



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, November 23, 2025

### Christ the King

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#### 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.

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The November Noisy Offering collection will go to Wreaths Across America, chosen by Parish Ed. The flowers today are from Dale Albers, in memory of Sandy Albers.



#### Upcoming Commemorations

##### **Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

##### **Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

## Confession and Forgiveness

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.**



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 434

### Jesus Shall Reign

their early blessings on his name.

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>does its successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>and praises throng to crown his head;<br>his name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>with ev'ry morning sacrifice.      | 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring<br>peculiar honors to our king;<br>angels descend with songs again,<br>and earth repeat the loud amen.               |
| 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue<br>dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>and infant voices shall proclaim  | Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.   |

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### Greeting page 138

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.**

**KYRIE** Pg. 138

**HYMN OF PRAISE** page 140

### 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.**

**CARILLON RINGERS** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" arranged by Sandra Eithun.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be*

*scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<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."

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 46**

*I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)*

<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 be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<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 the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;**

**God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold 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.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, 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 stronghold.

## **Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

<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.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation** p.142

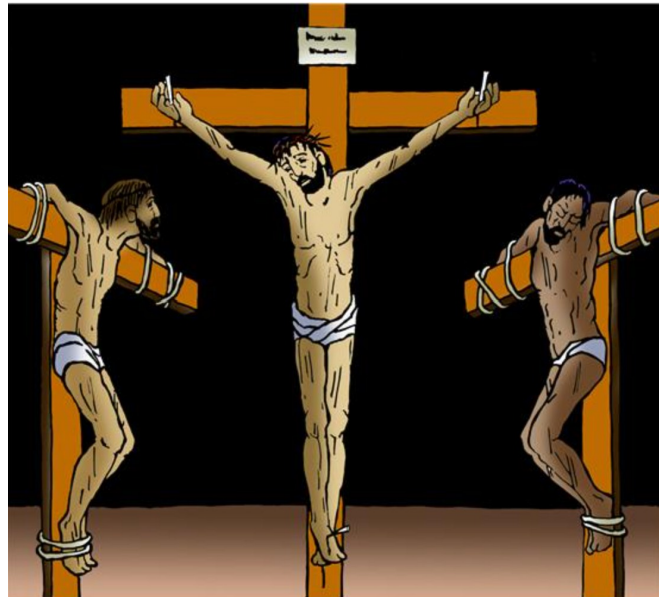
*Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 23rd Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

<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."

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

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## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 662

### Christ Is the King!

- 1 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Let Love's all reconciling might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the God of light.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 So shall the church at last be one;  
so shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: George K. A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.

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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the**

virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
Living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
And glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **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.*

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good  
news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in  
ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and  
renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend  
flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Sup-  
port equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear  
us, O God.



**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (***especially***). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all who have died in faith (***especially***). May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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**

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

**And also with you**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **OFFERING/ NOISY OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ELW 182**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, Holy** pg. 144

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the table of God.  
Come, receive the food that does not perish,  
a taste of life eternal.

### **COMMUNION**



**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 146

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW 838

#### **Beautiful Savior**

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| <p>1 Beautiful Savior,<br/>King of creation,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Truly I'd love thee,<br/>truly I'd serve thee,<br/>light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> <p>2 Fair are the meadows,<br/>fair are the woodlands,<br/>robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;<br/>Jesus is fairer,<br/>Jesus is purer,<br/>he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.</p> | <p>3 Fair is the sunshine,<br/>fair is the moonlight,<br/>bright the sparkling stars on high;<br/>Jesus shines brighter,<br/>Jesus shines purer<br/>than all the angels in the sky.</p> <p>4 Beautiful Savior,<br/>Lord of the nations,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Glory and honor,<br/>praise, adoration,<br/>now and forevermore be thine!</p> |
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Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph  
A. Seiss, 1823-1904

**Jesus, Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom.

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your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together  
following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in  
Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you  
will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 855, vs. 1,2 & 5**

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;

- fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring,  
1823-1903, st. 4

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Jami Schmideskamp,  
Nicole Moore,  
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Pete Cagle,  
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Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Janet Schmidt,

### **Family & friends:**

Audrey Varner, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Bob & LuAnn Decker, friends of Jim & Mary Weeg,  
Rose Sagness, friend of Jim & Mary Weeg,  
Mitch Shaffer, friend of Susan and Bob Fetsch,  
Patty, friend of Vicki Larson,  
Barry Hansen, cousin of Paula Quade,  
Family of Irene, Mother of Janet Krievins,  
Family of Carol Beall, mother-in-law of Tim Anderson and friend of Don & Janet Anderson  
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