

Think About it Thursday

“Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD,
“That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:5-6

This Sunday marks the end of our Christian Calendar Year. It is the end of Pentecost and the end of ordinary time and is known as Christ the King Sunday or the Reign of Christ Sunday. December 1st will be the first Sunday of Advent and therefore the first of the 2024-2025 Christian Year. On Christ the King Sunday, we take time to pledge our loyalty and allegiance to the one promised by the LORD to save the sheep of his pasture.

Last Sunday I was blessed to listen to a choir presentation of Handels *Messiah*. It was beautiful as the resonating words laid upon my heart...” For the Lord God omnipotent reignth! And He shall reign forever and ever!” Christ the King shall indeed reign for all of eternity.

Paul tells us in Colossians chapter 1, verses 19 and 20: “For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” Painful as it was on one level, it gave our Father pleasure to provide all of humanity with a way to find reconciliation with Him. That is what our Christ, our Savior, our King did...he gave us a way to always find our way back to the Father. Through His great suffering, His painful death and His triumphal resurrection we are made righteous in front of the Father. So, we honor and praise Him our Christ the King.I