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Reign of Christ Sunday
November 23, 2025

PASTOR	John Russell-Curry
GREETER	Chris Love
READER/ASSISTING MINISTER	Mona Kowalczyk
USHERS	Alan Arnold
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Martin Hansen

This Week

TODAY	10 AM Worship Service Thankfest
THURSDAY	Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed
FRIDAY	Church Office Closed

Attendance for last week 44
and via Zoom 4

***Please respect the sanctity of worship and turn off
all cell phones. Thank you.***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting – ELW 147
Gathering Song - **Beautiful Savior – ELW 838
(vs. 1, 3, & 4)**
Confession and Forgiveness – ELW 95
Kyrie – ELW 147
Canticle of Praise – ELW 149
Prayer of the Day
First Reading -- Psalm -- Epistle Reading
Message for Young at Heart – Passing of the Peace
Special Music
Gospel Announcement, Acclamation – ELW 151
Message
Hymn of the Day – **Praise to the Lord, the
Almighty – ELW 858 (1, 3, & 4)**
Nicene Creed – ELW 104
Prayers of Intercession
Offering, Offertory and Prayer
Great Thanksgiving – ELW 152 - Pastor’s Preface
Our Response – ELW 153
Lord’s Prayer – ELW 154
Words of Institution
Confession Song – ELW 154
Distribution -- Prayer After Communion
Blessing
Sending Song – **Let Us Break Bread Together –
ELW 471**
Announcements
Dismissal

For the Gathered

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.

Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendar

November 30 Worship Service
Advent Bible Study
December 6 Church Clean-Up
December 7 Worship Service
Advent Bible Study

Prayers for healing:

Dave Bettis; Gleneda Muralt; Dorothy Woody; Joel Knox; Rosie Sullivan; Eric Smith; Gleneda Muralt’s niece, Shereida; Nan Dailey; Kimberly Castillo’s daughter Jillian and mother-in-law Lupe; Pam Andersen; Pastor John Russell-Curry and his family; Warren Westerberg; Sylvia Poupard; Jeane & David Hetland; Annie Sofranek; David Cherf; and people who are ill around the world.

We lift prayers for our Benevolence of the Month, **Senior Brown Bag Program** and for our Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop, **Jeff Johnson**.