Christ the King Sunday
Hanging of the Greens
November 22, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Sonata in Bb, K. 333, Movement 1* W.A. Mozart

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**
Leader: The gates of the Lord are open to all;
People: Come before God with thanks!
Leader: The courtyard of the Lord welcomes all the earth;
People: Bless God's holy name.
Leader: The pastures of the Lord are places for all to dwell!
People: Shout with praise, all the earth,
Leader: because God is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever. God's faithfulness lasts from generation to generation.
Leader: Let us worship God.

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

***Call to Confession**
Leader: Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)
If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known if was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.
A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
Leader: God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. Praise be to Christ! Alleluia! This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***We Share God's Peace**
Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Phillip Keveren

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Message
(Children grades K-6 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

Sermon ***"When Was It"*** The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
for my sheep

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People…The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* J.S. Bach
from *Das Wohltemperirte Clavier* Book 1

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Lectionary readings for November 29, 2026

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37