Second
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

God Gathers His People

Prelude "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" arr. Page

The Greeting

The LORD be with you.
The LORD bless you. Ruth 2:4

***The Peace**

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

***The Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless.
The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD! Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10

***The Opening Hymn** "Sing to the King" LUYH 474

***The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. No one can ransom another or pay the price of a life, yet you have ransomed us, not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Make us glad to belong to him, our King and our Redeemer, and teach us to live as people who are not our own; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Pardons and Renews Us

The Call to Confession

"In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land." Those were days when "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." We know such days, and we know such hearts. Let us confess our sin together. Ruth 1:1; Judges 21:25

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have trusted in our wealth and boasted in what we own, as if we could secure our own lives. We have guarded our comfort, our money, and our plans, and we have stepped back whenever love for someone else would cost us something. We have welcomed your kingdom with our lips, but we have kept our hearts for ourselves. We cannot ransom ourselves, for the price of a life is too costly. Have mercy on us. Redeem us through Jesus Christ our King, who did not cling to what was his, but gave his life as a ransom for many. Amen.

The Song of Gratitude "You are My King (Amazing Love)" LUYH 360

The Words of Assurance

Hear the word of the Lord: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." No one could pay the price for us, "but God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me." In Jesus Christ the price has been paid in full, and you are forgiven.

Blessed be the LORD, **who has not left us this day without a redeemer.**

The Rule of Gratitude

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Matthew 22:37-40

***The Song of Praise** "Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near" Dever/Faucett

God Speaks His Word

***The Prayer for Illumination and Blessing of the Children**

Gracious God, your kindness goes before us, even when we cannot see it. You have taught us that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law, and by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word and give us grace to receive Christ our Redeemer as he is offered to us in the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 119:18; Deuteronomy 8:3

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 121:7-8

The Reading of Ruth Ruth 4:1-12 p. 224

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 1:13-21 p. 1014

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon "The Redeemer at the Gate"

***The Hymn of the Day** "I Will Glory in My Redeemer" Cook

***The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there 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 and the life everlasting.
Amen.

We Respond in Faith

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering Resonate – The Slack Family

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow."
Deuteronomy 24:19

The Offertory "There is a Redeemer" arr. Kellner

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LUYH 223 vs 1,4

***The Benediction**

The Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Smith

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes
Flautist: Karen Katje
Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon
Organist: Cathy Schaaf
Piano: Julie Hordyk
Prayers of the People: Joanne Query
Vocalists: Robin Kieft, Sally Wagenmaker

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Afterword: Join us today after coffee time at 11:30AM to learn more about the theology of the book of Ruth.

FOCUS High School Youth Group: *Why do we believe? Matthew 28, Luke 24, John 20*
In this series we will tackle a number of essential questions regarding our faith. This week, we will examine the historicity of Christianity and evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Christians, it is important not only to understand what we believe, but also why we believe it. We will explore the historical reliability of the New Testament, the evidence surrounding Jesus' resurrection, and the arguments that support the central claim of the Christian faith.

Offering: Resonate Global trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide. This week we highlight and support the work of the Slack family. Please find their updates on Mission bulletin board.

Ministry Spotlight: Director of Church Engagement Douglas Cupery will share an update on the Crossroads Prison Ministry.

Worship Center I: Today our children will hear the story of God taking his faithful prophet Elijah to Heaven in a chariot of fire.

Worship Center II: Today our children will hear the story when God 'cut' a covenant with Abraham. Praise God He is a promise keeper!

Next Sunday

Growing Deep Roots: Thank you for praying for our church council. At its meeting on Tuesday, November 17, the council unanimously approved adding a new full-time leader in discipleship to our staff. As Pastor Tim shared at a recent Afterword, this role grows out of our Rooted series and our strategic initiative for discipling the next generation. It brings together our youth director and ministry associate positions, with a focus on discipling our middle school and high school students and young adults, and on growing our small groups and Bible studies. If the person called is ordained, our new leader will serve as Associate Pastor of Discipleship and will be called at a congregational meeting. If not, our new leader will serve as Director of Discipleship.

Join us for an Afterword on Sunday, December 6, to learn more and ask your questions. Please keep praying with us for the search ahead!

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Giving thanks that Jack Brace returned home this week following a brief rehab stay at Mary Free Bed.

It is with heartfelt thanks we express our gratitude for such a caring congregation. Through your prayers, visits, cards of encouragement and meals following my heart attack and surgery we have been blessed. Again, thank you so much. ~ Ken & Mary Terpstra

Please pray for John & Cindy Klingler as they grieve the death of their 41-year-old nephew, Andrew, who passed away Wednesday evening, and for Cindy's brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Suzy Penn, as they mourn their son.

Church Announcements:

Upcoming Services: Please note that we will have a service for:

*Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26th at 10am
Please find Giving Envelopes for this special service in your mailbox today.

*Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th at 5pm

CHAOS Middle School Youth Group: Please note there will be no meeting Thanksgiving Week. See you in December!

Prayer Partner Celebration Event: Adults and students, please save the date for a chance to enjoy a baked good while connecting with your Prayer Partner after church on Sunday, December 6th.

Women's Event: On Monday, December 7th, we are hosting a special candlelight Advent celebration where women can enjoy an evening of fellowship, worship, hear from a speaker, and sample desserts around beautifully decorated tables. This year's dessert buffet doubles as a *recipe swap*: every dessert comes with its recipe, so you can taste your favorites and take the recipes home to make for your own holiday gatherings!

We would love your help making this evening special! We are looking for Table Hostesses, Greeters, Hostess Assistants, Dessert Makers, and Clean Up Crew. Visit the website and click on Register or signup at the Information Desk. If you have questions, please contact Ann K.

Christmas Cards: As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to our homebound members by sending them cards. Starting this Sunday there will be boxes in the church's narthex and in the atrium near the office for the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, put your cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be placed in the boxes by December 13.

This year we're collecting cards for: *Evelyn Baker, Jack & Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Nancy Brouwer, Donna DeVries, Hank DeYoung, Judy Doezema,*

Eileen Harnden, Jill Holman, Gord & Merele Katt, Fran Kieft, Sandy Klaassen, Donna Kuiper, Shirley Kuiper, Jim Mulder, Vic & Jean Nienhuis, Jack & Ruth Smant, Jan Veenstra, Jean VerStraete, Ruth Wallinga.

Angel Tree: We are supporting the Christmas Shoppe at Love in Action. The Angel Tree is in the Atrium along the windows decorated with gift tags. Our donations will brighten Christmas for LIA's Housing Guests and families of those in their programs. Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree and place the items unwrapped under the tree by Sunday, December 6. Thank you! ~ The Outreach Team.

SWANs: Please mark your calendars for December 9 at 3 p.m. for our annual Christmas Tea. Details to follow.

Open House: The congregation is invited to celebrate Jan Veenstra's upcoming birthday! Friday, November 27th from 1:00-4:00PM in the North Hall.

Address Updates: Eileen Harnden has moved to a small group home, Woodland Gardens in Spring Lake. 18157 174th Ave., Spring Lake, MI 49456. Please pray for Eileen as she adjusts to her new location.

Volunteer Schedule

November 22, 2026
Projection: Dan Braak
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Dan Meindertsma, Jason Zuidema
Sound: Rick Clapp
Ushers: Team 2 – Curt DeJongh, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce VanStratt
Coffee Hosts: Rosemary & Rick Geertsma; Sydney Marotti; Myra Young
Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Carissa Marotti
Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Amy Bunce, Alice Hendricks
Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker
Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Dawn Rotman
Greeters: Dan Wagenmaker; Jason & Jennifer Steigenga
Council in Parlor: Tony Razzini, Dan Schuitema
Offering: Resonate Global Missions - Slack

November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving)
Projection: Dan Braak
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dan Meindertsma, Jason Zuidema
Sound: Mike Katje
Ushers: Team 3 – Ken Terpstra, Jon Kaemingk, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma
Coffee Hosts: Jon & Ann Kaemingk; Steve & Ruth Marotti
Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma
Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Evie Wagenmaker
Walk Out: Family Worship
Greeters: Tony Razzini; Curt & Cheri Ter Haar
Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Ken Terpstra
Offering: World Renew Medical/LoveInAction/GH Chr School/WMC

Calendar

Sunday, November 22
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:30AM – Afterword
11:30AM – Bell Rehearsal
6:30PM – FOCUS

Monday, November 23
9AM-1PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, November 24
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
7-8PM – Friendship Club

Wednesday, November 25
9AM-1PM – Office Hours
1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, November 26
10:00AM – Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 27
Office Closed
1-4PM – Veenstra Open House

Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29
10:00AM – Worship Service

Monday, November 30
12:00PM – Blood Drive

November 29, 2026
Projection: Dan Wagenmaker
Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge
Sound: Jim Warners
Ushers: Team 4 – Rick Geertsma, Rosemary Geertsma, Kirk Weesies. Ralph VanDuyn
Coffee Hosts: John & Cindy Klinger; Chuck & Jeanne Schuch
Nursery: Machelle Knochenhauer, Mary Wierenga
Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Kyla Zuidema
Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Cheryl Diephouse
Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Rio Gasser
Greeters: Dale Schuitema; Guy & Alishia Terrill
Council in Parlor: Ken Terpstra, Patti Steigenga
Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministry

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