



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Christ the King Sunday – November 23, 2025
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Land Acknowledgement

L: As children of God, we honor the true story of this land where we worship. This congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church acknowledges and honors the Sauk & Fox, Kickapoo, Kaskaskia, Myaamia, Peoria and Sioux (Očhéthi Šakówinj) peoples,

C: upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this land and call it their home. May we tell our story in its fullness, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be.

Call to Worship (from Luke 1:68-79)

A: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

C: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

A: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear.

C: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Gathering Hymn - Let Streams of Living Justice – ELW
#710**

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.**

L: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves us, ✠ in
Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit we are set free.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – Christ Be Our Light – ELW #715 vs 1-2

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy.

C: We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory.

A: Abide with us, reign in us,

C:and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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. ⁵The 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. ⁶In 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:32-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

³³When 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription

over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

Hymn of the Day – Canticle of the Turing ELW #723

The 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

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful - ELW #182

Offertory Prayer

A: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

C: Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

A: Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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

**C: Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger
and thirst,**

A: and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – What Wondrous Love Is This - ELW #666

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Prayer Concerns:

Kim– (Sue Barger’s cousin)- aggressive cancer
Melissa and Jim Green... Husband and wife both recently
diagnosed with cancer. Both unable to work
Shirley Seelye (friend of Beth Dralle) – health concerns
Sandy Brooks – health concerns
Alta Daniels (Larry & Darlene’s sister-in-law) – health
concerns
Pete Bartels (Larry & Darlene’s nephew) – brain cancer
Lillian Pinkston – health concerns
Scott Shoener (Melanies’s brother-in-law) – cancer
Donna Fleming (Melanie’s Mother-in-law) – health concerns
Lily Fleming – college student
Carolyn (Mike Barger’s sister) – health concerns
Paul Sipka – health concerns
Lil Marzinzik – (Sue Barger’s mother) – health concerns
Chad Wahl
For those unemployed, homeless, and suffering from
addictions in our community

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Office will be closed for Thanksgiving –
Nov . 27th and 28th*

Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving Eve service @ 7 pm
December 7, 14, and 21. Sunday after Worship Coffee
Fellowships
The 14th also features a Deacon from the Synod.

December 9- Prayer Shawl

December 18 at 7:30 am - Men's Breakfasts -Creve Coeur Family
Restaurant, 620 S Main St, Creve Coeur.

Advent Services December 3, 10, and 17. There will be a light
supper before Worship, a 7pm Worship Service, then projects for
Lutheran organizations after Worship.