



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.
Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

✝ This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. ✝

This Sunday

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

November ✝ A Season Unto Itself

November's themes focus on the end—the end of the church year, the end times, and the end of our earthly lives. The readings include topsy-turvy language and vivid images of judgment. But for listeners from all times and places who see with the eyes of faith, they also provide solid ground for hope. The apostle Paul wrote, "We do not want you to be uninformed . . . about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). November is a time to honor grief and to preach hope. Where Jesus is, there is hope for the faithful.

On November 29th, the new church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. We will begin reading the Gospel of Mark together in this new year.

The American Thanksgiving Holiday

*In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. While Thanksgiving is a national holiday, faith communities in America certainly have given their voice of thanks to God who is our creator and abundant giver. In fact, as a Lutheran Christian community, every Sunday is a celebration of Easter and of Thanksgiving. Our holy meal together is called *The Eucharist*, the Greek word for "thanksgiving". As we gather in person or virtually this year, in worship and at table with family and friends, may we all feel the presence of the Spirit and the promise of abundance. And for all these good gifts, let us give our thanks!*

✠ GATHERING ✠

Gathering Music

Shout to the Lord

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gn5CMSSAx_c

Welcome + Announcements

We Prepare our Hearts for Worship *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

CLC's Dulci Jubilo Choir

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

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.

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

The First Reading: : Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r54sTcBCPkQ>

The Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us, especially in this country, and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift up before you, healing God, all who stand in need of healing and wholeness in body, mind, or spirit. Make your peaceful presence known to Nancy McCleskey and her sister, Cyndie; to Bill Putrino, Susie's brother, Bill, all on our prayer list and all we name now before you (*silence is kept for naming*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain our teachers and children in our Preschool, bless our confirmation and Youth groups. Give health and joy to those expecting babies and health to all newborns. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Lifegiver, we lift up all celebrating birthdays this week, especially Caroline Eddy, Kathy Reynolds, Doug Felten, Elsie Meccariello and Bill Vaglianti. We give thanks for Ken and Bobbie, James and Linda celebrating anniversaries and for all celebrating their baptismal anniversaries, especially Ken Fetter and Mike DeMaria. May these milestones of our living fill us with gratitude for all good gifts, and remind us that you go with us every step of the way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. We remember all those who grieve the death of loved ones, especially the Kuhlmanns at the loss of their brother-in-law, Lee, Kathy Mork at the death of her father, and all the known and unknown ones who have died with COVID-19. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

While we are in these Zoom meetings, we will provide a time for worshipers to prepare an offering to be mailed in, to go to our website to make a contribution, or take time to pray and consider how God is calling each of us to share our resources with the church and the world.

***Thank You!** for all your offerings and gifts given to CLC and to the wider church this week. Your generosity is the fuel for our ministry in this place.*

***Visitors** in our worship today are encouraged to go to our website <https://clchhi.org/> and send us an email letting us know you were worshipping with us today. If we can support you in any way, please share your need with us.*

If you have not already done so, use this time to finish setting your home table for communion.

Offering Music

Create In Me

music by Tami Kuhlmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmkZFbcbsOE>

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather the many gifts from your abundance
and this bread and wine from the earth,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer for November

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten,
we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present,
we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross,
we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.
Amen!

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection,
shouting Amen.
Amen!

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning,
pleading Amen. **Amen!**

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness,
we pray for the power of the Spirit.
Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup,
with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.
Form us into a communion of service,
and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal,

and especially with all our beloved saints loved and lost,
lead us to a future we cannot yet see,
and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,
we shout:

blessing

blessing,

glory

glory,

wisdom

wisdom,

thanksgiving

thanksgiving,

honor

honor,

power

power,

might

might,

be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Amen!

The 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.

Invitation to the Table

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion

After the pastor says: "The body of Christ given for you, all at home may commune those in their household. Then the pastor will say, "The blood of Christ shed for you" and all may share the wine at home.

✠ SENDING ✠

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Saints of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkrqFwTXiFc>



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