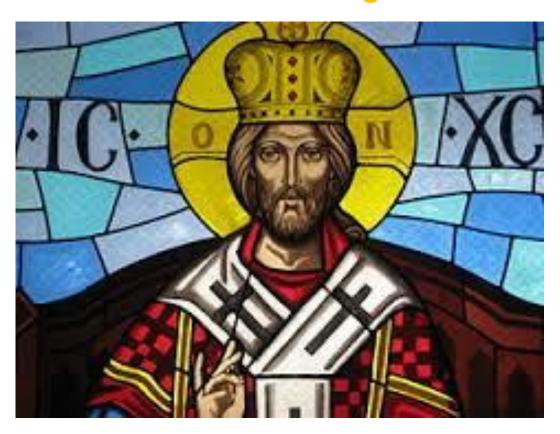


Christ the King



November 26, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude Give Me Jesus arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome





- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

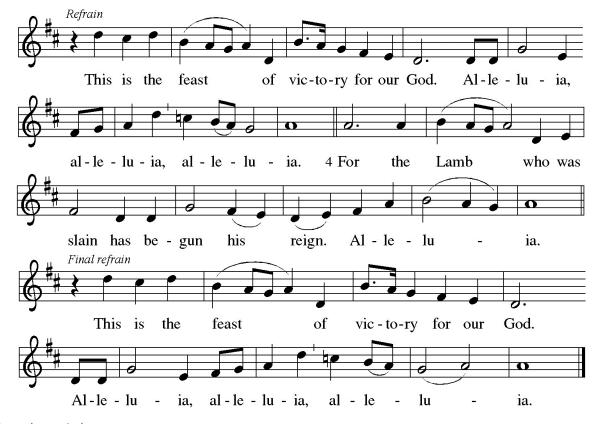
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 (New Revised Standard Version)
A reading from the letter to the early church at Ephesus

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

Psalm 95:1-7a



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Come, let us sing I to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, [|] are a great God, and a great ruler a- [|] bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.

The sea is yours, I for you made it, and your hands have molded I the dry land.

Come, let us worship | and bow down, let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

For the LORD I is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep I of God's hand.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation





The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

"When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,

I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,

I was homeless and you gave me a room,

I was shivering and you gave me clothes,

I was sick and you stopped to visit,

I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

"Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

I was homeless and you gave me no bed,

I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,

Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

"Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?'

"He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.'

"Then those 'goats' will be herded to their eternal doom, but the 'sheep' to their eternal reward."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

KING JESUS Rev. Dr. Donald Luck

Musical Reflection

Who Is He

Benjamin Hanby/Vicki Wright Senior Choir; April Smith, flute

Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall? Who is He in deep distress, fasting in the wilderness? Who is He the people bless for His words of gentleness? Who is He to whom they bring all the sick and sorrowing?

REFRAIN

'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! the King of glory! At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him Lord of all!

Who is He that stands and weeps at the grave where Lazarus sleeps? Who is He the gath'ring throng greet with loud triumphant song? Lo! at midnight, who is He prays in dark Gethsemane? Who is He on yonder tree, dies in grief and agony? Who is He, that from the grave comes to heal and help and save? Who is He that from His throne rules through all the world alone? *REFRAIN* (twice)

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Julie Larson and husband Eli, Kathleen Zwanziger, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, family and friends of Becky Fisher's stepmother Deanie Schmidt

The people of Zion Lutheran Church in Danville; Redeemer community members Emlyn Ott and Robert Ward

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

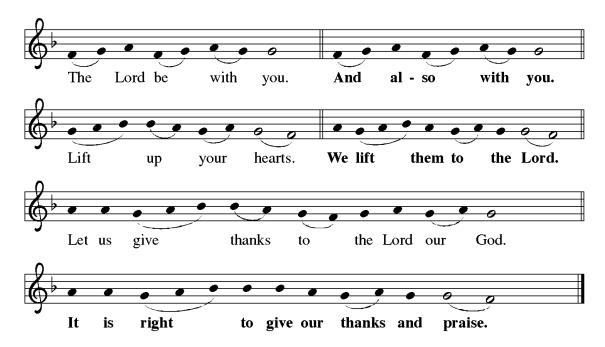


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Great Thanksgiving

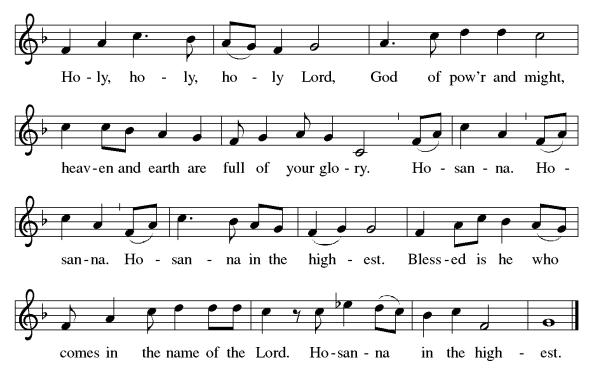


God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

Please be seated

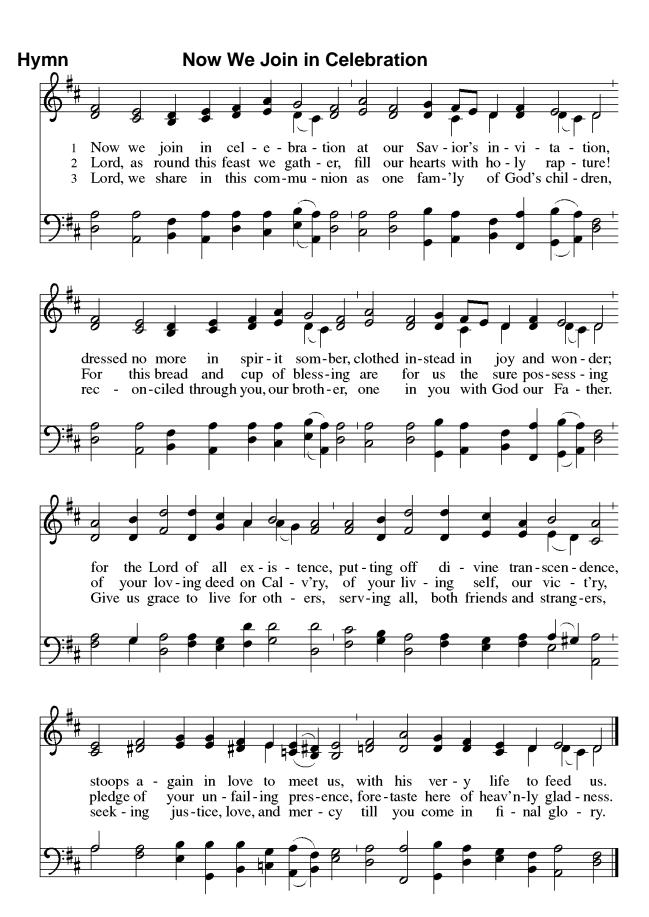
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.





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Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy.

Amen.



WE ARE SENT



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Hayes
Piano duet

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Adult Ed Class

November 26 - 11:15-ish am



Down Memory Lane with Don Luck

After Don Luck preaches and presides this Sunday for what he says will be "the last time," Don will lead our adult education class in a presentation of some of the highlights of his teaching/preaching career, including changes he has witnessed in the Lutheran church, theology, and culture — as well as share some amusing anecdotes from churches he has served!

In-Person and Zoom:

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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799





December 3 - 11:15 am

Bishop Nicholas will chat with us about gift-giving traditions

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Birthdays this week: 26 - Grace Montgomery

27 - Greyson Brush

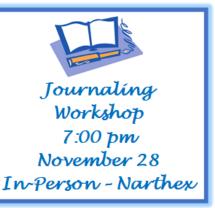
28 - Dave Shull

29 - Mary Bowling

29 - Naomi Morgan

2 - Eowyn Dana

2 - Ruby Jacobs





Bible Study Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

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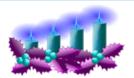
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Advent Devotional Booklet

The Advent Devotional is now available in regular or large print. You may pick up a copy in the narthex. Take as many as you like to share with friends and family. If you like, we would be happy to mail a copy to you. The devotions are available on our website, or you may have each day's devotion delivered to your email. Just let the office know what you prefer.



Advent Wednesday evenings
December 6, 13, 20
6:15 Advent Desserts
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the library to serve as cantor or to provide dessert at 6:15

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Rev. Dr. Donald Luck **Assisting Minister** Connie Criswell Cantor Jennifer Young Reader Georgene Slagle **ASL Interpreter Bryan Neal Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent **Usher** Helen Brunston Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Verger **Communion Prep** Michele Disbro Michele Disbro, April Smith **Producers** Hospitality Judith and Ashley Bird

Flowers are given by **the In family** in memory of **Saichi In**. Noisy Offering will go to LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 3

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
Following	Worship	Election of 2024 Church Council
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and Zoom Bible Study
	5:15 pm	Outreach Team
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class

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