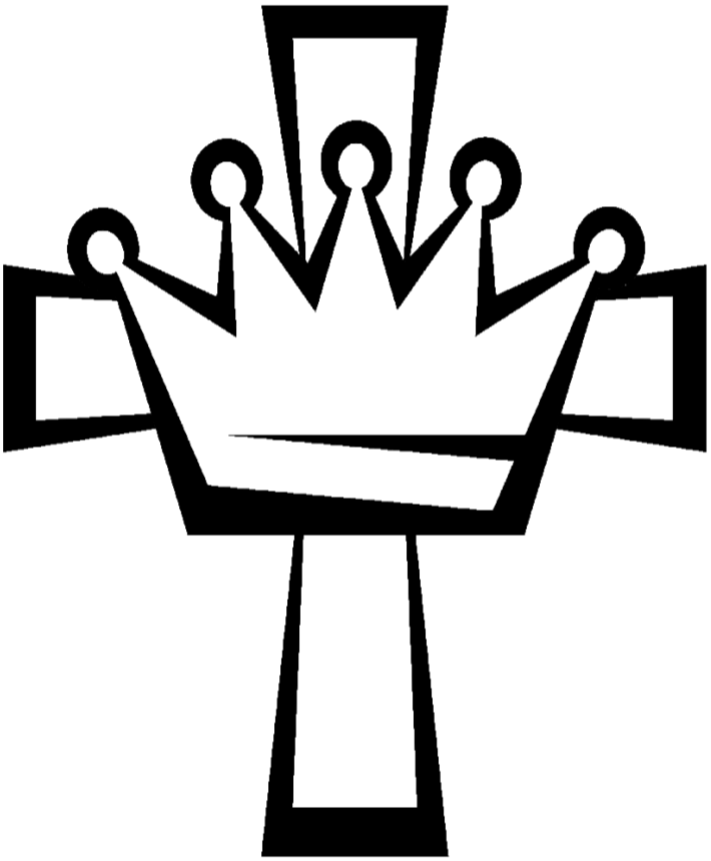


November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

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COUNTDOWN SLIDE at 9:20

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS 9:25

SHARING OF THE PEACE
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns p170 LBW*
(TIMELINE)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p.56
L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: 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.
L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.
L: God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and absolve

you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
L: And now may the grace of Our Lord Jesus the Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen [please be seated]

GREETING p.57
L: 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.

KYRIE ELEISON (TIMELINE)



HYMN OF PRAISE *("Glory to God in the highest...")* *(TIMELINE)*



PRAYER OF THE DAY p.62

L: The Lord be with you

C: And Also with you

L: Let us pray…..

C: Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we

pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
L: The First Lesson is from the 34th chapter of Ezekiel.

11 For 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.

L: Here ends the reading.

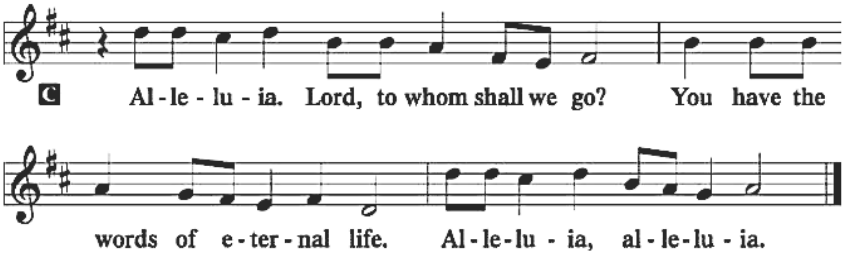
PSALM 95:1-7a
L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
  let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

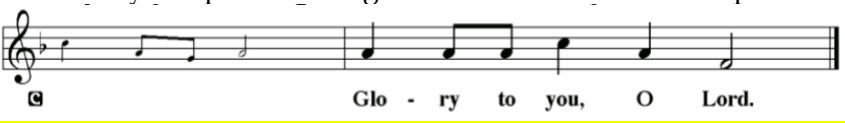
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
L: The Second Lesson is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.
L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE (ACAPELLA) p.62



HOLY GOSPEL

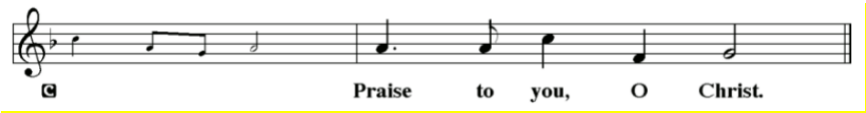
L: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 25th chapter.



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."
L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON:
"Bow to Your King!"

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Majesty (VIDEO)*

APOSTLE'S CREED p.65

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION: Greg and Ann Auten

RECEIVE OFFERING
L: Let us acknowledge the tithes and offerings that have been given here today.

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vinyards (TIMELINE)*

OFFERING PRAYER p.74
L: Let us pray:
C: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH p.75-76
L: Lord, in Your mercy
C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER p. 76
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...
C: 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.

BENEDICTION & AMEN p. 74
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: *Open Up the Heavens* *(VIDEO)*

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS

Nov. 24 - @ 6:30 PM Daniel Bible study in person or online!
Nov. 25 – @ Noon Bulletin Deadline
@ 6:00 Choir Practice
@ 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service - Bring an item for the pantry.
Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day - No Bible Study at Sunporch
Nov. 29 - First Name Friendsgiving after Service - Bring a food item that starts with the first letter of your name!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Soups, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, cereal and any other food you would like to share. Toilet paper is always in need. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:12-13

The Little Church Box is next to the offering plates in readiness for your input for our annual meeting in February. Please add your thoughts and suggestions!

Choir Practice Schedule:
Wed. Nov. 25th - 6:00-7:00
Wed. Dec. 2nd - 6:00-7:00
Wed. Dec. 9th - 6:00-7:00
Wed. Dec. 16th - 6:00-7:00
Extra Practice Opportunities - Sundays after Church
We will be singing the Liturgy on Advent Sundays

On Dec. 20th and Christmas Eve - Special Music Selections

Sunday, Nov. 29 - First Sunday in Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37
Sermon Title: "Hope"

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