



Christ The King Sunday

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10:00am

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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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *Here I am to Worship*

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* THE 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.

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** *Your Grace is Enough* See Insert

* **THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* **THE 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.

THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹ 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.
¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Meditation Song : *10,000 Reason* See Insert

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23th chapter

* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: : Luke 23:33-43

³³ 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. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ 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!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *King of Kings* *See Insert*

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 217

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need

Hear us, O God
Your mercy is great.

* **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY: Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.
For your Word of life, we give thanks.
For your Word of life, we give thanks.

We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your
ways. When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.
For your Word of promise, we praise you.
For your Word of promise, we praise you.

Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.
Upheld by the voice of your Word,
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,
serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.
For your Word of power, we plead.
For your Word of power, we plead.

Abide with us in your Word, O God, that we may speak your
blessing to others, today and forever.
Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**


**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

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**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.**

THE SENDING

*** THE 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.

*** THE SENDING SONG:** *Many and One* *See Insert*

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: November 23, 2025

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Usher: Amber Johnson

Musicians: Voices That Reign

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: November 30, 2025

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Allyson Schmalz

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Allyson Schmalz

Musician: Michelle Foster

Sound System: Laura Poethke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: Worship 10AM every Sunday. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship is back on the 4th Sunday of each month.

MORE INFORMATION: on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website: www.holytrinityelc.org

GIVING OF TALENTS AND TIME : Stop by the bulletin board located in the main hallway and see how you can help.

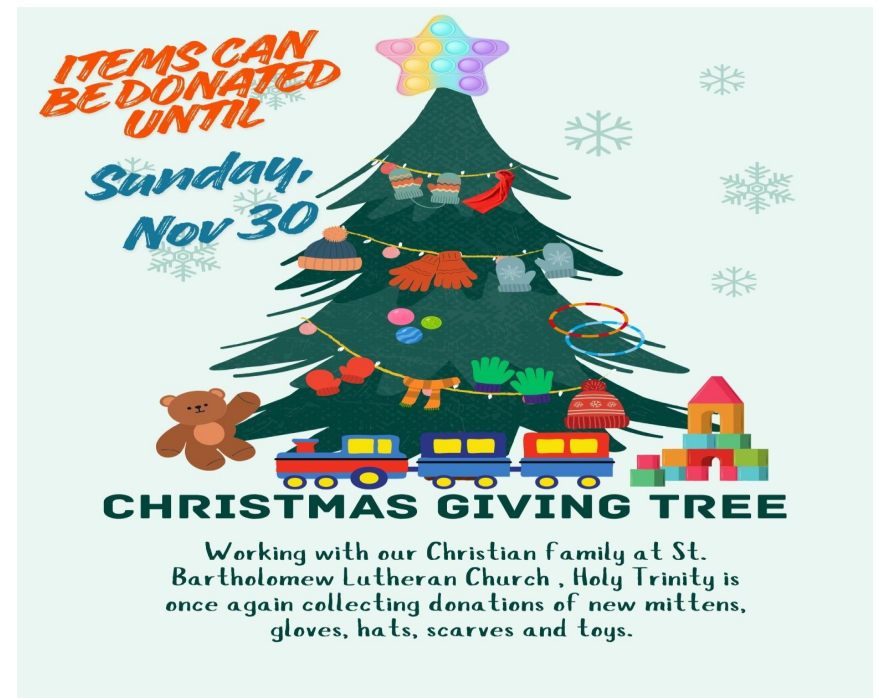
FOOD PANTRY: Will be putting together the Thanksgiving Baskets immediately after worship today, extra help is welcomed.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK , FEBRUARY 1, 2026 : Please mark your calendar for this important meeting right after worship. It is crucial to have as many members attend the annual meeting as possible so we can go over the projected budget for 2026 and discuss other happenings here at Holy Trinity and in NJ Synod. There will also be a volunteer table if you are interested in joining one of our many committees and worship teams. Sign Up Sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: This Tuesday at 7:00pm. This is a special service to help you remember all the things we have to be grateful for. Please make this a part of your Thanksgiving this year. Do not forget to bring desserts to share.

CHURCH GREENING: Saturday, November 29, 1-4pm. Please come out and join in the fun of decorating the church for the Christmas season.



Christmas Concert

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, @6:30PM
FEATURING VOICES THAT REIGN
AND HOLY TRINITY YOUTH CHOIR



December 21, 2025

Everyone is welcome!

Children's Christmas Service



Other Events and Worship for the Remainder of 2025

November 23: Youth Group, 6-7pm Junior High
7-8:30pm Senior High

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm & 10pm

December 28: Lesson and Carols @ 10am

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00AM Worship with Voices That Reign
Tuesday: 7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 9am Sunday School
10am: Worship with Communion