

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Christ the King Sunday – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
November 23, 2025

Introduction

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Prelude

Kathleen Cuvelier, piano; Terri Reid, bells
“Come, Thou Almighty King” (F. de Giardini, arr. by Stan Pethel)

GATHERING

Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. 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 are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting 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 you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign” (vs. 1- 4)

ELW 434

Jesus shall reign wher-e’er the sun does its
successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his
love with sweetest song; and infant voices
shall proclaim their early blessing on his name.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet’
perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

Blessing abound wher-e’er he reigns; the prisoners
leap to lose their chains, the weary find
eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

P: 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.

God Spottings

Canticle of Praise

“Glory Be to God” (vs. 1&3)

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

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

Children’s Message

WORD

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today’s reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah’s unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” (ACS 1017) (by Dunstan/Rowan)

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“What Kind of King”

Pastor Tricia Lowe

Hymn of the Day

ELW 634

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” (vs. 1-4)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

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.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can never forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe and heal division with accountability and truth. Protect people in war-torn countries such as Congo, Ethiopia, Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Sudan, and Ukraine. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, sick or in recovery. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (*Remember to ask for consent*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory

"We Are An Offering" (verse 1)

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

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

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our keeper, the breath that gives us life, and loves us beyond all imagining. For the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their creatures, for javelina and pronghorn and mule deer.

And for friends and strangers and family, for home and grocery stores and schools and places where your glory is magnified like the Granite Dells and Watson Lake.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Abraham and Sara, Moses and Miriam, for Esther, Ruth and Naomi. And for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul and for Martin Luther and Mother Theresa.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, who came as one of us, human yet divine, an example of love for the world.

Who on the night before he died 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, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom. We come to this table invited by Jesus, who offers healing and wholeness. Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, justice, and peace. We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen

P: Gathered together by the Spirit we pray the words that Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you set us free from guild and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

“Beautiful Savior” (all versus)

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moon light,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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. 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. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

“Lift High the Cross” (vs. 1 & 3)

ELW 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christian, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



As a Congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community, and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

Cheryl & Kevin Miller

Colleen Bradley

Deborah Delmastro

Donna Morgan

Doris & Roger MacGregor

Georgianna Farness

Hill Barrington

Inge Scholl

Irene Clute

Janet Bleifer

Julie Doering

Mary Watts

Nancy Renner

Naomi Schifferli

Ramona Walker

Ron Eide

Ryan Intlekofer

Sue Smith

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Anne Northrup

Family Members and Friends

*Barbara Freeland – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
& Emmanuel*

Bev Hart – friend of Sheila Smilgis

Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner

Bonnie – friend of Violet Lowe

Brett Adams – grandson of Isabel Benell

*Carmen Escareno – daughter-in-law of Clara
Farmer*

Cassie Goats – sister-in-law of Kimberly Goats

Dan & Carol Cwach – friends of Emmanuel

Douglas – son of Inge Scholl

Dot Camero – cousin of Wendy Woolley

Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto

Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene

*Heather White – daughter of Michael & Karen
Johnson*

Jen Nelson – friend of Michelle Schreur

Jerry Oium – friend of Jackie Poling

Jim – friend of Ellen Rosfeld

Katy Rost – cousin of Kimberly Goats

Kristin Moraga – daughter of Marcy Pfitzer

*Loren, Cinco & Kathy – friends of Georgianne
Farness*

Lori St Louis – daughter of Jackie Poling

Michael Green – son-in-law of Mary Jensen

*Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim &
Carole Rebholz*

Molly Aulman – friend of Woolley's & Northrup's

Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn

Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar

Sally Kozuch – sister of Ellen Rosfeld

Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler

Shirley Bowman – wife of Wayne Stithem

Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel

Wilma – friend of Anita Wagner

William Bayle – brother-in-law of Phyllis Pohlman

The Stewardship Team has mailed pledge cards for the Fall Stewardship Drive. Although stewardship is a year-round activity, in the fall we send out a letter and pledge cards so that you can think about your coming year giving to Emmanuel. Pledging helps the finance committee to plan the coming year's church budget. Your pledge is aspirational, no one will contact you about whether you are meeting it or not!

The ELC Quilters "Christmas Tubs" for the students at the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point.. The filled tubs need to be returned to the church by **November 30th**.

CHURCH OFFICE IS STAFFED Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please call 928-772-4135 about room use availability.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of November is Prescott Valley People Who Care: a volunteer caregiving organization that provides non-medical assistance to adults who are no longer able to drive due to age-related and physical limitations, in order for them to continue living in their own communities and in their own homes or independent-living apartments.

NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL is December 12. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call. Food costs are continuing to go up, if you have a Thrivent Action Card you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. We are now looking for cards for the rest of the 2025 year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday at 10:00 am on zoom or in person. They are reading "Psalms" by Deitrich Bonhoeffer, contact Pr. Tricia for more information. **Not meeting on November 25.**

WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY - This study meets in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Larry Gordon and retired Pastor Hal Vogelaar.

THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY meets at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert. **Not meeting on November 27.**

GRIEF GROUP meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is December 11.

LUNCH BUNCH Join the Lunch bunch on November 25 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

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