Sunday Worship Service – November 22, 2026
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
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Land Acknowledgement

Welcome Statement

As a sign that our welcome statement reflects that we are all committed to the acceptance and inclusion of all people, just as Jesus taught us and modelled for us, we say together:

You are welcome here, you whose face reflects the Divine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken.

Recognizing that each person is a unique child of God, created in the image of God, we celebrate diversity through all the variations of age, ability, culture, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, family configuration, beliefs, personality, and economic circumstances. You will be honoured here.

Introduction to the Bible Readings

As we celebrate the Reign of Christ Sunday, also know as Christ the King Sunday today, we recognize that God is actively involved in our world. The Bible readings invite and challenge us to live like Jesus, embodying the hope, riches, and immeasurably great power of God as we live as the body of Christ in the world serving those who are in need of love and care in body, mind, and soul.

Prayer of Confession[1]

God of glory, **we do not always see your glory in the world around us. When we see a person in need, it is not easy to look them in the eye. When we hear a cry for help, it is not easy to offer them quick assistance. When we know of a lonely prisoner, it is not easy to make that visit. Forgive us when we fail to see you in our everyday lives. Forgive us when we are afraid to act, afraid to care. Encourage us, God of glory. Help us see others with the eyes of compassion, that we might be your loving presence in the world. Amen**

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Words of Forgiveness[2]

God's steadfast love endures forever! Because of this love we are forgiven. Because of this love, we receive the rich and glorious inheritance of God's life and power. Through Jesus we receive life beyond measure.
We are forgiven in the name of the + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#855 Gathering Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (v.1,3-4)

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.
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.

p.175 **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.**

Call to Worship for Reign of Christ[3]

Enter God's gates with gladness.
Enter God's courts with praise.
For we are God's people,
The sheep of God's pasture.
Serve God with joyful hearts.
Love God by showing justice and mercy.
Enter God's gates with gladness.
Enter God's courts with praise.

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Prayer of the Day[4]

L *O God of hope and strength,* **Jesus 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.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing joyfully to God;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God and a great ruler above all gods.
O God, in your hands are the depths of the earth;
and the mountain peaks are yours.
Yours is the sea, for you made it,
and the dry land as well, for your hands formed it.
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before our Maker!
For you are our God, and we are the people you shepherd, the flock under your care. If only you would hear God's voice today! (TIB)

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

A reading from Ephesians the 1st chapter, beginning at the 15th verse:

Since I heard about your faith in Jesus Christ and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at

[4] https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts

work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is Christ's body. Christ's body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way. (NRSVUE)

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p.179 **Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left. The ruler will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Abba God, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 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, 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.' Then these just will ask, 'When was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
The ruler 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.' Then the ruler will say to those on the left, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the fallen angels, for I was hungry and

you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.' Then they also will ask, '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?' Then the ruler 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment and the just into eternal life." (TIB)

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

Sermon

#434 Hymn of the Day "Jesus Shall Reign" (v.1-2, 4-5)

1. **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,**
   his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. **To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;**
   his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

4. **Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,**
   the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;**
   angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

p.105 **Apostles' Creed** *(inside back cover of ELWB)*

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.

Welcoming New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.
Audrey & Trevor Roadhouse come to us from Grace Lutheran in Burnaby BC
Anna & Bob Kress come to us from Trinity Lutheran, Regina.
Gerda Fiesel also comes to us from Trinity Lutheran, Regina.

Address and Questions

We are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in holy communion, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue to live among God's people in this place? If you intend to do so, please respond by saying, "*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."*

New members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray
for *these* new *members* in *their* life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

I ask you to nurture and love them and to encourage them to be Christ's faithful disciples.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into our family of faith.
We promise to love, encourage, and support you
and to help you know and follow Christ.

Let us pray,
Welcoming God, we give you thanks for Audrey & Trevor, Anna & Bob, and Gerda whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayers of Intercession

Presentation of the Gifts *(offering is brought forward)*

Offering Prayer[5]

Generous God, **we offer these gifts to you as food and drink for a hungry world; as clothing and shelter for those who are homeless; as kindness and compassion for those who are most in need of mercy. Transform these gifts, that they might be your hands and feet in the world. Send us forth as your people, that we may embody your presence in the world. Amen.**

p.180 **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who in dying destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.181 **Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.**
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You are our strength, God of holiness, and Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.
When our lives are filled with despair, Jesus is our hope;
when we are lost and cannot find our way, Jesus is our help;
when the world closes its doors and heart to us, Jesus is our refuge;

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when sin and death hunger for us, Jesus is our liberator,
present with us in this life and in the one to come.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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, Jesus took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Eucharistic Prayer VII

With this bread and cup we remember Jesus,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through
your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us
and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and generous God, receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until,
needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the presence of Jesus:

through whom all glory and honor is yours,
O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Communion Distribution

p.182 ***Lamb of God***

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

#491 Communion Hymn *"Come Let Us Eat"*

1. **Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,**
   Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
   Our Lord's body let us take together,
   Our Lord's body let us take together.
2. **Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,**
   Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
   Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
   Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
3. **In his presence now we meet and rest,**
   In his presence now we meet and rest.
   In the presence of our Lord we gather,

In the presence of our Lord we gather.

4. **Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,**
   Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
   Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
   Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion[6]

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

May we go out, changed by God's grace, and filled with God's Spirit.
May we go to share the love of Jesus.
In the name of the + Creator, the Healer, and the Comforter. Amen.

#439 Sending Hymn *"Soon and Very Soon"*

1. **Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,**
   soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
   soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
   Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. **No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,**
   no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
   no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
   Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. **No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,**
   no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
   no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
   Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
4. **Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,**

[6] https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts/2026-11-08

soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.
Thanks be to God!