St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

Christ the King Sunday – November 22, 2026

*Please stand, as able, where marked with an asterisk**
Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude: "America the Beautiful" performed by the Celebration Handbell Choir
Ward, arr. Stepheson

Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P: …whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Faithful God,
C: 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.

P: …and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
C: Amen.

****Gathering Hymn:*** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855

****Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: …be with you all
C: And also with you.

A: A humble and merciful king sits on the throne of God.
C: We come to worship the king of the world.

A: To him is given all authority and power.
C: To judge both the living and the dead, in this world and the next.

A: Make a joyful noise before the King of Kings!
C: That we would leave here ready to serve in God's name.

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,
C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and king forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Have mercy on us and free us. Amen.

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

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95:1-7a

R: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

R: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

R: The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**C: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

R: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us" ELW 431

The Apostles' Creed ***ELW pg. 105***

The Prayers

A: …God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: …through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

C: And also with you.

Offering: "O Give Thanks to the Lord!" Choir

Music by Lloyd Larson
Text by Mary Kay Beall
c. Beckenhorst Press, inc.

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: …who praise you in heaven, as we say:
C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer ***ELW pg. 112***

Communion Hymn: "King of Kings" video

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Communion Hymn: "Revelation Song" video

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****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:*** "Rejoice, for Christ is King" ELW 430

****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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