Christ the King Lutheran Church
Christ the King Sunday – November 22, 2026

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds. (* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE *Green Hills & Cool Meadows* *Wagner*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* ELW 434 verses 1, 2, 4, 5

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.** Let us pray: **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

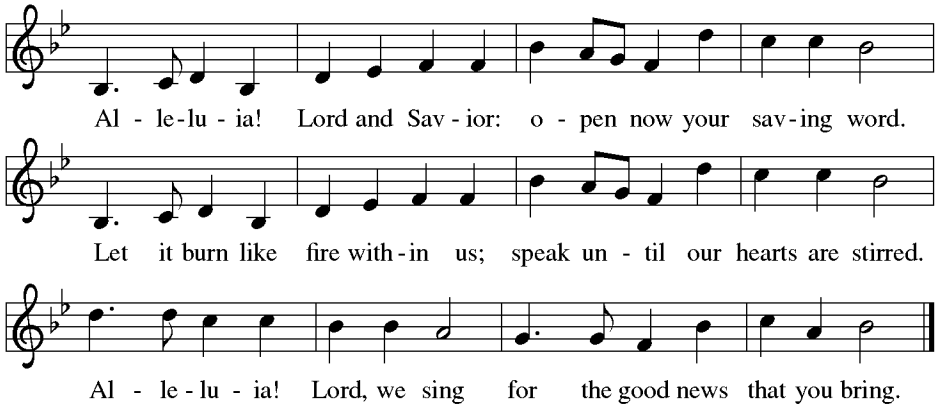
READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (OT page 826)

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 (NT page 27)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Now You Blessed* on screen

APOSTLE'S 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 GOD'S PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING/MUSIC DURING OFFERING *Fughetta in C Major* Handel arr. Bridges

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OFFERING PRAYER

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*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER front of ELW page 208

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Lamb of God* front of ELW page 208

COMMUNION HYMN *Bread for the Journey* Bret Hesla

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *God of the Fertile Fields* on screen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Springs of Flowing Water* Wagner

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	
Lector	Tom Butala
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Interim Director of Music Ministries	Angela House Gritton
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band, Chapel Ringers

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SUNDAY – November 22 – Christ the King and Stewardship Sunday

9:30a	**Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Knead the Dough Party – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For Virgil and Gloria Strom at the death of their daughter, Nancy Stroessner**
- **Continuing Prayers: Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Susan Hanson, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), **Ryan Koenig** (friend of David Tillotson), **Barb Rhodes, Jen Tourville** (friend of the Gasterlands), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike & Mary Ann's son), and **Bob Rathje**
- **Ginny Paulsen** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran in Richfield**
- **Global Health Ministries**

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

In this season of hope-filled waiting, join Pastor Per on Tuesdays throughout Advent in conversation and contemplation guided by the book *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew L. Skinner. In *Voices of Advent*, Dr. Skinner—a New Testament professor and scholar—leads readers through the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas. *Voices of Advent* helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

What: ***Voices of Advent*** book study **When: 3:30pm Tuesdays – Nov. 24th- Dec. 15th**

Where: CTKB Lounge. *If you'd like to join this book study, please stop by the office to purchase your copy of the book for $14.*

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm No L & F 11/26 or 27

MONDAY – November 23
8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – November 24
10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
3:30p Advent Book Club - Lounge
6:30p Yoga
7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – November 25
9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk
6:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship
6:45p Pie – Social Hall

Office & Building Closed 11/26 & 11/27
Happy Thanksgiving!





Let us know how you can contribute to the ministries of CTK. Your financial pledge today helps us to plan for the year. Help sustain the work we are doing! Imagine new ways you can participate! Your time and money help CTK make a real impact—here in Bloomington and all over the world! Increase your gift today and discover what we can do together!
Nov 29: Turn in your pledges!

Multi-generational: Advent Event on Nov 29th after worship in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – November 29 – 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a Advent Event – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:
Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

November Gift of Love — Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes mission is to provide nutritious meals to people who are hungry across Minnesota in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and to develop joint ventures/partner-ships with like-minded organizations assisting guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient. For more information go to www.loavesandfishesmn.org/.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 25th at 6pm

Please join us for worship to give thanks for all our blessings. We will be having pie after worship! All are welcome.

Volunteers for November

Greeter **11/29**
Assistant Minister **11/29**
Reader **11/29** Prayers **11/29**
Communion prep **11/29** Communion servers (2) **11/29**
Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

2 Ushers and 1 reader needed for the Thanksgiving Eve worship. If you are available – please call/email Jane V.

