



Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23, 2025

Ministers: Every member of this congregation

Worship Leader: Rev. Tom Payden

Music Director: Terryl Dietert

Guitar | Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Dean Kothrade

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

For Your Reflection

All things have been created through him and for him.

~Colossians 1:16b

Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies. ~*The Shawshank Redemption*

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Prelude

We Gather Together - Bradshaw

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (selected verses from Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

One: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Many: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn #111

*Gathering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, on this day and in this time, remind us of the joy-filled weight of our "yes" to Christ. Quicken within our hearts the Good News that we are followers of the One who is Sovereign over all things in heaven and on earth. As we lean into coming days, make us mirrors of His light, bearers of His love, and servants to all. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Grace

**Oh ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing path with painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
Oh rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Response

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Gift of Music

Thank the Lord - Clausen

Sanctuary Choir

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSVUE)

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord. 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. 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. 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.

“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. 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.”

Second Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSVUE)

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 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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.

Sermon

“All the Fullness”

Rev. Tom Payden

Prayers of the People

(see Weekly Newsletter for details)

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: *Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Gloria H, Nicole, Bart, Tom, Dulce, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie*

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Something in us changes, when we live our lives with a spirit of giving and grace. Something in us changes when we share what we have and who we are.

Something in us changes when we choose generosity as a way of life, without judging or questioning those who need us to be generous. That change is a gift of God, and we find God's love filling our hearts and our lives with every good gift we give freely and without question.

SCAN TO DONATE

Offertory

Awesome God - arr. Smith

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost**

*Prayer of Dedication

Giving and forgiving God, we present our offerings to you. Among our gifts are the gifts you have already given to us when you called us in the deep darkness of our birth. For the life you have given us, we are so grateful. We give our lives now to you. We give our time, our work, our talent, our treasure. Help us to always be a generous people, sharing broadly our abundance. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Hymn #342

*Benediction

*Benediction Song

Now it's Time to Say Goodbye

**Now it's time to say goodbye
To go on out from here
To live the visions and the dreams
To scatter hate and fear
So may the Peace be with you now
A peace that's filled with Grace
May it surround all your struggles
And everything you face.
And may you find your own way
To sing out love's own song
With courage, tears and laughter
And then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye.
May peace be with you now.**

Postlude

The Ash Grove variation - Otte

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

Coffee Hour

Hanging the Greens

Monday, Nov 25

Handbells, 9:30am

Thursday, Nov 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Counters: Sara Rogers, Jill Unglaub

Greeters: Dean & Pam Kothrade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanging of the Greens | Please join in the fun of the Hanging of the Greens after worship service on Sunday, **Nov 23**. *Many hands make light work!*

December Movie and Lunch | Tuesday, **Dec 2** at 1:10pm | Movie: *Wicked for Good* (rated PG) at South Shore Cinema. | Lunch at 11:30am at Honey Butter Cafe.

Paws for the Season | Saturday, **Dec 6** | 11am–1pm | Please join us for photos of your pet and/or your family, pet blessings, and hot chocolate and holiday snacks. *Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun event!* Activities will take place at the Lenox Street entrance.

Endowment Grants applications are due by **Dec 7**. Please ask any member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions: *Tom D, Joan G, Mary Ann M, Jill U, Randene W*

Holiday Gift Program | We will be partnering with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission to provide holiday gifts to those in need in our community. Please get a list of requested donation items from Randene. Donations are due by Sunday, **Dec 7**. If you have any questions, please contact a Social Concerns member: *Debbie H, Mallorie L, Mary Ann M, Jan N, Sara R, Randene*

Advent Lunch | Sunday, **Dec 7** at 11am in the Fellowship Hall |Join us for brunch and a guest speaker. Sign-up sheets to attend and bring food items are on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Please sign up by Sunday, Nov 30. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Christmas Eve Flyer Distribution | Sunday, **Dec 14** | Please consider taking about one hour of your time during the time from Dec 14 and Dec 22 to help distribute Christmas Flyers inviting our church neighbors to our Christmas Eve church service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Thank you. *Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee*

All Church Caroling | **Dec 14** at 2pm

All Church Christmas Dinner Gathering | Thursday, **Dec 18**, 5:30pm at Joe’s K Ranch

Hat and Mitten Collection | We will again be collecting hats and mittens to donate to our local schools. Any handmade or purchased items would be welcomed. You may place your donations on the tree in the chapel by **Dec 21**. Thanks for helping to keep our local children warm this winter. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Pulpit Supply Schedule

Nov 30	Rev. Dr. John Helt
Dec 7	Rev. Dr. Sandy Graham
Dec 14	Rev. Debbie Payden
Dec 21	Rev. Dr. Tim Perkins
Christmas Eve	Rev. Dr. Sandy Graham & Rev. Dr. John Helt
Dec 28	Janet Key (Lessons & Carols)

Happy THANKSGIVING

THANKFUL - GRATEFUL - BLESSED

Monthly Activity	October	YTD
Contributions	\$7,977	\$104,544
Other Income	\$16,174	\$58,983
Total Income	\$24,151	\$163,307
Expenses	\$13,392	\$164,441
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$148,666

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