Worship Service ~ November 23, 2025 Christ the King Sunday/Stewardship Sunday

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Judy Peterson and Laurie Olson in memory of Millard & Katherine Olson.

PRELUDE "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" traditional; Kids of the Kingdom, Emily Karlsrud, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN ELW #855 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS stz 1, 4, 5

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. ~Silence for reflection~

L: Faithful God.

C: 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.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Here is Our King" Worship Band

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R: A reading from Jeremiah.

Ieremiah 23:1-6

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

⁵The 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. ⁶In 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."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

R: A Gospel reading from the 23rd chapter of Luke. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 23:33-43

³³When 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. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]]

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding ^[e] 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."

R: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Rev. Patricia Lull, Bishop Saint Paul Area Synod

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #434 JESUS SHALL REIGN stz 1, 3, 5



MUSICAL OFFERING "Soli Deo" by David Waggoner; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Glenn Terry, percussion; Linda Burk, director

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Soli Deo gloria! (To God Alone)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise God for His amazing love; For grace and mercy from above. We'll praise Thee, Father all our days; And praise Thee for Thy holy ways.

All people that on earth do dwell; Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Serve Him with love, His praises tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice! Soli Deo gloria!

OFFERTORY ELW #692 WE ARE AN OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD look upon you with favor. + and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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