

My kingdom is not
from this world

JOHN 18:36

Reign of Christ

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshiping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — "In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord", Johann Pachelbel, Robert Cundick, arr., © 1967, Carl Fischer, Inc. Organist—Brenda Peck

EXPLANATION OF THE DAY

Today we mark the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. We acknowledge that the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge that the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness.

On this day we proclaim the reign of God's love for us in all seasons and times.

Today in worship we will journey through the whole 'liturgical year,' or the way the church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through the season after Pentecost, we will recall the entire great wheel that is the seasons of the church year, beginning and ending with this day, in which we honor and celebrate Christ who is King, in all seasons and time, ready to turn once again, next Sunday to a new church year.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW # 408



- 1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
- 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend,
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r,
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN. Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Advent: Is the Season of Expectation

The first season of the church year, Advent, is about beginnings, middles and endings. Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival', and so we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. However, we also look to the end times as we await Christ's coming again and the fulfillment of God's plan of justice and peace for all creation. These beginnings and endings give us pause to think about what it means to live, as we do, in the middle. And so we light candles against the darkness, keeping watch for the promised light.

Placing of the Advent Blue

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-3, 6

A reading from Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-3)

ELW #257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awc.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Christmas — The Season of Emmanuel

Christmas marks the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of the birth of Jesus and continues for twelve days, ending on January 6. After the quiet anticipation of Advent, we celebrate with carols, feasts and acts of charity. What does it mean that we have a God who chose to dwell with us, sharing in the suffering, wonder, joy and sorrow of being human? The color of Christmas is white, symbolizing the light and joy of the newborn King.

Placing of White

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 9-14

A reading from John:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life,^{*} and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^{*} full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW # 276



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LIEZY, Polish carol

Epiphany: The Season of Light for the World

January 6th is the Day of Epiphany, the final day of Christmas. Epiphany ‘manifestation’. How is this God-with-us revealed? Through the light of a star to the Wise Men, through a descending dove at Jesus’ baptism, through every act of love and grace that comes to us. Where do we see Christ’s light *now*, manifest in our lives? Where are the dark corners of the world where we need to share it? During the Sundays following Epiphany we enter what is called ‘Ordinary Time’. We use the color of GREEN to symbolize our growth as we learn of Jesus’ teachings and ministry.

Placing of the Epiphany White/Green

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from Matthew:

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^{*} from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,^{*} and have come to pay him homage.’³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah^{*} was to be born.⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd^{*} my people Israel.” ’⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men^{*} and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,^{*} until

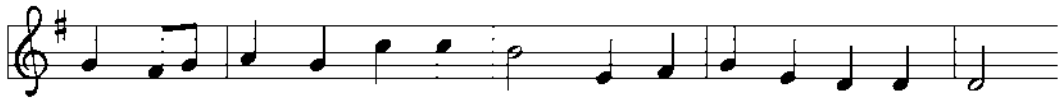
it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,* they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old (vv. 1-3)

ELW # 302



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold:
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light:



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore:
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Lent – The Season of Turning to God

Lent marks the 40 days plus six Sundays before Easter, recalling Jesus' forty days in the wilderness preceding the beginning of his ministry. We too enter a wilderness time of confession, repentance, and renewal of faith. We make our worship place plain, we forego Alleluias, and we practice the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, or service to others. The days lengthen in light even as we follow our Lord to Jerusalem, and to the cross.

We use the color purple to signify repentance.

Placing of the Lenten Purple

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17 *Read Responsively*

¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right* spirit within me.*

¹¹ **Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

¹² *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing* spirit.*

¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

¹⁶ *For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.*

¹⁷ **The sacrifice acceptable to God* is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

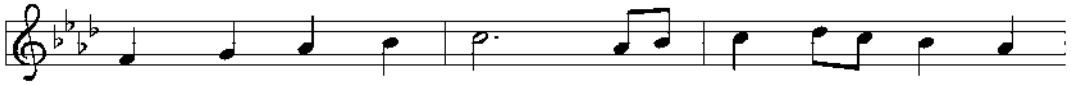
HYMN

O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days (vv. 1, 2 and 4)

ELW #319



1	O	Lord, through - out	these	for - ty	days	you
2	You	strove with Sa - tan,	and	you	won;	your
3	Though	parched and hun - gry,	yet	you	prayed	and
4	Be	with us through this	sea - son,	Lord,	and	



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the li - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Daviſson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of crea-
tion:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in
others:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and
warfare, we pray. Bring us your peace, and strengthen first responders and all who
serve and protect us. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For our failure to notice the needs of others, and to respond to them with love and
grace. We pray for those who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who
are sick and suffering. We pray for those on our prayer list. Lord, in you mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We offer our confession, our hearts, and our prayers in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

By grace you have been saved. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

SHEPHERD OF MY LIFE

Joseph M. Martin

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Are An Offering

ELW #692

We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.

Lord use our voices,
Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives,
they are yours:
we are an offering.

All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be
we give to you,
we give to you.



We lift our voice,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering,
we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God,
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Easter: The Season of Life

Alleluia, He is risen!

(He is risen indeed, alleluia!)

On Easter Sunday we remember with joy the resurrection of Jesus, celebrating together for an amazing fifty days. During this time, we hear accounts of resurrection appearances and stories of the new community that formed from this Good News, news that turned despair and fear into hope and love. What does it mean for our lives that death is not the end? How do we live as Easter people, claiming the hope of the Resurrection?

We use the color WHITE to indicate purity, light, joy and celebration.

Placing of the Easter White

Scripture: John 20:1-18

A reading from John:

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not

go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (vv 1&4)

ELW # 377



1	Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus	is	ris - en!			
2	Walk - ing	the	way,	Christ	in	the	cen - ter
3	Je - sus	the	vine,	we	are	the	branch - es;
4	Weep - ing,	be	gone;	sor - row,	be	si - lent;	
5	Cit - y	of	God.	Eas - ter	for	ev - er,	



Trum - pets	re - sound - ing	in	glo - ri - ous	light!
tell - ing	the	sto - ry	to	our
life	in	the	Spir - it	the
fruit	of	the	tree;	
death	put	a - sun - der,	and	Eas - ter
gold - en	Je - ru - sa - lem,	Je - sus	the	Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert E. Brokering, h. 1926
 Music: David N. Johnson, 1933, 1987
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family
 through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Share in the inheritance of all the saints.
Come to the table prepared for you.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 208



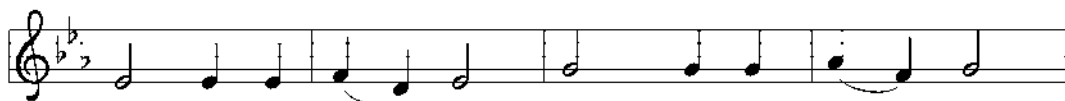
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
c - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

CONTEMPORARY SONG/HYMN

Sing to the King



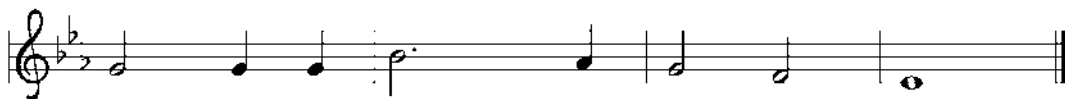
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion.



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Pentecost & Ordinary Time: The Season of Growing

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, community in Christ. The color RED reminds us of the Spirit's appearance as tongues of flame, dancing on the heads of the followers. Pentecost is the grand culmination of our joyous fifty days of Easter. After Pentecost we are again in ordinary time, with a focus on Jesus' life and teachings. The GREEN reminds us that we are to continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Placing of RED and GREEN after Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:17-18, 21

A reading from Acts:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (v 1-2)

ELW #400



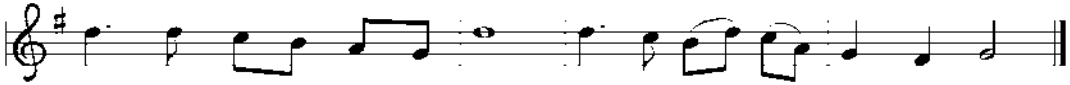
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Staempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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Christ the King-- In All Seasons and Time

Our church year ends with our celebration of Christ our King for all seasons and time. The one who came as a babe in a manger nearly 2000 years ago has not left us but reigns as our living King. What does it mean to allow Christ to rule our days, our decisions, our lives? It means expectation, God-with-us, and light for the world; it means turning toward God, the triumph of life, and the fire of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we follow the way of Jesus' teachings and life. Now, we go from this place knowing that next week we return in joyful expectation, to begin a new year. The wheel, ever old, turns once again in to our lives, ever new. Thanks be to God, in all seasons and times.

Placing of White/Gold

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from Colossians:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in* him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in* him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he

might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign (vv 1,4,5)

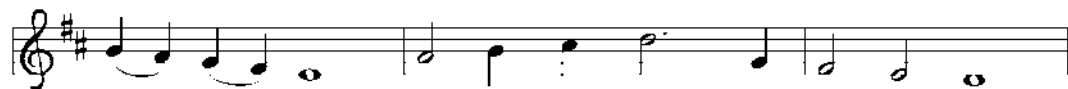
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run: his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their car - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

BLESSING

God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen.



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is our King.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE — "Ä Song of Gratitude", Edward Broughton, ©1987, Lorenz Publishing Co.
 Organist—Brenda Peck

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXTS

IN THIS SPECIAL SERVICE WE HEAR SCRIPTURE CONNECTED TO EACH OF THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR. THE CHURCH YEAR IS CIRCULAR, BEGINNING WITH ADVENT MOVING TOWARD CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY, LENT, EASTER, PENTECOST, ORDINARY TIME (ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'TIME AFTER PENTECOST'), CHRIST THE KING AND ON TO A NEW CHURCH YEAR! THE SEASONS HAVE COLORS ASSIGNED TO THEM TO ASSIST THE FAITHFUL IN ENTERING INTO THE SEASON.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO,
NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, HERB KIEL,
RON WEBER, GENE WALKER, ALLEN TURLEY, MARK HENDERSON

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26:

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING: BECKY HENDRICKS

USHERS: ELIZABETH MITCHELL, CHERYL SCHNIRRING

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

FLOWERS: VALERIE SPURGEON — **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

DECORATE COOKIES AFTER WORSHIP



HELP FILL THE FOOD
BASKETS FOR
BLACKHAWK FAMILIES

November 19

40 cans each of peaches and pears
20 cans of pork and beans

November 26

40 cans each of tomato soup and
chicken noodle soup
20 cans of beef ravioli

December 3

40 boxes of cereal

December 10

20 jars each (non-glass) of jelly
and peanut butter
20 boxes/packages of spaghetti

HOPE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS
Invites you to our 2023
**ONLINE SILENT
AUCTION**
Sunday, Nov. 26 to Dec. 3
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HOPEFORTHEFIRSTNATIONS.COM

**WRAPPED AND LABELED
BLACKHAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

**DUE BY SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10**

SEE NYCU FOR MORE INFO



Pause Prepare Ponder

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Our Midweek Advent Services
will be Dinner Church style!
December 6, 13, 20

Plan to join us Wednesday evenings for our Midweek Advent Services. This year we will follow a “Dinner Church” style service. We gather in the fellowship hall at 5:30p.m. for a meal, scripture, discussion, and the breaking of bread! Come, as we step out of the business of the season and spend time *PAUSING, PREPARING, & PONDERING*. (December 6, 13, 20)

Intentional Prayer

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!!



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UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

G.F. Handel: Messiah, Part One ♦ C.P.E. Bach & W.A. Mozart
J.S. Bach: Magnificat

Springfield Choral Society
Jacobsen Woollen, director

Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



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