

November 26th
(Christ the King Sunday)

“Put This Power to Work”

Celebration of the Seasons

Main Text: Ephesians 1:15-23

(Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46)

There is a lot of discussion in this time about power. Who has power and who doesn't have power? What are people doing with their power and for what purpose? There is a growing lack of trust for anything and anyone in power while claiming our own powerlessness. As we come to the end of this church year and get ready for the advent of Jesus, what does it mean to celebrate Christ as King? What is the difference between the power of God and the power we see at work in the world? We are all influenced by power. Which one controls our lives and directs our actions? The prophet Ezekiel speaks God's promise to exercise His power as shepherd to seek the lost and empower the outcasts as compared to those who seek to dominate and control. He says that those who exercise that kind of power will be fed with justice. Jesus speaks of sharing God's love through compassion and service and the recognition of those who do the same along with justice for those who do not. What power will we put to work in and through our lives? Encouragement in Christ is to put God's power to work in sharing God's love.