

Christ the King

November 22, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.

Today's altar flowers are in celebration of Liddy Kilpatrick's 80th birthday! Happy birthday Liddy!!

SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Paula Schopflin
Prayer Leader:	Joyce Martin
Children's Message:	Ben Bench
Altar Guild:	Susi Laflin
Video assistant:	Rick Ayling
Ushers:	Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit
Communion Assistants:	Susi Laflin, Joyce Martin, Ann Lawton, Robert & Alana Adair, Carolyn Behrens and Paula Schopflin
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Arabella Veit & Pippa Teske

PRELUDE: ***Fanfare for an Angel*** - by James Stephenson Blackwelder Brass

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #634 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*** vs 1, 2, & 5

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
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O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie 1 & 2



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.

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

11For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12As 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. 13I
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. 14I 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. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says
the Lord God. 16I 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.
20Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your
horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them
and be their shepherd. 24And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among
them; I the Lord have spoken.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God!***

PSALM 95:1-7a

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

SECOND READING **Romans 15:23-29, 16:1-2, 17, 19, 25-27**

23But now, with no further place for me in these regions, I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you 24when I go to Spain. For I do hope to see you on my journey and to be sent on by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little while. 25At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints, 26for Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. 27They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them, for if the gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things. 28So, when I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will set out by way of you to Spain, 29and I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.
16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, 2so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well…
17I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those who create dissensions and hindrances, in opposition to the teaching that you have learned; avoid them. …19For your obedience is known to all; therefore, I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil.
…25Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- *(Please stand)* ***Alleluia!***

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING **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. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then 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, 35for 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, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then 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? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And 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.' 41Then 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, 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I

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.' 44Then 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?' 45Then 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.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Ben Bench**
SPECIAL MUSIC ***Crown Him With Many Crowns***
SPLC Choir w/Blackwelder Brass, Ron Wallace, organ, and Stephen Klaassen, percussion
MESSAGE **Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

HYMN #434 ***Jesus Shall Reign*** vs 1, 4 & 5

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.

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.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer. Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us:
We join you in prayer for your Church, your broken body in the world ... (*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: We join you in prayer for the world, make it subject to your gentle rule. ...(*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God: we join you in prayer for your brothers and sisters in need, distress, or sorrow ... (*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection: We join you in prayer for all who are dying, that they may trust in your promises ...(*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: we join you in prayer for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ... (*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

COMMUNION
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC ***Simple Gifts –*** by Aaron Copeland Blackwelder Brass

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE ***Contrapunctus IX*** – JS Bach Blackwelder Brass

SENDING - Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL STEWARD SHIP DRIVE

The annual stewardship ends **TODAY**! Members – pick up your pledge cards in the narthex and turn in to the Stewardship committee's mailbox by the south doors. Questions: Contact Myra Smith.

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS BEGIN DECEMBER 2 – "3 Kings"

Join us for 3 Wednesdays of All Church Advent Services and Outreach. We begin with Soup Suppers at 5:45pm. Sign up to bring your favorite soup! 6:30pm we gather in the Sanctuary for a 30 minute service. At 7:00pm we participate in an activity that takes what we've focused on to the community.
12/2—Bring Cookies to Share; 12/9—Prayer Walk; 12/16—Make Homeless Blessing Bags

COOKIE DELIVERY – SUNDAY, 12/6

We will gather after Sunday school in age groups to deliver the boxes of cookies we put together the Wednesday night before. We will take them to shut ins and first responders. Pizza will be provided so RSVP to Abby Davis ahoppe86@gmail.com or Pastor Stefanie!

PARENTS' DAY OUT – 12/19 from 2:00-5:00pm

Drop your kids off so you can enjoy an afternoon of shopping or relaxing! It is $20 for the first child you bring, and $10 for any additional kids (friends can come too!). Sign up in the Narthex! The money raised will benefit the Youth!

POINSETTIA SALES

Help decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and support Blackwelder Brass by purchasing a poinsettia. Order online using the QR code above or visiting www.stpaulsokc.com> "online giving" or order forms are available in the narthex. Please include "poinsettias" on the note/memo line and indicate if you will be taking your plant home. $25 per plant - order deadline – **December 16th**. Questions: contact Nancy Krause.

COFFEE MAKERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will need to arrive around 8:15 on Sunday mornings. Please sign up at the coffee bar or on the worship assistant sign up genius on the website. Questions: contact Milt Elias or Randal Cain.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

11/22 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11/23 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Break
Office Closed
11/23 – Canticle Ringers
11/25 – ***No Wednesday Night Activities***
11/26 – Thanksgiving Day
11/29 – 9:30 – **Worship**
11/30 – Canticle Ringers