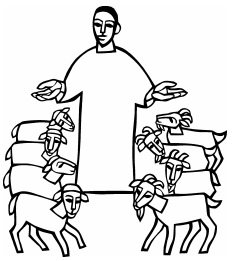
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Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026



Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

P Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Praise Songs

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker,
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand.

He is the King of Glory

He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
Lift up your head; be lifted up,
And the King of Glory shall come in.
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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together**. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able*

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

First Reading ***Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24***

The Lord God then said: I will look for my sheep and take care of them myself, just as a shepherd looks for lost sheep. My sheep have been lost since that dark and miserable day when they were scattered throughout the nations. But I will rescue them and bring them back from the foreign nations where they now live. I will be their shepherd and will let them graze on Israel's mountains and in the valleys and fertile fields. They will be safe as they feed on grassy meadows and green hills. I promise to take care of them and keep them safe, to look for those that are lost and bring back the ones that wander off, to bandage those that are hurt and protect the ones that are weak. I will also slaughter those that are fat and strong, because I always do right.

So I, the Lord God, will separate you strong sheep from the weak. You strong ones have used your powerful horns to chase off those that are weak, but I will rescue them and no longer let them be mistreated. I will separate the good from the bad.

After that, I will give you a shepherd from the family of my servant King David. All of you, both strong and weak, will have the same shepherd, and he will take good care of you. He will be your leader, and I will be your God. I, the Lord, have spoken.

....The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.
Psalm ***95:1-7a***
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the height of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7 For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading ***Ephesians 1:15-23***

I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people. So I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers. I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God. My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and you will understand the hope given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all God's people.

I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven. There Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well. God has put all things under the power of Christ, and for the good of the church he has made him the head of everything. The church is the body of Christ and is filled with Christ who completely fills everything..
….The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse *Please stand as you are able*
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
(sung) ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel ***Matthew 25:31-46***

When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?"

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Then the king will say to those on his left, "Get away from me! You are under God's curse. Go into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry, but you did not give me anything to eat, and I was thirsty, but you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, and I was naked, but you did not give me any clothes to wear. I was sick and in jail, but you did not take care of me."

Then the people will ask, "Lord, when did we fail to help you when you were hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in jail?"

The king will say to them, "Whenever you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me."

Then Jesus said, "Those people will be punished forever. But the ones who pleased God will have eternal life."

...The Gospel of the Lord

(sung) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Please be seated

Choir Anthem ***Thank You, Lord***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** *LBW #328*

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd, and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict and those impacted by war or violence. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. We also ask for your blessing on Maeve, Glenda and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand as you are able*

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn *(sung):*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

*{**P** Christ invites you to this table.*
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!}

Communion Song *Please be seated*

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.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

P May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn ***Now Thank We All Our God*** *LBW #534*

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Thank you: To Charlie Schmidtke, for leading us in worship today. We look forward to hearing your message!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential.

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by daughter, Chris Pyzynski, and grandchildren Michelle, Jason, Jessica and Gia Ryder to the Glory of God in memory of Evelyn Menge, on the anniversary of her passing.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran) or on your smartphone.

Mission for November: The Veterans One-stop Center of WNY, which brings people, resources and organizations together to improve the quality of life for those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their families. Thank you for your donations to this important organization.

Christmas Poinsettias: There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board for Christmas poinsettias to decorate our altar for Christmas, after which you can take your plant home. Thank you!

Upcoming Tri-Church Worships:
Sunday, December 6: We will all celebrate a Christmas program at Good Shepherd.
Sunday, January 3: at Augustana Lutheran Church at 9:30 AM.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month; **the next meeting is Dec. 1**. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am.

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: The classes take place on **Mondays at 1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be on religious leaders, led by Charlie Schmidtke: The next two classes are as follows.

Monday, November 23
Monday, December 7

Women's Lunch Group: We will meet on **Thursday, December 10**, 12:30 PM at Family Tree, 4346 Bailey Avenue, Amherst.

Augustana Book Club: Will meet on **Wednesday, December 9** at 6:30 and we will discuss *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson, while enjoying holiday cookies and tea!

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority Presents: Silver and Gold for the Holidays, an A Cappella Concert, at TOL on **Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm**. As the holidays approach, we celebrate in song! Come enjoy our toe tapping music and a special visit by everyone's favorite holiday couple, Santa and Mrs. Claus! Then socialize with some wonderful people and enjoy refreshments while you browse crafts, wreaths, and baked goods sale. Admission $12 presale; $15 at the door, children under 12 free. nfcachorusinfo@gmail.com for tickets. Website: www.nfcachorus.org or see Barb Y.

Annual Budget Meeting: Following worship December 13th, there will be a brief congregational meeting to nominate and elect council members for 2027 and to approve the 2027 budget.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.

Greetings from Jessica!

Hello, everyone! I'm very excited to be joining the TOL team and wanted to share a few things with you all:

- Call Me: Jessica, Jess, Jes, Jessie (or Nancy 2.0!). I have NO preference.
- I am married to Jonathan (30 years March 2027) and we have 2 children: Gillian (age 25) and AJ (age 23, non-binary, birth female). And BOTH kids live at home again.
- My hobbies are: crafting, watching Netflix, game nights and hanging out with friends and watching sports.
- And my BIGGEST vice? Diet Coke. I'm a junkie and plan to die well preserved! LOL

You can find me in the TOL office: Mondays 2-5 PM, Wednesdays 8:30-11:30 AM, and Fridays 2-5 PM. But please feel free to call or text me any other time if you need; I don't mind! (Life NEVER happens on a schedule!) My personal cell is 716-462-8200.

I also have two very fun "secret" facts about myself. If you want to know what they are, you'll have to come visit me in the office! I can't wait to meet you

This week's calendar

Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. *Office hours are* *Mondays, 2-5 pm* *Wednesdays, 8:30 am – 11:30 am* *Fridays, 2-5 pm*	Sun	11/22	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship at Augustana Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	11/23	 10 am 6:30 pm	NO Yoga This Week (holiday) OA Meeting AA
	Tues	11/24	7:30 pm	CoDA
	Wed	11/25		
	Thur	11/26	 Mornin g 7 pm	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** AA Thanksgiving Meal GA Meeting
	Fri	11/27	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	11/28	4 pm	South Asian Worship
	Sun	11/29	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship at Augustana Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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