# Christ the King Sunday — November 22, 2026

**Prelude** ***portions of Partita for Organ on Lancashire*** **arr. by Kevin Hildebrand**

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Children's Sermon**

**Opening Hymn** ***Lead On, O King Eternal*** **ELW 805**

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**Apostolic Greeting** **ELW Pg. 147**

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

**This is the Feast** **ELW 149**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you
**P: And also, with you**

L: 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. **P: Amen**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 95:1-7a** *chanted responsively*

[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 a- | bove 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.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

[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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **P: Thanks be to God!**

***Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation** **ELW Pg. 151**

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

**P: Glory to you, O Lord**

**Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 25th Chapter.**

[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." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**P: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*** **ELW 719**

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**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: Clinging to the promise of mercy in Jesus Christ, we humbly intercede for all humanity in the face of the coming Day of the Lord, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the Church, that the grace of God, so fully embodied in our Savior, may give us courage to seek God's forgiveness for ourselves and our neighbors as we await the coming of the Kingdom, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the nations, leaders and citizens of all lands, that the prospect of God's judgement on injustice, or wickedness might cause a turn of heart to righteousness and peace, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For creation itself, that we do not incur divine wrath by mistreatment of God's handiwork, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the children of the world, that our care for them might be a sign of God's love and compassion, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For any prayers you now lift to God,.....Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

L: And for any other needs we have, that we place all things into God's holy keeping, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer. Amen**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also, with you**

***Please share a sign of God's peace.*** ***The offering is received***



**Anthem** ***Hear Our Thankful Praise***

Words: Hal H. Hopson
Music: George Frideric Handel
Arr: Hal H. Hopson

Hear our thankful praise, hear our thankful praise, God of all creation. You are the Lord, Lord of all. You made the moon above, all the shining, starry hosts. Hear our thankful praise, hear our thankful praise, God of all creation. You made the earth and sea, and all that breathes. Hear our thankful praise. You are the Lord of all, God of the starry hosts, and God of earth. Hear our thankful praise. Heaven and earth now unite in praise, we would sing forevermore, sing forevermore. Lord, hear our thankful praise. Heaven and earth now unite in praise, we would sing forevermore. Lord, hear our prayer.

**Offertory Hymn** ***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*** **ELW 184**

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**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving –**

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also, with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Proper Preface is spoken*

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened

to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus** **ELW Pg. 153**

**P: 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. Hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.**

**The Words of Institution**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

***Agnus Dei** **ELW Pg. 154**

**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.**

**Communion is distributed.**

**Communion Music** ***Fairest Lord Jesus*** **arr. by Diane Bish**

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**Post Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**L:** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**P: Amen**

**Closing Hymn** ***Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*** **ELW 707**

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**Dismissal**

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **P: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude** ***Voluntary on "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"***

**arr. by Robert Lind**

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

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# Happenings Around the Church

***Tuesdays***

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am $12
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsals – 7-8:30 pm

***Bible Study***

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am
**NOTE: No Bible Study on Nov. 24th or 25th.**

**Wednesdays**

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

| Event | Date | Time |
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| WELCA Meeting | Mon. 11/23 | 6:00 pm |
| Red Cross Blood Drive | Tues. 11/24 | 1-6pm |
| Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Center Congregational Church-Torrington | Tues. 11/24 | 7:00 pm |
| Thanksgiving Day – Office Schedule | Thurs. 11/26 | Office Closed |
| | Fri. 11/27 | Office Closed |
| 1st Sunday in Advent | Sun. 11/29 | |
| Christian Ed Meeting | Mon. 12/7 | 6:30 pm |
| Finance Committee Meeting | Wed. 12/9 | 6:00 pm |
| Toastmasters Meeting | Wed. 12/9 | 7:00 pm |
| Hilltop Advisory Meeting (zoom) | Thurs. 12/19 | 4:45 pm |
| *Congregational Annual Meeting (Part 1) | Thurs. 12/17 | 6:30 pm |
| Pageant Sunday | Sun. 12/20 | 10:00 am |
| Blue Christmas Worship | Sun. 12/20 | 3:00 pm |

**Offerings Summary:**

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| **Needed Weekly** | **$6,290** |
| **Received** | **$5,461** |
| **Shortfall** | **-$ 829** |
| **YTD** | **-$100,749** |

- Those interested in becoming official members of St. Paul's, please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- **2027 Pledge Commitment Sheets** are in the Narthex and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary – please submit if you haven't already.
- The **Community Soup Kitchen in Torrington** will be open on Thanksgiving Day however, they have asked St. Paul's to please donate holiday pies to be used for desserts. By order of the Torrington Health Dept., all pies are to be "store bought". Please bring in your donation by Tuesday, Nov. 24th (noon). See Christine Dickinson for any questions.
- *Watch for more information in the December newsletter about the Congregational Annual Mtg.




**Raffle tickets for the "Comfort of Psalms" quilt created by Judy Ludwig are available in the narthex after worship every Sunday until November 29th, the winning ticket will be drawn on December 1st.**

**Thank you, Judy, for your beautiful creation, we hope it brings in lots of sales.**

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**Available for sale in the Narthex after worship**




**Cards for restaurants, department stores, discount stores and outlet stores, electronics, entertainment, fast food, gas and auto, grocery, home improvement, sporting goods and even universal prepaid cards! Don't see one on the list that's available – just ask.**

**If you are thinking "ahead of the holidays", put your list together and see the people at the gift card table. You not only save yourself time going shopping but the church also gets a % of your sales.**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a list 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. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott
Casaundra Abeling
Roberta Alteri
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens
Michelle Ahrens

Coni Aparo
Charlie Blakeslee
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Vinni Carey

Bridget Deemer
Emma Cortina
Emily Decker
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott

Diane Engle
Jan Eucalitto
Weston Faith
Amy Falls
Bruce & Liz Falls

Rosemarie Foth
Steven Fosbrook
Bob Frantz
John Lewis
Danise Hall
Marge Kiernan

Renate Higgins
Rusty Judd
Kathleen Hilton
Helenna Hauser
Gloria Thibault

Ed & Anne Grening
Condolences to the
Winslow family
Jay Patterson

Audrey Marquard
Amber
Rebecca Little
Eric Marine
Richard Marine

Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy

Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Karen Pagano
Maria Payne

Melissa Pilbin
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
Baerbel Roehl
Charlotte

Vincent Scarrozzo
Jean Schlapfer
Sarah Seelye
Lucille Videtto
Paul Smith
Marilyn Killingbeck

Sigrid Smitley
Patricia Switzer
Lori Sola
George Gray
Roger Jensen

Rich Zarcone
Kent Madia
Lindsey L.
Will Erazmus

Justin Wade & Family
The Videtto Family
Eveyln Walters
Sue Watkins
James Weber

Diane Wright
Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young
Clarence Troemele
Ed

Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Todd
Robert K.

Hagbard
Peanut
Diane L.
Sandie Harper
Pam Ewing

Michelle
Marci
Diane Tanner
Baby Olive Pressler
Carol DeLeppo
Tom Sterling Sr.

Margaret Miller
Patrick Friday
Shay Cronin
Leigh Martin
Linda Martin

Shirley Moore
Lois Ridgway
Paul Prete
The Atterato Family

Kyle W.
Rowan
Stefan Nikola J
Janet E.
Wendy Fedor

Laurie Otis
Jackie & John Fleming
Ethan Troy Danner
Fred Rakyta & family
Ryan English

Mae Johnson
David Kibbe
Eunice Peterson
Christine & Fran Gaffney
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke

Shannon Hilton
Deb & Jon Sterling
David Little
Carol Vrlik
Terry

Ruth Ann Stone
Joyce Young & family
The family & friends of
Cecile Scheidel
The family of Howard
Kreidwise

Shaelynn Holmgren
Bob Hauser
The Marold family
Lori Sola
Bryce Murphy

Kenny Bentley
Paula Rosenbeck
John & Margaret Gibson
The Brower Family




## OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Francine Ahrens
Dee Gammon
Walter Joray
Mae Fay
Betty Hilton
Midge Rosenbeck




## OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace 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 Beuis
Dominic Boscarino
Ethan & his Marine Unit

Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson

Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit
Jasmine Schiff & her Navy unit

