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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, YR. C



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God.

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance. We trust 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.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves us. In + Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are set free.

C: Amen.

HYMN Jesus Shall Reign

No. 434

- 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.

- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue, dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim, their early blessings on his name.
- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy.

C 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.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I, myself, will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 46 We read responsively

- ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

- ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20 Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

♦ THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is crucified between two thieves: 'you will be with me in Paradise'

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since under the same you are sentence condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY

CCLI

You Are My King (Amazing Love)
Pastor D.J. & Guitar

Verse I'm forgiven because you were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus Amazing Love! How can it be that You my King would die for me Amazing love! I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

Ending You are my King, You are my King.

Jesus You are my King

Jesus You are my King

♦ 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 PEACE

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

Please be seated

OFFERING — \mathcal{Bell} Choir — GLOBE OFFERING Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

♦ OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

C: Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive a taste of life eternal.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN Thine the Amen No. 826

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise, alleluias angels raise, thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread, thine the glory thine the story, thine the harvest then the cup, thine the vineyard then the cup, is lifted up, lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally, thine the promise let there be, thine the vision thine the tree, all the earth on bended knee, gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry, gone the sighing gone the dying, what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes, thine the table we the guest, thine the mercy all from thee, thine the glory yet to be, then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war, thine the living thine the loving, evermore, evermore.

- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize, thine the wonder full surprise, thine the banquet then the praise, then the justice of thy ways, thine the glory thine the story, then the welcome to the least, then the wonder all increasing, at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night, no more dying only light, thine the river thine the tree, then the Lamb eternally, then the holy, holy, holy, celebration jubilee, thine the splendor thine the brightness, only thee only thee.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

C: Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION Pr. D.J.

CCLI

May You Run & Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary
May your heart be filled with song
And may the love of God continue
To give you hope and keep you strong
May you run and not be weary
May your life be filled with joy
And may the road you travel
always lead you home

♦ SENDING SONG

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Guide My Feet

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Ringing of Bell

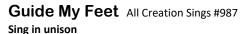
DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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CALENDAR

Su 11-23	10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP Christ the King & 'Run the Race" Themes Sun-School Coffee /Tailgating AM Men's Ministry
Tue 11-25	6 РМ	Community Thanksgiving Service at Dale
We 11-26		- No Confirmation
Su 11-30	10 AN	WORSHIP - ADVENT ONE Coffee Sun School - Advent Festival Crafts, Cookies, Games

FUTURE DATES

Wed 12-3 5:30 PM Community Meal HERE
6:30 PM ADVENT WORSHIP
SUN 12-7 10 AM S/S Christmas Shopping
Sat 12-13 2 PM Beau Chant Concert HERE
Sun 12-14 10 AM FLCW Mtg in the Joy Room

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