

# Christ the King – November 23, 2025

*Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Children's Sermon

**Opening Hymn      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

**ELW 634**

## Apostolic Greeting

L 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.

## This is the Feast Pg. 169

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

## Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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.

C Amen

## First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.<sup>3</sup>

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.<sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. C Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.  
<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
<sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;  
<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> “Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>12</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>13</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>14</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>15</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>16</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>17</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>18</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>19</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C      Thanks be to God



Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Pg. 171

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

Holy Gospel according to Luke 23<sup>rd</sup> C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

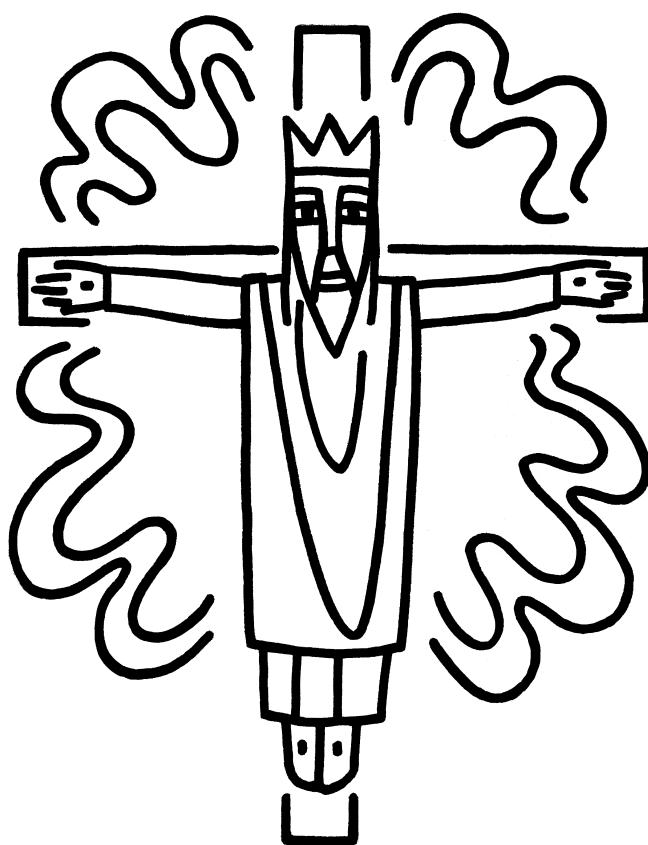
This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

ELW 431



## Nicene Creed

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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

L: Rejoicing in the Lordship of Christ the King, we place all our trust in him.

AM: For the faithful baptized in all times and places, that our full devotion and allegiance to Christ never falter, and that we may be effective witnesses to his grace, Lord in your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the billions of our human race who labor under other rulers, that they may come to know the compassionate and loving ways of Jesus, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the good creation which sustains us in this life, that we may see in it the very hand of our precious Lord and signs of God's generous blessings, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all children, especially those whose lives are filled with fear or trauma, that we may be their advocates and sources of help, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

**AM:** For any other prayers we now raise to your heavenly throne.....Lord in your mercy,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: And for ourselves, that our gratitude may become generosity to support the mission of our King, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these, and all else we need, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen**

## The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.*

**Anthem: I Will Live My Thanks: Words & Music Joseph M. Martin  
& Ruth Elaine Schram**

I will live my thanks, O Lord; I will show my gratitude. In everyday, in every way, I will live my thanks to you. I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do. With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. I will live my thanks, O Lord, with my willing hands and feet. In every day in every way I will spread your joy and peace. I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do. With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. You have blessed me that I may be a blessing, filled my heart that love might overflow. You have given that I might give to others; you have touched me that I might be an instrument of hope. And I will live my thanks, O Lord; I will show my gratitude. In every day, in every way, I will live my thanks to you. I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do. With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. With songs of praise, songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. Thanks to you.

## Offertory Hymn ELW 185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer*

## The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.  
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.  
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus Pg. 173

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

## The Agnus Dei pg. 174

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.*

## Communion

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. C Amen.

### Closing Hymn

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

### Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. C Amen.

### Postlude

*Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.*

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***



## ***Opportunities to give and assist!***

The Women of the ELCA will be making Thanksgiving baskets for members in need on the 24th. We do not need turkeys, however, if you would like to donate "sides" or goodies please leave the donations in the Narthex. You are invited to the meeting to help assemble the baskets as well.

Pies to be delivered with Thanksgiving Meals need to be in By Wednesday Nove 26 at 11:00 am.

Thanks!

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley

Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens

Connie Aparo

Phil Bascetta

Charlie Blakeslee

Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown

Sharon Cable

Kathy Ann Campbell

Angelo & Nicole Capasso

Carol Cianciolo

Leif Dallaire

Emily Decker

Linda Dellano

Carla Derrickson

Winifried Diorio

Irene Douglas

J.J. Eby

Judy Elliott

Walt Esker

Jan Eucalitto

Jennifer Ezzo

Weston Faith

Bruce & Liz Falls

Tommy Fitzpatrick

Bob Frantz

Ashley Friday

John Fox

Joan Gerard

Danise Hall

Jack & Barbara Heintz

Brayden Herzberg

Renate Higgins

Charles Hilton

Kathleen Hilton

Shannon Hilton

Jake Hoadley

Sven Holmgren

Erma Horn

Eunice Jones

Colin Keeley

Marilyn Killingbeck

Jason Lashbrook

Gail Lavoie

John Lewis

David Little

Rebecca Little

Amy & Dave Louen

Kari Machowski

Mary Ellen Mackinnon

Jerry MacManus

Irene Madore

Audrey Marquard

Abigail Marine

Richard Marine

Janis Martin

Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina

Michael Meyers

Kate Merrow

Colin Moore

Brigitte Mueller

Bob Murphy

Barbara & Dennis Nalette

Karen Ness

Tom O'Brien

Lea Orriola & family

Karen Pagano

Russell Palmer

Maria Payne

Lisa & Dennis Polzun

Caroline Quintal

Ed & Susan Regner

Jonathan Richard

Louise Roche

Baerbel Roehl

Patricia & Richard Sawitzke

Holly Schaff

Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Denae Seelye

Matt Simpson

Lori Sola

Dana Steele

Sigrid Smitley

Paul Smith

Arlene Soja

John Sproat

Dana & George Steele

Jennifer Stella

Deb & Jon Sterling

Tom Sterling Sr.

RuthAnn Stone

Patricia Switzer

Gloria Thibault

Andy Thomas

Julia Thompson Carroll

Kyle Thurlough & family

Susan Tycienski

Carol Vrlik

Eveyln Walters

Steve Warner

Sue Watkins

Renee Woodard

Bruce Yauney

Clayton Young

Clarence & Priscilla

Ed

Jen O.

Jaiden

Steve

Lou W.

Steve

Todd

Robert K.

Diane A.

Terry

Joe

Carol G.

Kristen & Jared

Vinny

Hagbard

Carolina

Robert P.

Peanut

Colleen

Ken

Kathy

Jaxson

Gail

F.C.H.

Chantel

Stephan

Jason R

Diane L.

Holly L.

Al & Mary

### Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon

Midge Rosenbeck

Judy Schaller

Ernest Marquard

Mae Fay

Francine Ahrens

Betty Hilton

Walter Joray

### Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn

Eric Beyus

Major Zachary Fulton

Brandan Holbrook

Jonathan Connell

Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer

Peter Hutchinson

SPC Dominic Boscarino

PVT Noah Braatz

PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Aiden Avenia USCG

2nd Lt. Ben Speaker

Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Family Advent Project	11/23	After worship
WELCA	11/24	7 pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ St. Paul's	11/25	7 pm
Lighting of the Outdoor Tree	11/30	After Service
New Evangelism Team meeting	12/7	After church
Yankee Chorale Concert	12/7	4 pm
Annual Congregational Meeting	12/18	6:30 pm
Pageant Rehearsal	12/19	
Blue Christmas Service	12/21	4pm
Christmas Eve	12/24	10 am

### **Bible Study cancelled Nov. 24 & 25**

Tuesday via Zoom

Tuesdays 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

### **Offerings Summary:**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$4,561</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$3,262</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$1,299)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$63,173)</b>

### **Minimalist bulletin**

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Come ye thankful  
People come...

## **A Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

We will come together for this special worship service:

Pastor G. Scott Cady—St. Paul’s Lutheran Torrington

Erick Olsen—Church of Christ Norfolk UCC

Sara Krhla—Church of Christ Goshen UCC

Micki Nunn-Miller—Cornwall UCC

Naomi Cardello—Trinity Episcopal

Susan Caufield—Barkhamsted Center Church

Averille Blackburn Center Congregational

Kenric Prescott United Torrington UCC

Kevin Johnson—Workman AME Zion

John Brawner—First UMC

Parker Prout—First UMC



Thanksgiving has become one of the most beloved family  
holidays of the year.

In celebration for all God has given us,

plan to begin the holiday weekend on

Thanksgiving Eve at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

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