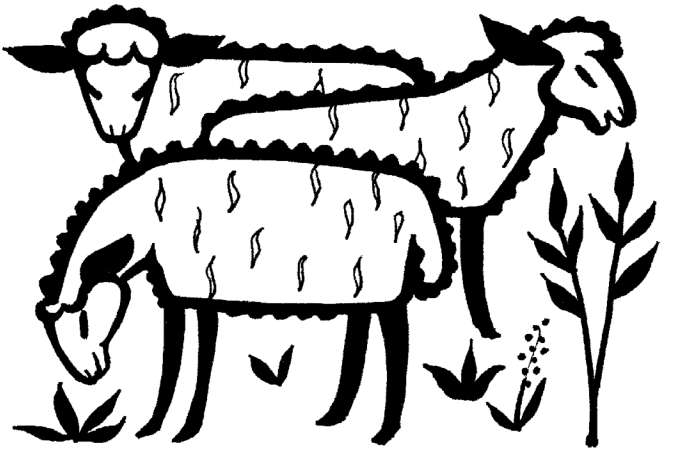
Sunday, November 22, 2026

Christ The King

10:00 a.m.



"Jesus in Plain Sight"

Pastor Erik Allen

King of Glory

Our Mission Statement:
King of Glory is called, committed and challenged
through faith to be
The Heart, Hands, and Voice of Christ.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Partita on Crown Him With Many Crowns" Charles Callahan
Chorale/Duo/Voluntary

Announcements

GATHERING

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 100)*

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
C: We come into God's presence with singing.

P: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong.
C: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

P: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
C: We give thanks and bless God's holy name.

P: For the Lord is good and God's steadfast love is everlasting.
C: With joyful hearts, let us worship the God whose faithfulness endures forever.

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

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song Worthy Is The Lamb

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: 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.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message		Pastor Erik
Sermon	"Jesus in Plain Sight"	Pastor Erik
Hymn	Come Now, You Blessed	ACS 1059

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spiritand virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;'
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

please be seated

Offering "There is an Everlasting Kindness" K. Getty/S. Townend
arr. L. Shackley

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Cheryl, Anita

Family & Friends: Patty, Leota, Anna, Kate, Mark, Alexandria, Lucille, Margie, Joe, Karla, Leon, Dale, Kathy, Carol

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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!

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

please be seated.

Communion

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome.

Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Song

He is Exalted

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Praise and Thanksgiving" Jacob Weber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCFS Giving Tree Deadline!
Families are referred by area social workers to "shop" for Christmas gifts at no charge. Each shopper must meet three criteria: engaged in services with a social service agency, financial need, and not receiving Christmas Assistance elsewhere. Please return unwrapped gifts or checks for meals by next Sunday. Thank you all!!

Thanksgiving Leaves
Stop by our amazing bulletin board and list something on a leaf you are thankful for! (more than one person can use each leaf) Thanks to our bulletin board genies who always brighten up the Gathering Place with their efforts.

Hanging of the Greens
Yes, it has been in the 60s this past week but believe it or not, Advent is just around the corner. Please plan to join us Saturday, December 5 for Hanging of the Greens from 9:00-12:00. There will be plenty to do in the Sanctuary, Gathering Place and other areas around the church. Questions? See Deann Wimer.

Advent Soup & Service Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall
On December 2, 9 & 16 we will be offering a light lunch in Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 followed by a brief Advent Service. If you're interested in providing a salad or dessert, please check your Flocknote We will need 2 salads and 2 desserts each week. Otherwise, just plan to celebrate the Advent Season with us!

Submit Pictures for Directory
While we are done taking pictures here at KOG, we are still accepting pictures through Nov 30 (Thanksgiving is a great time to get a family photo!) Please remember, we would like individual pictures too. You'll understand when we publish our new Directory. For now, you just gotta trust me. Send your photos to leslie.french@kogcarmel.org

Thanksgiving Office Closure
The weather doesn't feel like it, but Thanksgiving is Thursday! As usual, the office will be closed Thursday and Friday; and, then into the busy Advent Season we head!

Staff Christmas Gift
Just a reminder that if you'd like to contribute to the Staff Christmas Gift, it needs to be received in the church office on or before November 30. You can also give online if that is your preference. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Thank You for Your Pledge
To all who have returned their pledge (via pledge cards or online), we thank you! It is very helpful to have accurate numbers as we prepare the budget for this coming year, so if you have not yet returned your commitment for 2027, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK: Waiting for Christ, Living in Hope

The promise that Christ will come again can raise many questions: When? How? What will happen? Scripture does not give us a schedule to work out. Instead, it gives us promises to trust as we wait: God forgiveness is for all and God is at work bringing all creation toward renewal. We live in the hope of what is still to come while receiving God's gifts here and now—in Christ, in the gathered community, and in the care we offer our neighbors.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1–13 Faith Is Readiness
In Jesus' parable, some bridesmaids are prepared for the bridegroom's arrival and some are not. It is natural to wonder what the oil represents or how we can make sure we are ready for Christ's return. But readiness is not a matter of earning God's favor by keeping every commandment or doing enough good. Our hope rests in Christ: the One who came among us, loves us and showed us how to love one another, and promises to come again. As we wait with trust for His return, we do so seeking to live faithfully in the time we have been given. We do not know the day or hour, but we know the One for whom we wait. Come, Lord Jesus. *Faithful God, keep us watchful in hope and steady in your promises. Let us meet Christ with joy, trusting in your mercy. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE Psalm 103 As Far as the East Is from the West
The psalmist praises God for mercy and forgiveness, saying that God removes our transgressions "as far as the east is from the west." This is not a distance we can measure. It is an image of just how completely God releases us from the burden of sin. We do not have to carry our failures as though they define us forever. In Christ we hear and receive the promise of God's mercy—a mercy that is also as wide as the East is from the West. Forgiven and freed, we can turn again toward God and our neighbors continually trusting in God's mercy and that God's mercy is for us! *Merciful God, when guilt weighs on us, remind us of your steadfast love. Forgive us, free us, and help us live with compassion toward others. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 The Day of the Lord
Paul reminds the Thessalonians that no one knows when the day of the Lord will come. Rather than trying to predict it, he encourages the community to live in hope and to care for one another. He describes faith, love, and hope as gifts that help us live as children of the light. This passage is not a call to fear those who seem unprepared, or to imagine that we can protect ourselves from every hardship. Paul's encouragement is that Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with him. Until that day, we are called to encourage one another and build one another up. *God of hope, strengthen us in faith, love, and hope. Help us encourage one another and trust that we belong to Christ. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:17–19 A New Heaven and a New Earth
Isaiah gives a vision of God creating a new heaven and a new earth, a future marked by joy rather than grief. The prophet does not ask us to pretend that all is well. We see suffering, and conflict in the world around us. We know that people and communities carry deep sorrow. It seems like it will never end. God's promise is that sorrow and pain will not have the final word. God is making all things new. This hope does not call us to sit back and wait; it gives us courage to care for creation and one another, even when change seems slow. We live toward the day when God's joy will be shared by all. *Creator God, renew the earth and comfort all who grieve. Give us patience as we wait and courage to take part in the healing you are bringing. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13–16 Hide It Under a Bushel?
Jesus calls his followers the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He tells them to let their light shine so that others may see their good works and give glory to God. That light can shine through the words we speak about Christ and through the care we show in daily life. Feeding someone who is hungry, welcoming a stranger, teaching a child, working for justice, or offering encouragement can all reflect God's love. These acts do not earn God's favor—they grow out of the grace we have received. Our calling is to let that grace become visible in the world. *God of light, let your love shine through our words and actions. Use our lives to bring hope and give glory to you. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1–7 "See, I Am Making All Things New"
John's vision offers a promise of a world made new, where God dwells among the people and wipes away every tear. Death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. This is not a promise that we will never grieve or suffer in this life. It is the promise that suffering will not have the last word. In Christ, God is already near to us. We hear that promise in the word, receive it in the sacraments, and are reminded of it in baptism. We cannot yet see the fullness of what God has promised, but we can trust the One who says, "See, I am making all things new." *God of life, hold us in your promise when we grieve or are afraid. Keep us in faith as we await the day when all things are made new. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE Psalm 27 Wait!
The psalmist ends with an invitation: "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" Waiting is not always easy. We may be waiting for healing, for a difficult situation to change, for a clearer sense of what comes next or for any number of other things in life. The psalm does not deny our fear or ask us to pretend that everything is fine. It directs us to God, whose presence and care sustain us. As we approach the season of Advent, let us remember God strengthens us through Scripture or prayer. Sometimes that strength even comes through the people who listen and stay beside us. So as we wait, let us trust that God is with us and will not abandon us. *Steadfast God, strengthen our hearts as we wait. Through your Word and through the care of others, help us trust your presence. Amen.*