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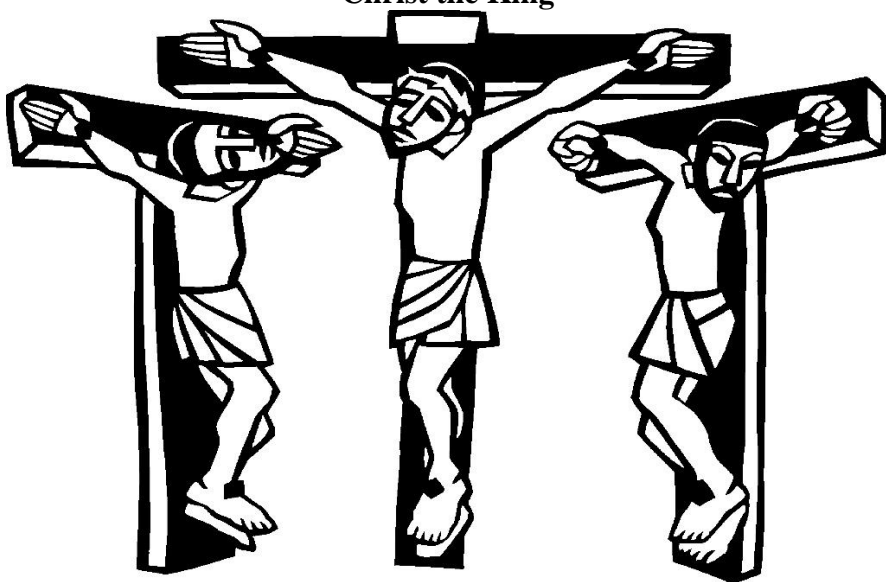
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November 23, 2025

Christ the King



Introduction to the day

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Food pantry need: cereal and soup
Attendance for November 16, 2025 - 43

PRELUDE

please stand if you are able.

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✙ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

How Shall I Sing that Majesty



1 How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad -
2 En - light-en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
3 How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
fire, then shall I sing and take my part with that ce -
keep! Thy knowl - edge is the on - ly line to sound so



heav'n - ly choir. Thou-sands of thou - sands stand a -
les - tial choir. They sing, be - cause thou art their
vast a deep; thou art a sea with - out a



round thy throne, O God most high; ten thou - sand
sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n
shore, a sun with - out a sphere; thy time is



times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Text: John Mason, 1646–1694

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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.

Canticle of Praise



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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." The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present ¹ help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths ¹ of the sea;**

³ though its waters ¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ¹ with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of ¹ the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ¹ break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the ¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ¹ melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the earth."**

¹¹ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ 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.

³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ 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!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

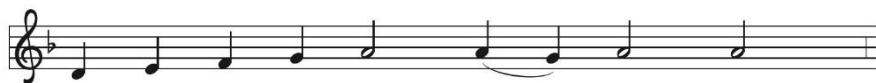
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



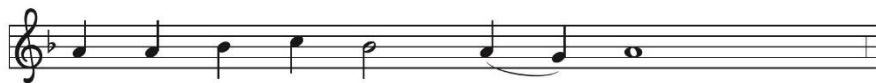
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side,
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



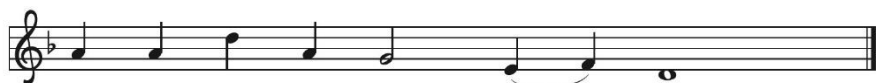
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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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 INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words

The assembly is seated.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads

1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,
hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -
spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning
cool.
One, How fresh it falls up -
who bless - es you with
air, Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -
on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost, ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WEST LESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

**and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

(ELW 616)

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of heaven

that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,

send us out to gather your good gifts for all who

hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

***SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

(ELW 439)

. **Soon and Very Soon**

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: Andraé Crouch

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BREAD LOAF OFFERING - NOVEMBER – Giving Tree

- Hanging of the Greens will be after church service today Sunday Nov 23, 2025
- Office will be closed Nov 27 and 28. If you need something please call the church office, or email the church.
- Food Pantry needs, with the colder weather the need for Soup increases. While we still need Cereal and Peanut Butter, we could also use Soup as well.

- The attendance for weekly Midweek Advent services in the past has been very poor. This year we will have one midweek Advent Service on Tuesday December 16th at 6:00pm. This will be a Soup and Salad carry in for both Hope and Grace in the Parish Hall at Grace. You can bring in your favorite Soup, Salad or home made bread items and we will have a devotional in the Parish Hall as we eat. The church will be providing drinks. Please plan on attending and having some great fellowship.
- **Bread Loaf Offering**
The November Bread Loaf offering will be going to our Giving Tree. Thanks to Linda Trowbridge, we will be partnering with Mission 25 and giving gifts for 2 families and also towels and linens. The money collected in the Bread Loaf will help buy gifts for any tags left on the tree and also help pay for the towels and linens. Since the Salvation Army does not have a director for Whitley County, we had to turn to other charities that needed help. The giving tree will be going up the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thank You for your generous giving. Any questions please ask Joe Freiburger, Linda Trowbridge or Pastor Matt
- **Holiday Service Location and Time**
Last year there was concern that we did not have a late Christmas Eve Service.
We have brought that back this year.
Thanksgiving 9am Hope
Christmas Eve 7pm Grace no communion
 9pm Hope no communion
 11pm Grace no communion

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday November 24, 2025

Helping hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/G 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

Tuesday November 25, 2025

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

WC quilters 6:30 pm

Cub scouts Pack 3082 Pack meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday November 26, 2025

No School

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

Thursday November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving

No school

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday November 28, 2025

Pastor's Day Off

No school

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday November 29, 2025

Whitley County Community choir 9 am

Sunday November 30, 2025

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Girl scouts 2 pm

sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.