

# Christ The King Sunday

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 8:00am & 9:30am



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**Preparation For Worship:** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" *Psalm 46:10*

## Opening Song

### My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
He makes me lie down in green fields  
The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
He leads me beside waters still

He restores my soul - He restores my soul  
For the sake of His Name  
He guides my wayward soul

Even though I walk through the valley of  
The shadow of death  
I will fear no evil for You are here  
Your rod and Your staff will protect and comfort

You restore my soul - You restore my soul  
For the sake of Your Name  
You guide my wayward soul

You prepare me a table  
In the presence of my enemies  
You anointed my head with oil  
My cup overflows

You prepare me a table  
In the presence of my enemies  
You anointed my head with oil  
My cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy will follow  
All the days of my life

And forever I'll dwell in the house of the Lord  
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Ministry Spotlight      *Share*

### **Invocation**

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We live in the season of Pentecost, the time between Jesus' ascension and His return as King of kings. *Genesis 3*

**People: For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11*

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

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**People: Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have received access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

*Romans 5*

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth. Sin entered into the world with the doubt of God. Doubting God, and choosing to not trust God, pain, sorrow, and death came. Sin is choosing a way other than God who is our Way, Truth, and Life. God calls us to choose life. Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in prayer:

**People: You know me, Lord. There is nothing hidden from You. If I stood before You in all Your holiness on Judgment Day, and every secret sin I have committed and every idle word I have spoken came out as evidence I would be utterly guilty before You. So, I turn to You, trusting in Your word, confessing my sin, asking for Your forgiveness and grace. Thank You that You take away the sin of the world, and that includes mine. You have suffered me, loved me, and called me. I know, confess, and forsake my sin, and yield myself to You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.**

*(reflection for confession)*

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Daily Text

The Lord said, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." *Isaiah 49:6*

During the night Paul had a vision: There stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the Good News to them. *Acts 16:9-10*

Let us pray:

**People:** **God, You are beyond our boundaries. Sometimes I forget that You shine farther than I can see. Thank You for reminding me that You care for all Your children around the world, including me. Keep me open to serving You in ways that I have not planned. Show me where to shine Your light today. Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons** *Read*

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup> "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries 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 set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## The Psalm

Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah* <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

## Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to 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 by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Reader:** Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

*Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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 railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise be to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Sermon Song**

#### **What A Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now, revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The Heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God, You reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the Glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
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**Sermon/Watchword**      *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*  
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**Prayers of the Church**      *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,  
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

**Pastor:** Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:** **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

**Pastor:** You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

**People:** **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor:** Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

**People:** **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**

**Benediction**     *Bless*

Pastor:     Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
              May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
              May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.  
              Shalom. Shalom.

**People:**    **Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, in stillness know that the I AM is God! I AM is exalted among the nations, and exalted in the earth.

Pastor:     Our worship continues,

**People:**    **our service begins!**

**Closing Song**

**This Is Amazing Grace**

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

*instrumental*

**Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory**

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
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## SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God .

**The November Mission of the Month** is Accessible Hope, International. See the November newsletter on the shelf outside the church office for more information on this organization. Use the Mission Envelopes to support this ministry.

**Jericho Road Ministries:** As in the past, JRM is making available to you, gift cards for your Christmas gift giving. There is an updated listing of the available cards and denominations on the shelf outside the church office. Purchasing the cards is a great way to support the ministry efforts of JRM. Contact the JRM office with your order no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Jericho Road Ministries** is also looking for volunteers to help at the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, collecting food and hygiene donations for our food program. Dates that Zion will be at the gate on the E.A.A. grounds are: Thursday, 4 December, Friday, 5 December, Saturday, 6 December, Monday, 8 December, Friday, 19 December. The times are all 5:15pm to 9:00pm. Contact Connie at 920-379-8765 if you can help.

### Bible Studies at Zion

Monday 1:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

### Worship at Zion

Saturday 5:00pm Chapel Service (*the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Saturday of each month*)

Sunday 8:00am Worship

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship

11:30am Swahili-English Worship

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