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November 22, 2026 – Christ the King Sunday
Service of Holy Communion

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Worship Host: Brent Andringa

Welcome

Gathering Song "*O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us"* (ELW 431)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Children's Time – Tricia Hoeppner

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

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep,
so I will sort 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. 13 I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and 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. 14 I 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring
back the strays, 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. 20 Therefore,

thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a spoken responsively

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7a For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 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, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God 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, 21 far 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. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him

the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Acclamation – *'Come to Alberta'* Canadian Liturgy

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

[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. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for 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, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then 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? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I 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.' [44] Then 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?' [45] Then 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.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon – Bishop Trish Schmermund

Song of the Day '*God of the Movements and Martyrs'*

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Rod A, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Lasantha J, Margaret O, Marla W, Julian S, Jackie & Niel S, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory '*Praise and Thanksgiving'* (ELW 689) vs 1

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer Emerging Church movement's retranslation from the Aramaic – Mark Berry

O Breathing Life,
your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.
Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs
'Lamb of God' All Creation Sings (ACS Setting 12)
'*All Are Welcome'* (ELW 641)
'*Holy God, Holy and Glorious'* (ELW 637)
'*The Peace of the Lord'* (ELW 646)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song '*We Are Marching'* (ELW 866, WOV 650) vs 1,2,3

Dismissal

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