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Christ The King

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This "Last Sunday of the End Time" closes the current church year. As we look back over this past church year, we know Jesus remained our ruling King controlling "*all things for our good*" (Romans 8:28). When we look forward to this new church year, we trust the same and look forward to Jesus' second return—that day will usher us into our protecting King's paradise. That's why we rightly call today "Christ the King" Sunday.

Besides God the Father anointing Christ our King, Jesus also fulfilled His offices of prophet and priest ("Christ" means "The Anointed"). God's prophets anointed Old Testament kings to rule, protect and lead people in His righteousness. So, the LORD anointed Jesus to be a unique Prophet-King who gives us the righteousness needed to enter heaven.

St. Paul reaffirms who this Priest-King is: the Son of God, the Christ, who delivers us from the kingdom of darkness and Satan. Christ our King brings us into His Kingdom of peace won for us by His blood, as He rules over all His creation. Truly, Jesus is "*the head of the body, His Church.*" Finally, Luke in the gospel presents Christ the King, shedding His blood on the cross, while assuring the dying, penitent criminal of a place in His everlasting kingdom.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, **Divine Service** "*Rite Two*" communion.

Hymns: 55, 49, 197, 194

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:2-6. Jeremiah foretold the LORD's promise to send His righteous Branch from King David's line, our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. By faith in Jesus' righteousness, won for us on Calvary's cross, we enter His kingdom.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 98. Christ's righteous reign over all things will one day bring Him our perfect praise (CW pg. 103).

Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20. Our King Jesus demonstrated His excellence in the way He reconciled sinners.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13, EHV)

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43. Luke records our Savior-King winning sinners for His kingdom through the cross and promising believers a place in His eternal kingdom of heaven.

Sermon: Luke 23:35-43

Theme - "Crown Jesus With Many Crowns"

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Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: What three promises does the LORD make? (vv.2-4)
- Old Testament: What does the LORD say about His earthly shepherds and what does He promise?
- Old Testament: What kind of King was Jesus to be? (vv.5-6)
- Old Testament: Note how many times God uses His covenant name, the "LORD," is this section. What would be significant about that emphasis?
- Epistle: What are the two kingdoms, one of which we used to be part and the one in which we are now?
- Epistle: How did the Lord rescue us and make us part of His kingdom?
- Epistle: In which two areas is Jesus totally supreme? (v.15-17 and v.18-20)
- Gospel: Review Matthew 4 and Luke 4 regarding Satan's three "ifs" of temptation. Outline how these crucifixion "ifs" are similar.
- Gospel: At Jesus' crucifixion, one criminal hurled insults at Jesus (v.39). How do his insults prove incredibly ironic?
- Gospel: How long will it take for us to get to Paradise after the moment of death?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class and Sunday school: 8:00 a.m.

+ **Thanksgiving worship** will be the special broadcast for today as broadcast on 99.9 FM. **For this Thursday, follow the link from Trinity's Facebook page.**

+ Confirmation Class: Monday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

+ **timeofgrace.org** – a resource for timely, topical subjects answered by pastors from the Wisconsin Synod.

+ **Guests and Visitors** – We are pleased to have you worship with us today. Please sign our guest book before you leave. Our church provides a free daily devotional booklet (*Meditations*). The *Lutheran Sentinel*, a news and informational publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is also available. Please ask for a free copy.

Jeremiah 23:2-6 - Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people. You have scattered my flock. You have driven them away. You have not taken care of them, but I will certainly take care of you, because of the evil things you have done, declares the LORD. I will gather what is left of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pastures. They will be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing, declares the LORD. Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who will reign

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wisely as king and establish justice and righteousness on earth. In his days

Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely. This is his name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. (EHV™)

Colossians 1:13-20 - The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and all things hold together in him. He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross. (EHV™)

Luke 23:35-43 - The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.” (EHV™)