The Lord's Day, November 22, 2026

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn of Adoration: "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (TH No. 97)**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Blessed be your name, O Lord! For you have heard our pleas for mercy. You are our strength and our shield; in you our hearts trust, and we are helped. With songs we give thanks to you. With awe we recount your wondrous deeds. With joy we remember your goodness and your steadfast love. With our whole heart, we praise your name. Save us, your people, O Lord, and bless your heritage! Be our shepherd and carry us forever. Amen.

Based on Psalm 28:6-9

***Confession of Faith (Westminster Shorter Catechism 98)**

Minister: What is prayer?

People: Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Unison: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

***Hallelujah (Tune: "Ode to Joy")**

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 145

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Minister: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

People: his greatness no one can fathom.

Minister: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

People: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Minister: They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

People: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Minister: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in love;

People: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Minister: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

People: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

Minister: so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Minister: The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

People: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Minister: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

People: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Minister: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Minister: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

People: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

Minister: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

***Hymn of Response: "Now Thank We All Our God" (TH No. 98)**

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven–
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Prayers of the People

Unison: **Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

Minister: Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor, and majesty of the world in which we live.

People: **We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed.**

Minister: We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family, and health.

People: **We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.**

Minister: For all your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth we worship and adore you.

Unison: **Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.**

Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's….The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Unison: **Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (TH No. 77)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: John 17-20-26**
Minister: This is the Word of God.
Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The High Priestly Prayer, Part Three" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Closing Hymn (Tune: "Nettleton")**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanging of the Greens

On Saturday, **November 28 at 9:30 AM**, we will gather to decorate the church for Christmas. Because this is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, many people may be unavailable, so if you are available to help, please let Audrey Blanzole or Carolyn Beckett know so that we may plan accordingly. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Schedule

We will be working on the volunteer schedule for December, January, and February. If you would like to be added to or removed from the schedule, please notify Minda Templeton (minda@ctkvb.org). In addition, please let her know if there are weeks you plan to be out of town so that we can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you!

Chili Lunch

Linger a little longer after the worship service on **December 6** and join us for our annual chili dinner. The Fellowship Committee will provide chili, cornbread, chili fixings, and beverages. You're invited to add a green salad or dessert to the table (no bags of chips or cornbread, please). To help us plan, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or online at www.ctkvb.org/calendar. This is a special time of fellowship—you don't want to miss it!

Operation Christmas Child

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for children around the world. This year CTK donated 181 boxes (11online), an increase of 19 over last year and an 11 over this year's goal. A special thank you to Collins and his team of teens who built boxes, answered questions, and rejoiced when boxes were returned. Additional thanks to Audrey Blanzole, who shopped for those who were unable. The women who attend Bible study also contributed to our success this year. In addition, Carol Burchett filled 40+ boxes. You all rock! Your dedication and care are to be commended. Everyone at CTK helped to bring the true meaning of Christmas to boys and girls around the world, many of whom have never heard of Jesus. What a blessing it is for those children! Thank you, God!

Men's Fellowship Time

We will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving, but we will resume on December 2.

Online Giving Available

If you would like to give online, please scan the QR code. You will have the option to give to the general fund or the benevolence fund. In addition, you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation.