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.

PRELUDE "Crown Him Lord of All" **Choir**
arr. Mary McDonald, Hope Publishing

WELCOME AND INVOCATION
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned 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 will live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" **#643**

GREETING

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.**

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.

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.

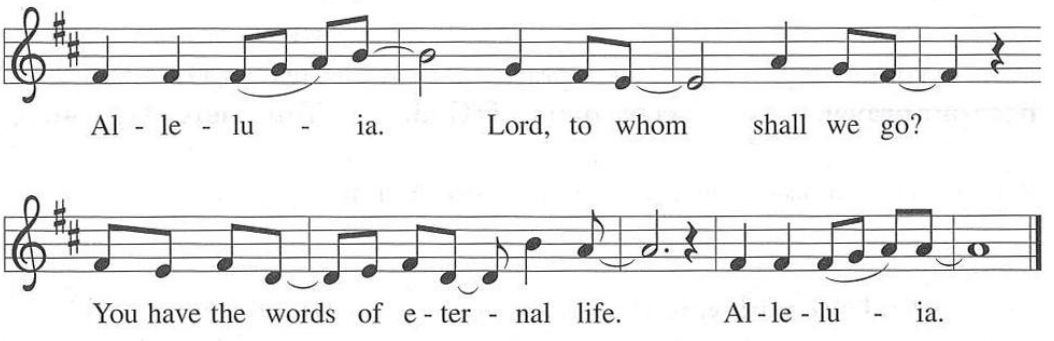
SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23** (p. 949)

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 Grab Bag"

"The Grab Bag" is one way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through kids – in worship. Each week, a child pulls a surprise from the bag for us to share. We never know what we'll find, but trust God always has something to teach us. ***The child who pulls from the Grab Bag is invited to hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward after the Lord's Prayer.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"'When the Son of Man comes in his glory…'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Cogan**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign" **#434**

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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.

P: Living together in trust and with hope, we confess the faith we have in common:
C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

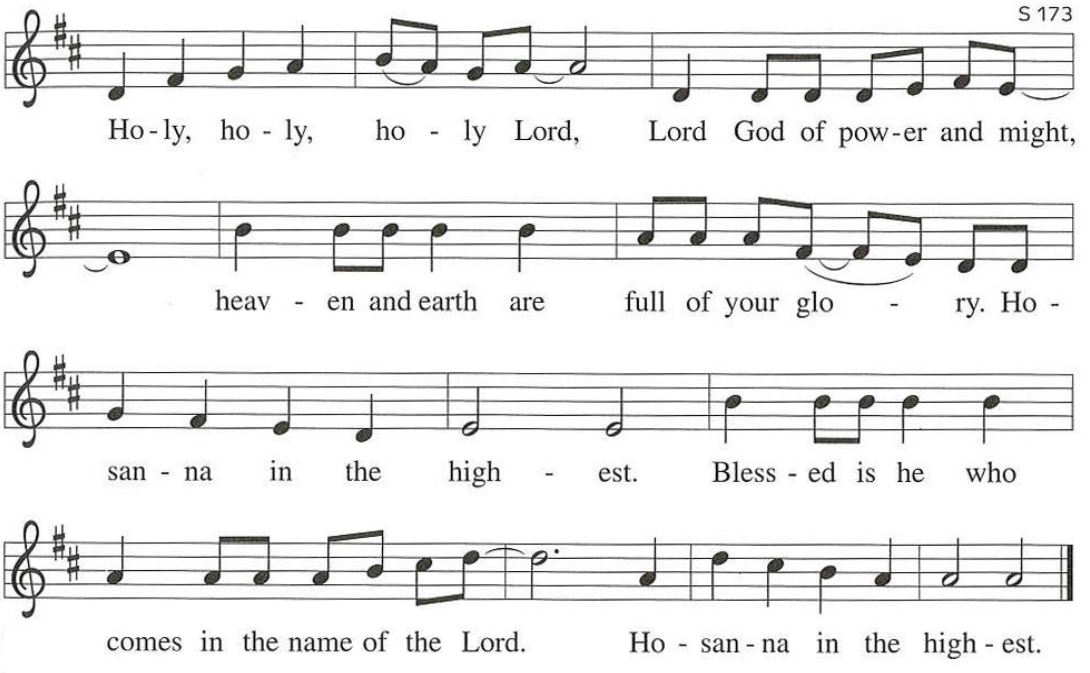
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P: It is right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

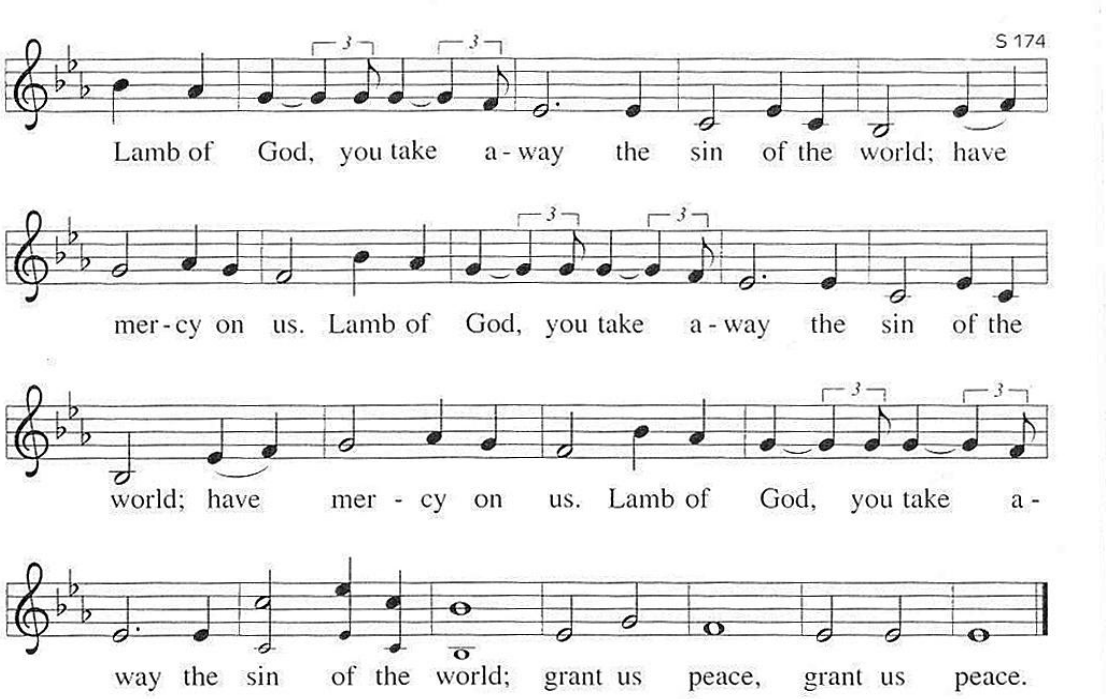
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

Holy Communion – like God's abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you are 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.

LAMB OF GOD

We sing this to connect our meal of Holy Communion to the Passover meal shared by the Jews of the Old Testament. At that time, God saved the Jewish people from death by 'passing over' homes marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Similarly Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the sign of salvation for the world.



COMMUNION HYMN "Beautiful Savior" **#838**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation" **#679**

SENDING

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



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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Greeter: Donna Kuffner
Ushers: Linda Stoeffler & Kevin Michaelis
Acolyte: Anneliese Jones
Lay Reader: Tom Orr
Comm. Assistants: Dan Mowrey & Kirk Havel
Children's Church: Sara Keljo & Elizabeth Jones
Altar Setup: Linda Stoeffler
Altar Clean Up: Kristen Anderson
Bread Baker: Lois Dalton
Counters: Lynn Galligan & Corey Lecher
Cleaning Crew: Champion, Ehle, Kuffner
Refreshments: Hercamp & Fox

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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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