Sunday Prayers. 11.22.2026

Gracious God, Today is the last Sunday of the church year calendar—Christ the King Sunday—and next week we begin the cycle of Advent as part of a whole new year. As we celebrate this ending and beginning, help us live into your Gospel in fresh ways. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Us All, As we gather with people—friends and family—to celebrate the first of the holidays this week, love us all. For some, holidays are full on celebrations, for others, they are painful reminders of unfulfilled dreams. Guard our hearts as we seek understanding, gratitude and love for all the people who share our lives. Help us find gratitude even in the small daily mercies we receive. May our gratitude list this Thanksgiving include all of the ways we've grown and received grace throughout the past year. Sometimes, these holy days provide us with perspectives that reshape us. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Healer, For those who are navigating illness, please grant a measure of health—the kind that brings deep healing physically, emotionally, spiritually and holistically. Your healing power is needed in so many lives…in so many ways. Please relieve suffering in any way you are able. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Resurrection, People are grieving so many things—relationships that have come undone, seasons of life that have long since disappeared, and beloved people. Help us remember that grieving is a part of loving…and that love always involves you. Help us find ways forward that allow peace to grow within us. We especially remember those who are hurting acutely today:
- John and Sarah Samuelson and family on the death of their sister-in-law Sue Samuelson.
- LeAnn Xavier and family on the death of LeAnn's dad Arthur Grunden.
- Tom and Deana Grade and family on the death of Deana's mom, Sharon Kittle.
- Kathy Jacobson and family on the death of Kathy's aunt, Diane.

May your love find all who grieve and hurt…and mend their hearts with mercy…Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the World, we pray for our President, our Governor, the leaders of the village of Waunakee, our school board, and all the governing bodies everywhere…including the Presiding Bishop and all the leaders of our church…that they might be moved to lead with love…and justice and mercy with the hope of guiding us forward in ways of peace for all people.
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God of Creation, The earth is in need of care. We need to tend the rivers and creeks, the oceans and lakes, the mountains and valleys and meadows and farmland with care. We want the world to be fed with good food. We want our human kin to have access to clean water and healthy air. We want the beauty of the creation around us to be sustained. Lead us forward. Mend us and our ways with mercy. Open us to act today and tomorrow and all the tomorrows to come. Help us think with the future in mind as we live out these days. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Celebrations, in the midst of the world's pain, love is still happening, babies are being created… and born, we are bonding with teammates and co-workers and friends and family in ways that tighten our significance to each other…and ultimately to you. In these circles of people we live within, help us speak languages of kindness, forgiveness and love. Help us honor the needs of one another and ask for our own needs when we have them. Help us see one another in the precious way you see us. Then, ultimately, help us gaze at the world through your eyes. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, we commend everything…really everything. Please guide us forward and love us deeply. Amen.