



# Salem Lutheran Church

## Christ the King Sunday

Assistant Minister: Lana P.

Lay Reader: Sue F.

**November 23, 2025**

**9:30 am**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### TEMPLE TALK

“Church For Neighbors Near and Far”

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**A Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Faithful God,

**A 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, in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**A Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

ELW 431

### GREETING

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

**A And also with you.**

### KYRIE

ELW 155

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

ELW 164

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**A 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.**

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 174

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**A Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43**

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*“Who Is Our King”*

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”*

ACS 954

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

L God has made us God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**A 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 to the dead. 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*“O God Beyond All Praising”*

*Jubilee Ringers*

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## **DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

ELW 885

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### OFFERING PRAYER

L Generous God,

**A** you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. 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.

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

ELW 634

### DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**A** Thanks be to God.

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