November 21 - November 22, 2026

Christ the King Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
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.

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.

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.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
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.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God,
so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you,
what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints,
and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe,
according to the working of God's great power.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus said to the disciples:
“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.
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,

and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Creator,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
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,
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.’

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?
And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you
or naked and gave you clothing?
And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these siblings of mine,
you did it to me.’

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.