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November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Service of the Word - Setting 10 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year C)

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 13-14.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

Please stand if you are able.

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

GATHERING SONG

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW 634

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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

GREETING

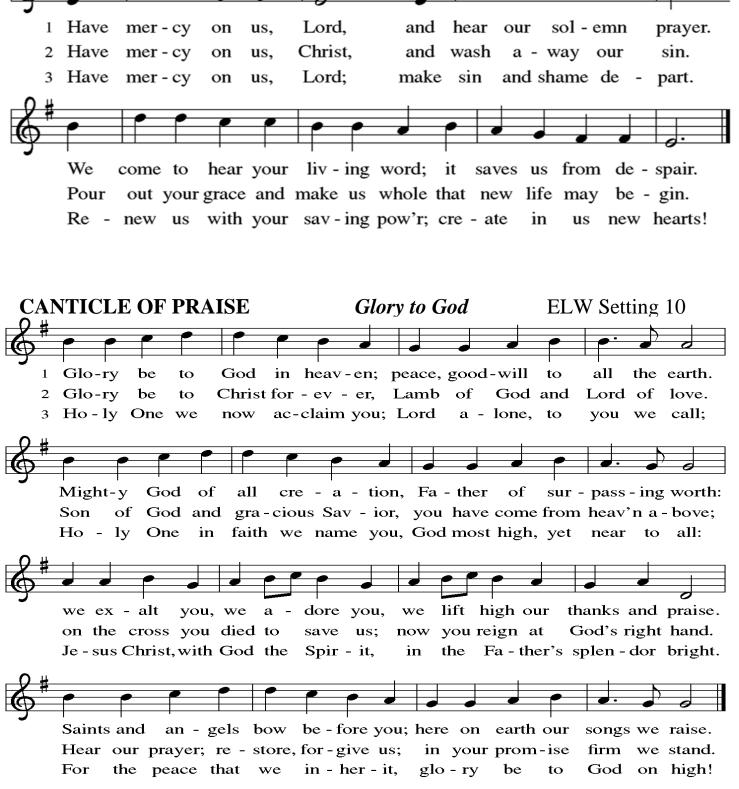
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

KYRIE

The children are invited to come forward.



ELW Setting 10

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 46

Read responsively

¹God is our ref- uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

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

³though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

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

⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that [|] I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations:

I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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



The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 23rd Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Ryan Kessinger

A brief silence for reflection.

Please stand if you are able.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

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

Each petition ends:

Hear Us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude with:

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 Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say: **Peace be with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY: ELW 253

He Came Down



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

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 HYMN ELW 660

Lift High the Cross



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Disciples Serving:	Today	Next Sunday
Presider/Supply	Ryan Kessinger	Stacie Bowens
Assisting Minister:	Gwen Hedding	Jerry Vargues
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Cassie Walgren	Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Tony Martinet	Tony Martinet
Counters/Posters:	Stacie Bowens/Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren
JAM:	Children's Sermon	Cyrisse Cooley/Derek Truxell

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

November 23 Sarah and Matt Johnson 24 years

November 23 Charlotte Vargues

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † The Christmas Program will be on December 14th during worship. All ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to participate, please contact Cyrisse.
- † The first Christmas Program practice will be held on November 30th during JAM. The second practice will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 13th at 10:00am
- Help decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas Season by purchasing a Poinsettia plant. The cost will be \$12 each plant. Please fill out an order form (available in the Narthex) for **each** plant ordered and place in the Poinsettia envelope and turn in with your offering, welcome slip or to the church office.

 Orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 14th. Plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve service.
- † Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 24th.

PRAYERS		
Members, Friends and Relatives	Added by Members	
Doris Ask	People of Tabor	
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor	
Michael Beck	People of Tabor	
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert	
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner	
Devin Caveza	Grandson of Tony Martinet	
John Centa	Bowens Family	
Sandy, Tyler and Tori English	Friends of Emily Briggs	
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell	
Vicki Granato	Michelle Vargues	
Larry Hall	Bowens Family	
Brian & Geri Helm	Bowens Family	
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor	
Etta Kay Johnson	Sister-in-law of Linda Johnson	
Linda Johnson	People of Tabor	
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor	
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor	
Kathy Lambert	People of Tabor	
Kathy Laney & Family	Connie Wisthoff	
Stefanie Montes	Bowens Family	
DJ Nichols	Truxell Family	
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families	
Evelyn Omey	Twin sister of Shirley Bass	
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs	
Kenzie Roberts	Granddaughter of Gwen Hedding	
Kimberly Roberts	Daughter of Gwen Hedding	
Pam Salas	People of Tabor	
Family of Cheryl Salay	People of Tabor	
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs	
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert	
Justin, Harper & Hazel Tolan	Grandson/Great-granddaughters of	
	Denise Tristano	
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families	
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor	
Linda Wasanan	I Tm 11	

Lynn Truxell
Sister of Ruth Valencia

Linda Wagner Sandra Zupan



TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

November 20, 2025



New Beginnings service will be held on December 7th. Pastor Karen will install our Lay Pastors. We will have a Potluck after the service. Please sign—up with your name and the dish you will be sharing. Please note, we do have peanut allergies.



We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 23rd after worship. All volunteers willing to help will be greatly appreciated!



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All ages are welcome to participate!

Practice Schedule:

Sunday, November 30th: during JAM Sat. Dec 13 at 10:00am in Sanctuary

If you would like to participate, please contact Cyrisse Cooley.



Advent Activity

In preparation of Advent, families are invited to join us in making <u>one</u> Advent Log for their home to use during the Advent season.

We will make the Advent Logs on November 23 after church in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own glue gun and if you have a staple gun, please bring it. Other supplies will be provided. You must sign up if you would like to make an Advent Log so we can provide enough supplies for each family.



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King of Kings is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 27 at 2:00pm in their Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy Jacobs at (443)831-0249 or cjacobs1027@gmail.com with the number of people attending, and if you can bring a side dish to share.

Sign ups are due by November 23rd.

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