1 **Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer**
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 **God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,**
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 **Father, providing food for your children,**
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

4 **Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,**
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

"Make Me an Instrument" *(piano)*

Refrain: ***Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;***
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.

1. **When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. *Refrain*

2. **When someone is hungry, when someone is cold, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**
When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. *Refrain*

3. **If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**
If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. *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's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song* – "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855 vv. 1, 4, 5 *(organ)*

1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;**
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2 **Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,**
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

3 **Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,**
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

4 **Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave**
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 **Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,**
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker
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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 22, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 25, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, November 29, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room
10:45am: Christmas Decorating

Wednesday, December 2, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Saturday, December 5, **11:00am- 5:00pm: Nativity Festival**

Sunday, December 6, 9:30am: Worship
9:30am: Children's Christmas Program
11:00am-4:00pm: Nativity Festival

News Updates

Children's Christmas Program
Back by Popular demand, Faiths Little Flock and Faiths Older Flock will be performing the Christmas Nativity on **Sunday, December 6.** Participating in the program is a wonderful way for children to experience the real meaning of Christmas and have fun at the same time. It is sure to be heartwarming for the whole congregation too! The sign up sheet is in the gathering area on the coffee counter.

Ecumenical Nativity Festival
The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is hosting at Nativity Festival at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday and Sunday, **December 5-6**. If you have a nativity set you would be willing to share for the weekend to put on display, you can pick up a form at the coffee sales counter and bring your set to the office before Sunday, **November 29**. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, provide baked goods, serve at the coffee/baked goods bar, greet, provide live music, and more. To volunteer, we will have a link to an online signup form soon.

Advent Allegro Concerts
Our Advent Allegro concerts and lunches are just around the corner. We will have three concerts this year, with the JHS Madrigal Singers on **December 2**, Tyler Carpenter on **December 9**, and Two Fiddles on **December 16**. The concerts are from **12:15-1:00** with lunch at **11:30** and after the concerts. If you can help by providing a soup or serving, please sign up at the coffee sales table.

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*!

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock
We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children gr. 1-6.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper
Join us in the Justice Room for exploring the new sermon series on the Joy of Generosity**.**

Read the Bible in a Year
Please join us in reading the New Testament, starting October 1. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from October 7 through December 31, from 10:00-11:00am in the Library, to discuss the reading for each week. By December 31, we will have read the entire New Testament. If you would like more information and the reading schedule, please contact Pam Devlin at 217-473-7375 or pdevlin56@gmail.com. God's Blessings to all.

New Faith Telephone Directory
A new Faith Directory is available at the Coffee Sales counter. Please take one (1) per family. We will also soon be printing a new pictorial directory – please submit a picture to the church office (by email is preferred: faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) for us to include in the new directory. Thank You!