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Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6
Worship in-person and livestream

Jesus' reign brings enough food, housing, and healthcare for everyone.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song ***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*** *red book* **No. 435**
Greeting
Kyrie Page 165
This is the Feast Page 169
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message
First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** **…Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 100
Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23** **…Thanks be to God.**
Gospel Acclamation Page 171
The Gospel Reading **Matthew 25:31-46** **…Glory to you, O God.**
…Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***Come Now, You Blessed*** *blue book* **No. 1059**

Holy Baptism *Sophia Gray* Page 227
Baptismal Verse ***You Belong to Christ*** *red book* **No. 212**

Prayers of the People God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts
Offering Song *God Is! - Stratton/Barrett - choir anthem*
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving Page 172
Holy Page 173
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Page 173
Lamb of God Page 174

All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs *violin solo*
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and …… *blue book* **No. 954**
Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten *blue book* **No. 1058**
Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing

Sending Song ***Prepare the Royal Highway*** *red book* **No. 264**
Dismissal …**Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall, hosted by Gisela W.
After worship today we will be resetting the sanctuary for Advent.
Your help is appreciated!

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Boston Laferté
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Carolyn Hoekstra
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholars	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Braeden McKenzie
Communion	Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch
Ushers	Murray Nelson, Grant Froyland

Psalm 100

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Refrain: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all you lands!
2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.
3 **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom | we belong;**
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R
4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.
5 **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,**
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Livestream Text

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.
16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you +welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."