

Christ the King November 23, 2025

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PRELUDE/PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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 SONG

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#434

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.**

KYRIE p.138

HYMN OF PRAISE p.140

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 am Handbells

10:30 am Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First ReadingJeremiah 23:1-6Alternate PsalmLuke 1:67-80Second ReadingColossians 1:11-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL Luke 23:32-43

SERMON Pastor Don Glanzer

SERMON SONG "The Head That Once Was Crowned" #432

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

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #182

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 144

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 SONG "Lamb of God" p.146

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All are welcome!

Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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 SONG "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #855

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE