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The Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Christ the King

November 23, 2025

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary Voluntary in D George Friedrich Handel

Introit *The Lord will give strength unto his people* Psalm 29

Processional Hymn *"Crown him with many crowns"* Hymn 494

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis *Glory to God* Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 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. 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. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. 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. 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our re/fuge and /strength, *
a very /present help in /trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the /earth be
/moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled in/to the
depths of the /sea;
- 3 Though its waters /rage and /foam, *
and though the mountains /tremble at its /tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts /is with /us; *
the God of /Jacob is our /stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the /city of /God, *
the holy habitation /of the Most /High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be /over/thrown; *
God shall help her /at the break of /day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms /are /shaken; *
God has spoken, and the /earth shall melt a/way.
- 8 The Lord of hosts /is with /us; *
the God of /Jacob is our /stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works /of the /Lord, *
what awesome things /he has done on /earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in /all the /world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and /burns the shields with /fire.



- 11 "Be still, then, and know that/ I am /God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be ex/alted in the /earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts/ is with /us; *
the God of /Jacob is our /stronghold.

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:11-20)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn "Sing, my soul, his wondrous love" **Hymn 467**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (23:33-43)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon "Gathering the scattered" **The Rev. John Adams**

Ideas to ponder:

- When thinking about kings, what distinguishes a good shepherd from a bad shepherd?
- How might we practice good shepherding around Thanksgiving?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

<i>Reader</i>	Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (<i>Pause</i>) Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (<i>Pause</i>) Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (<i>Pause</i>) Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (<i>Pause</i>) Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (<i>Pause</i>) Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Reader</i>	Comfort and heal <i>Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, Randy, Betsy E., Ruby, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay A., David</i> , and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (<i>Pause</i>) Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing* **BCP 360**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against
you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem *Immortal Love, Forever Full* Philip Dieterich

The Doxology: v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing* **BCP 361**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, 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.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

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

for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant *Inherit the kingdom prepared for you* Matthew 25, Psalm 145

Communion Music *"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"* Hymn 324

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people *Kneeling or standing* BCP 366

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as
living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
The celebrant blesses the people.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn *"Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"* Hymn 460

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Toccata in C* Johann Pachelbel

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Ronnie L. Wagoner on our wedding Anniversary
By Ginger Wagoner

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Paul B. Toms, May Hooker Toms
and Nathan Toms
By the Family

The Bountiful Harvest is Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving
For our Many Blessings

Pray today for the people of St. John's, Lynchburg and their associate rector, the Rev. Ben Cowgill. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Angel Tree – the tree is up now and loaded with angels

Christ Church is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club to provide Christmas gifts for local children in need. If you wish to participate, please take one (or more) angel cards from the tree in the Narthex and record that you have done so using the form on the table next to the tree. **ALL gifts, with the angel card attached, are due to either the Church office OR the Narthex no later than Monday, December 8.** Instructions were emailed to you, but feel free to pick up a copy when you sign out an angel card from the tree. The Church office is not accepting money for this ministry. **Make all checks payable to The Boys and Girls Club with a notation "For the Angel Tree Ministry".** *Thank you in advance for your support of this partnership ministry between CEC and BGC.*

2026 Pledges

Pledges of financial support for 2026. To this point, we have received 35 pledges totaling \$157,330 for 2026, compared to 54 totaling \$234,410 for 2025. If you've not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church next year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or from the office.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no **Monday Bible Study on November 24** or **Wednesday Eucharist on November 26**, and the Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 27 and 28).

Christmas

Our Christmas service will be at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24**. During the service, Will Zimmer will lead an anthem during the offertory, and he invites any children who will be present to join him. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to sing, please let him know (wilzim61@yahoo.com) **by December 18**.

Food Lion Grocery Cards for Sale

Trippi Penn, or Susan Critz in Trippi's absence, and the Church office have Food Lion grocery cards for sale in \$50, \$100, and \$200 increments. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. These cards are wonderful presents. We also have sleeves for the cards if you want to give them as a gift.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **November through December: Oatmeal canister or instant packets. For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (toothbrushes need to be individually wrapped), and other hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Chalists: Bob Bushnell, Dawn Stone

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Ben Beeler

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Will Zimmer, Steve Keyser

Nursery: Caroline Davis

Altar Guild Team #3 – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

Year 2: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser