

Christ The King Sunday

November 23, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*



CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsively)*

Dennis Leshar

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.
Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.
Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.



INVOCATION

Dennis Leshar

Lord, our God, we trust your promise
to be among us as we gather.
We come in the name of Christ,
drawn by your Spirit,
eager to hear your Word.
Fill our hearts with your Spirit
and prepare us for faithful service. **Amen.**



OPENING HYMN 559 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dennis Leshar

The psalmist testifies:
Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.
—from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dennis Leshar

To you, Holy God, we confess our sin
with as much shame and sorrow as we can muster.
We know it won't be enough
because we are on easy terms with our sin.
We confess to you, O God,
that we deceive ourselves about our sin,
and then we deceive ourselves about
whether we deceive ourselves,
slipping and sliding and sidestepping the truth.
O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine.
You are the source of righteousness,
the overflowing fountain of goodness.
You made us to be like you
in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.
And yet here we are, so often soiled,
smudged, distracted from your purposes,
and running after the gods of this world.
Please forgive and restore us through Jesus, your Son. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dennis Leshar

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you;
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
—Ezekiel 36:25-26, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men*

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
—from Hebrews 13:16, NRSV

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

DOXOLOGY

*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. A-men.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you*

PREPARATION SONG *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness (See Screen)*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, our God, we bless and thank you for the gift of your Word.
Grant your servants both the humility and the boldness necessary to preach it. Prepare our hearts
and lives to be strengthened and changed by it. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 46:

³“... I have cared for you since you were born.

Yes, I carried you before you were born.

⁴I will be your God throughout your lifetime —
until your hair is white with age.

I made you, and I will care for you.

I will carry you along and save you.

⁸“Do not forget this! Keep it in mind! ...

⁹Remember the things I have done in the past.

For I alone am God!

I am God, and there is none like me.”

Psalms 145:

³Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!

No one can measure his greatness.

⁴Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
let them proclaim your power.

⁵I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor
and your wonderful miracles.

⁶Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
I will proclaim your greatness.

⁷Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

Psalms 107:

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

SERMON

"Thanks For the Memories"
Rev. Jim Caldwell



HYMN OF RESPONSE 556 *Now Thank We All Our God*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*



PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

I am righteous before God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is accept this gift with a believing heart.
When I say that through faith alone I am righteous,
it is not because I please God
by the worthiness of my faith.
It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me righteous before God,
and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than through faith.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God,
accept all these prayers offered in Jesus' name,
and give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer,
and to live faithfully in response to your call.
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*



COMMISSION HYMN *Let All Things Now Living (See Insert)*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

May the God of peace
himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound
and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23, NRSV

POSTLUDE

 *Please stand if you are able.*