Christ The King Sunday
November 15, 2026

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Gathering Song **"That's My King"**

Welcome and Invocation
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

P: … in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Song **"O Worship the King"**

Prayer of the Day
This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God's children.

The Sharing of the Peace
We offer the peace of Christ as a way of preparing to break bread together as family and friends. It's a sign that we live in community as believers.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Musical Meditation "Fantasy on Terra Beata" **Alleluia Ringers**
Dean Wagner, Hope Publishing 2477

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** (p. 702)
Because Isreal's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David" who will feed and care for the people.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23** (p. 949)
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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Box"
"The Box" is our way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through children – in worship. Each week a child brings "The Box" with a surprise for us to share. We never know what is inside, but we trust God always has something to teach us through the gifts that children bring. ***The child who brings The Box to worship, is also invited to help hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward right after the Lord's Prayer.***

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
While children are welcome to stay in worship, they are also welcome to join other kids and adult leaders in the Fellowship Room for a time of learning and fun, just for them, so parents can focus on the sermon in a way most kids don't care to. Kids return during the Congregational Song.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:31-46** (p. 807)

SERMON **Pastor Cogan**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG **"King of Kings"**

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A way of saying, briefly, what we believe as a community at Cross of Grace and as members of the Christian Church in the world. The word "catholic" here means "universal" or "all-encompassing," not Roman Catholic. We celebrate our calling to be one with God's Church in each of its faithful expressions.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERING
Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you choose to share an offering, we thank you for your generosity and trust you'll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you'd like to give via our website.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION
We give thanks for the meal and hear the "Words of Institution" – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The meal of Holy Communion – like God's abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you're a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It's an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God we worship. Welcome to the table.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **"That's My King"**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

If you're a guest with us this morning, thanks for being part of our worship. We're blessed by and better because of your presence. Please let Pastor Mark, Pastor Cogan, or one of our Partners in Mission know you are here and join us again, soon. Also, take a minute to fill out the Grace Notes insert so we'll know who was with us, even if we miss the chance to welcome you in person.

Please recycle your bulletin using the bins near the main entrance.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Greeter: Dale Reid
Ushers: Drew Walsman & Brent Smith
Acolyte: Charlotte Ostermyer
Lay Reader: Kim Forehand
Comm. Assistants: Mark & Liz Blachly
Nursery: Katelyn Blackmon
Children's Church: CJ Ehle & Lily Amback

Altar Setup: Linda Stoeffler
Altar Clean Up: Donna Kuffner
Bread Baker: Lois Dalton
Counters: Lynn Galligan & Corey Lecher
Cleaning Crew: Champion, Ehle. Kuffner
Refreshments: Hercamp & Fox

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, November 22

- Thanksgiving Packing – 9:45 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Distribution – 12:00 p.m.
- Bells of Grace – 5:30 p.m.
- FF Friendsgiving – 6:00 p.m..
- Alleluia Ringers – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 23

- Men's Sermon Talk – 12:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry – 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

- Thanksgiving Worship – 6:30 p.m

Thursday, November 26

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 28

- Sanctuary Setup – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Last Week: 215

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	$11,012.71
Offering Last Week:	$8,217.05
November Total:	$40,806.85
Fiscal YTD Income (10/31/26)	$198,558.16
Fiscal YTD Expense (10/31/26)	$199,210.30

Our General Fund supports our ministry. We tithe 10% of it to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, administrate disaster relief, and more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitment:	$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	$4,105.50
Given To Date:	$781,886.50

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

(Please be praying about the building project and for our Sweat Equity Team as things progress!)

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