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Christ The King **November 22, 2026**

* Stand as you are able

GATHERING

INVOCATION, CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.**
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN*

ELW # 870 "We Praise You, O God"

GREETING*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE* (ELW pg. 98-99)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen

Hymn of Praise*- ELW pg. 187-188

This Is the Feast

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

2 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

Prayer of the Day

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel'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.

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As 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. 13 I 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.
14 I 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. 15 I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I 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.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I
will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them
and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among
them; I the Lord have spoken.

P: The Word of the Lord: **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 95:1-7a

[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

[2] Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

[3] For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

[4] In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

[5] The sea is yours, for you made it and your hands have molded the dry land.

[6] Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

[7a] For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Ephesians 1:15-23

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..

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation*(pg. 151 in your hymnal)

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

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:31-46

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the
sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then 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, 35 for 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, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took
care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then 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? 38 And when
was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And 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.’ 41 Then 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, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing
to drink, 43 I 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.’ 44 Then 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?’ 45 Then 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.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Sermon

“What Will The King Say to You?

Hymn of the Day *

“Our God Is An Awesome God”

[1]When He rolls up His sleeve
He ain't just puttin’ on the Ritz
(Our God is an awesome God)
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightnin’ in His fist
(Our God is an awesome God)
And the Lord wasn't jokin’
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close

And so you better be believin' that

Our God is an awesome God

Chorus (x2)

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God

[2]And when the sky was starless

In the void of the night

(Our God is an awesome God)

He spoke into the darkness

And created the light

(Our God is an awesome God)

The judgment and wrath He poured out on the Sodom

the mercy and grace He gave us at the cross

I hope that we have not

Too quickly forgotten that

Our God is an awesome God!

Chorus (x2)

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God!

The Apostle's Creed * (Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer Petitions

"Introduction to the Prayers"

Prayers of the Church
Response P: Hear us, O God. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace
P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

Offering Hymn *
ELW #840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Offering Prayer *

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

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.**

The Preface *
P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** (pg. 144 ELW)

The Words of Institution*

The Lord's Prayer *

Invitation to Communion
P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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Communion Hymn
ELW # 499 "O Lord, We Praise You"

SENDING

Communion Blessing *

Prayer After Communion *

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing*

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *

ELW #833 (verses 1,2,5) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Dismissal *

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today's Lector is Kurt Hintz and our usher is Don Horen..
- Next week's Lector is Scott Lopas and our ushers are Bruce and Laurie Horst.
- Pastor will be **in the office on Thursday December 3rd** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office **December 10th** from **9am-12pm.**
- Pastor will be holding a casual gathering of scripture, communion and prayer at Harthaven on **Wednesday, November 25th** at 1:30pm.
- An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at First United Methodist Church in Hartford on **Wednesday**, **November 25**, 7pm, with a social following the service.
- On Thursday**, December 3 at 10am**, you are invited to, "Exploring Who We Are at Redeemer Lutheran Church". We will look at the history of the ELCA and our congregation, what we believe, what our direction in ministry and mission, and how each of us can participate. We will also have a tour of our beautiful building!
- Paster will be holding "Conversations and Prayer" on **Thursday, December 3rd** at 1:30pm at Washington Heights.
- We are looking for volunteers to assist in "Decking the halls" here at Redeemer on **Saturday, December 5th** at 9:00am! If you are interested please let Bruce and Laurie Horst know!
- Please note our monthly fish fry group will not be meeting in December, we will resume in January.
- If you are visiting us today, we encourage you to fill out the information card in the pew! Please include your email address, you may return the cards to the plate at the entrance.

Ministry Partners

- Special Giving for December is **Hartford Christmas Committee.**
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday, November 28th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.

NEEDS OF OUR PARTNERS

Casa Guadalupe

- Rice, black beans, pinto beans, vegetable oil, canned goods, fresh fruit/veggies, flour, cereal
- Diapers (all sizes, larger sizes needed most) baby wipes, baby care products
- Feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, hairbrushes, combs
- Household essentials: toilet paper, paper towel, Kleenex, dish soap, detergent, first aid kids
- Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bar soap, body lotion

Lincoln Elementary

- Waterproof gloves
- Winter coats and boots
- Clorox Wipes

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS IN THE GATHERING ROOM