Christ the King - Sunday next before Advent (Year A) *{November 22nd 2026)*

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Psalm 95:1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God; we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my
sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out
their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep,
so I will seek 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 will 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 strayed, 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.

Ephesians 1:15-end

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love towards 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 I pray 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 know 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.

Matthew 25:31-end

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 that 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 who are members of my family, you did it
to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You
that 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.'

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**