



"Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2025

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.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

We Will Glorify

CCLI #19038

Crown Him King of Kings, arr. S Damazio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Verse

**Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come**

Chorus

**One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now**

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

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INVOCATION SONG

WE ARE GATHERED HERE

**We are gathered here in the name of the Father.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Father,
chosen by God's grace.**

**We are gathered here in the name of the Son.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Son,
chosen by God's grace.**

**We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit,
chosen by God's grace.**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O Lord, we pray that you would prepare us to receive what you have in store for us today.

Cleanse our minds of all distracting thoughts. Cleanse also the desires of our hearts.

O Lord, you know us through and through. You know our sinfulness.

Father, we confess we have sinned against you, and against other people. We have failed in loving You as we ought. We have also failed to love our neighbors.

Forgive us for our sins of commission-

For those things we did and thought—that we ought not.

Forgive us also for our sins of omission

For our failures in thought, word and deed.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You have promised that you receive repentant sinners and forgive them.

So we ask your mercy once again, for the sake of Jesus.

We pray your healing power—that we might delight in your will,

And by our lives bring glory to your name.

Amen.

In His mercy, God gave His Son to die for us and for our sins.
For His sake, God forgives us all our sins.
Therefore, in the name of Christ, and by His authority,
I now declare to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins.
THEY ARE NO MORE!
Christ has taken them on Himself and removed them.
You are free!
Live in that gracious freedom and be healed in Him.

SONG

KYRIE ELEISON

Chorus:

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ryday**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
for life and for love for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Give Thanks
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

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."

Word of God, word of life.

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.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HELP US O LORD
(Sung twice)

Help us, O Lord, to hear your word.

Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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 wine³⁷ 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name RED ELW #634
(Vs. 1, 2 & 6)

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

**6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6
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APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

His Name is Wonderful, arr. A Mieri

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OFFERING SONG

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Chorus:

**Everybody's got something to offer
Young and old, the prince and the pauper
Everybody's got something to offer
in the name of the Lord**

**To the lost and the lowly ones
the message it is clear
we have all got a gift to give
our hands, our hearts, our tears (Chorus)**

**To the believers gathered here
the message it is true
we have all got a gift to give
in all we say and do (Chorus)**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,
**you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n 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,
hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
**you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.**



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Benediction Song – echo song

(leader in italics; congregation in bold)

L) May the Lord bless and keep us;

C) May the Lord bless and keep us.

L) Make his face to shine upon us;

C) Make his face to shine upon us.

L) May his blessing go with us;

C) May his blessing go with us.

L) and give us peace

C) And – give – us - peace

L) In the name of the Father;

C) In the name of the Father

L) In the name of the Son;

C) In the name of the Son.

L) In the name of the Spirit;

C) In the name of the Spirit

L) All three –in-one;

C) ALL – THREE – IN – ONE!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers:

Dilshad and Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Deb Otto and Marlene Fure

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of November is designated to Feed My Starving Children

Nativity Set Stroll

The Board of Stewardship will be setting up the nativity sets on Thursday, December 4 starting at 3:00.

You can set up your nativity set(s) or we can do it for you. Please bring them to the church basement on Wednesday or by 3:00 on Thursday.

You can pick up your nativity set(s) after 1:00 on Sunday, December 7th.

Nativity Set Stroll will be held in the Zion church basement during Arli-Dazzle on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 to 5:00 and also on Sunday, December 7th from 10:00 to 1:00. There will be a light lunch on Saturday and coffee and treats Sunday. A free will donation is requested - proceeds going to the Zion Parking Lot Fund.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be practicing on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00p at the United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

ZCW Thankoffering—This envelope with your donation may be placed in the specially marked basket in the narthex, may be mailed to the church office or may be dropped off at the church office and slid under the secretary door on or before December 1, 2025.

Christmas Poinsettia orders are due today into the church office.

Adopt-A-Family and Minnesota Valley Action Council—This is the second year we have decided to support the Adopt-A-Family project. If you would like to participate, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for you to write your name. If you would like to help with this program, we will be asking you to purchase a gift costing around \$25 for someone that you will select later. Sign up will be through Sunday, November 23. When I have the list of the names, I will contact MVAC and they will select enough families with the same number of names as we have signed up. Starting on Sunday, November 30, you can draw a name off of the list provided by MVAC. You will be given the age and a couple of ideas what that person would like as a present. This is all done anonymously. The wrapped presents with the first name of the person should be brought to church by Wednesday, December 10. Thank you very much for participating in this program. It's a good way to spread our Christian love at Christmas, if you have any questions or unable to sign up today, you can call Mary Lietz at 612-756-1871.

Arli-Dazzle Parade—we are looking for parade walkers both young and old (Angels & Shepherds). Also for donations of parade candy. Parade candy can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla

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Office Hours for the week of November 23

Wednesday, November 26—2p-5p

or by appointment

Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p

Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

YouTube at

www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN

www.zionarlington.org

Worship Assistants

November 23

Ushers: Stephanie Krueger, Mausten Krueger
Murdock Krueger, Rich Nagel

Greeter: Murdock Krueger

Acolyte: Ashley Schauer

Reader: Lorraine Mielke

Organist: Brenda Danielson

AV Team: Joe Prasad & Elton Hazelwood

Altar Guild: Jane Scharpe & Starla Schilling

Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben

Paraments: Jan Wark & Diane Ebersviller

November 30

Ushers: Larry & Pam Schiroo
Mark & Lisa Strobel

Greeter: Larry Klunder

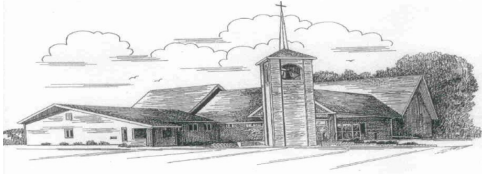
Acolyte: Adilyn Kamps

Reader: Cindy Quast

Organist: Bobette Schauer

AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen

Paraments: Jan Wark &
Diane Ebersviller



Zion Lutheran Church ELCA

This Week at Zion:

Sunday, November 23	9:00a 10:00a	Contemporary Worship Sunday School
Wednesday, November 26	10:00a 7:00p	Adult Bible Study Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ UMC
Thursday, November 27		Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 30	9:00a 10:00a	Worship Sunday School

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

