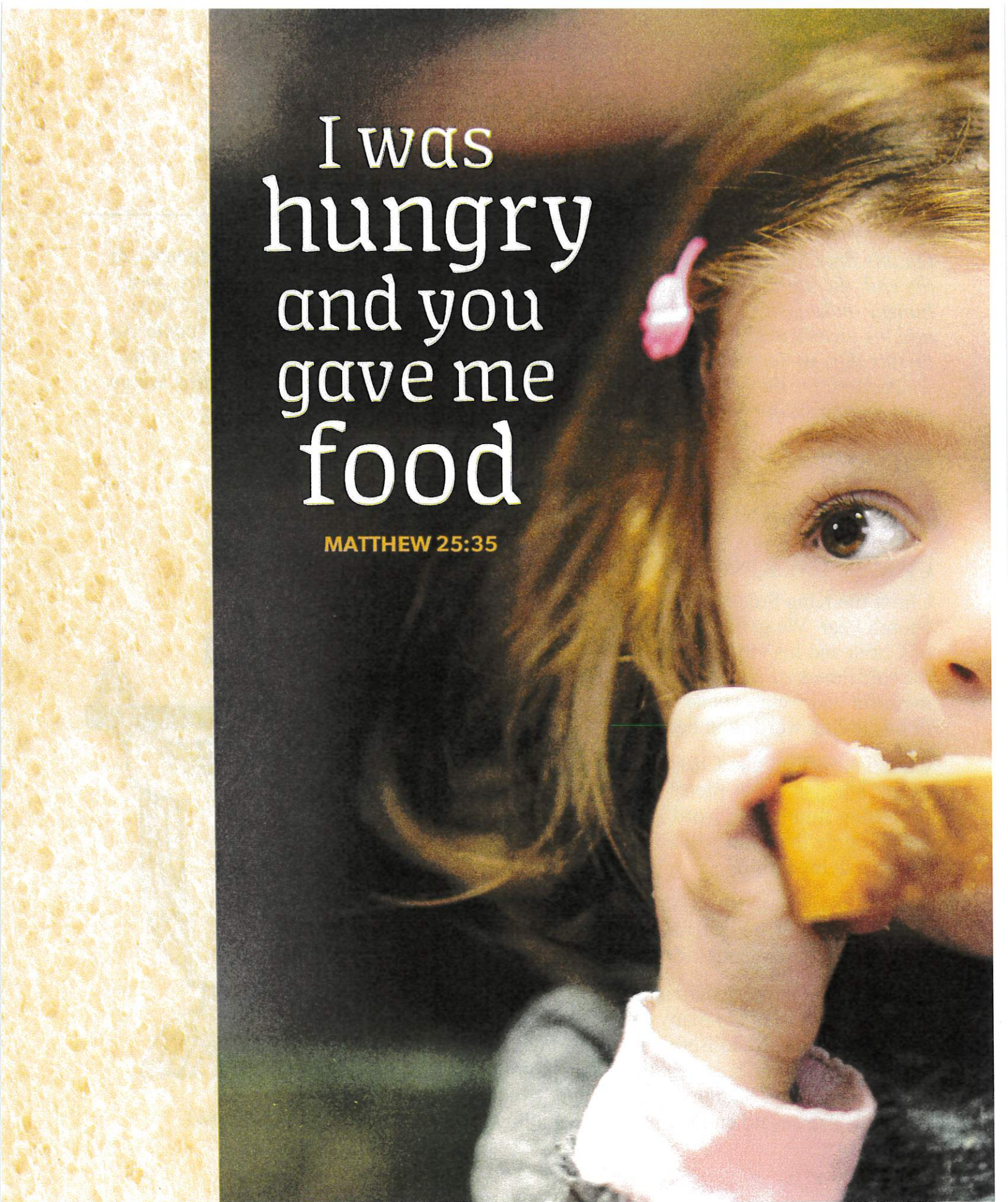


I was
hungry
and you
gave me
food

MATTHEW 25:35





Christ the King Sunday

Saturday, November 25, 2023 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 26, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. So on this day, we look back through the year to hear the promises of Christ for us all as we prepare for the new year ahead. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

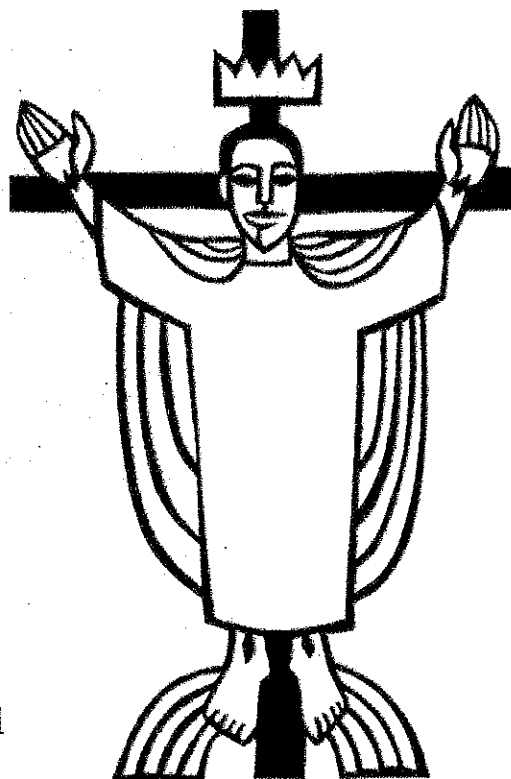
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY: THE CROWNING OF THE YEAR

Christ the King Sunday is the final Sunday of the church year. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death while still awaiting the fulfillment of all things yet to come. Christ is merciful and we go out so that his love may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Christians affirm that Christ comes not only in a past event, but also in our present life and the world's unfolding future. The word Advent means "coming," and we pray that God will continually come to bring life to a dying world.

Advent is a time to meditate on the meaning of life and what is in our own hearts and to pray for God's salvation and wholeness for creation.

Advent is about more than anticipating the birth of Jesus. It celebrates the many times Jesus comes to us, including as a baby in Bethlehem, as a victor at the end of time, and each time we gather as a community around Word and Sacrament. The church year is cyclical- there is no ending and no beginning. We begin by looking to the end.



CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made!

This is the crowning of the year!

The life of Christ is the model of our own, and he shapes all we say and do.

The Lord reigns over all our day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one

another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our

hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to
serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through

✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

ELW #855

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00)

"A Hymn of Joyful Praise"

People of Praise

Color: Blue (The hope with which we await Christ's coming at Christmas, at the end of time, and into our lives each day)

A reading from Isaiah.

Thanks be to God.

ELW 257

CHRISTMAS: EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US

Color: White/Gold (The purity and majesty of God in Christ)

In Jesus Christ, God steps into our world. In Jesus, God became human, Emmanuel, God-with-us. At Christmas, we remember how he was born of Mary, how his lowly birth shows us that God stands with the poor and powerless, how he feels for all our sadness and shares in all our gladness. And so we hear again the story of his birth, according to Luke.



Luke 2:1-20

A reading from Luke.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.³ All went to their own towns to be registered.⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW #290

EPIPHANY: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

Color: White and Green (Revelation of God and Growing in God)

In Christ, light broke through into our weary world, shining the brightness of God into all brokenness, into all pain and sorrow and suffering and sighing, into every uncertainty and anxiety and hopeless place. At Epiphany, we remember how the light of Christ shines into our hearts and our lives, transforms us into the people God intends for us to be, and compels even those from far away to journey to see the light.



Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

EPIPHANY HYMN "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

ELW #561

LENT: PENITENCE AND PREPARATION

Color: Purple (A royal color that also signifies penitence and preparation.)

Early in his ministry, Jesus endured a time of testing and trial, which Mark describes.

Mark 1:12-13

A reading from Mark.

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



So remembering all the trials of Jesus' life and seeking to deepen our own faithfulness alongside his, we celebrate Lent: forty days of penitence and preparation, forty days of setting aside the things that keep us from right relationship with God and our neighbor, forty days of taking up a new way that can bring us closer to God in Christ.

LENTEN HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

HOLY WEEK, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY: GOD'S LOVE REVEALED

Color: Purple (Penitence and void of decoration on Good Friday to note the starkness of Christ's death for us)

Jesus lived a faithful life, teaching the people and his disciples more about who God is and how God is at work in the world. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, and called people to repentance. He proclaimed the coming of the kingdom of God. Not everyone agreed with him. His words threatened the powerful and challenged the status quo. When the time came for him to face the authorities, he was abandoned by those who loved him. Even amidst his innocence, he was condemned to death, hung on a cross and left to die. The gospel according to Mark tells us the sad story.



Mark 15:25-41

A reading from Mark.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ^{28 29} Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his

last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY WEEK HYMN *"What Wondrous Love is This"*
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

ELW #666

EASTER: THE LORD IS RISEN

Color: White/Gold (The salvation of God in Jesus Christ for the whole world)

Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from Matthew.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Even amidst their terror and amazement, Jesus was not there—he was raised! So, every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection once again.

EASTER HYMN

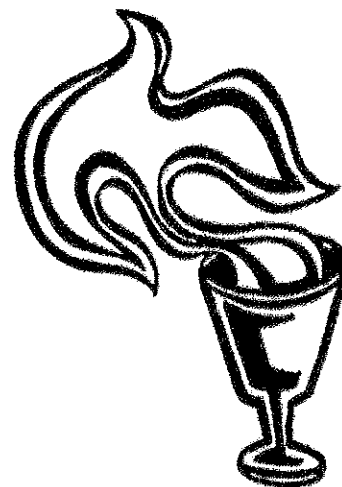
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

ELW #365

PENTECOST: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AMONG US

Color: Red (The color of the fire of the Holy Spirit)

In the days after his resurrection, the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples and made it clear that he was not a ghost but a real man, living once again. He told his friends that he would not be able to be among them forever, but he did promise that God would send them the Holy Spirit to journey with them. God kept God's promise. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came among the people with great power and glory. The book of Acts tells the story.



Acts 2:1-13

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Even now, every year on Pentecost, we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We remember how the Spirit inspires us to believe the good news of the gospel, how the Spirit opens us to new relationships with God and one another, how the Spirit helps us to join in God's work of making all things new.

CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

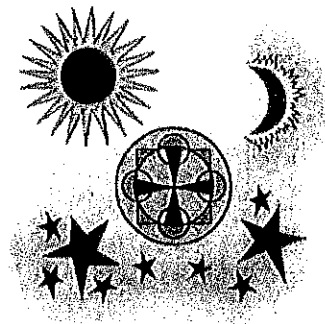
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.

ORDINARY TIME: FOR THE LIVING OF OUR DAYS

Color: Green (The season of growth in life and faith)

While we have seen God at work in the movement of the life of Jesus, we also see how God is working in us too to make all things new. God's presence is real even in the most ordinary moments of life and living. Even amidst the struggles of the day to day, we know that God journeys with us everywhere we go and shows us how to trust the fullness of God's grace amidst all of time and space. The writer of Ecclesiastes put it well.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

- ¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Amidst all the time of our lives, may we know the God who reigns over all our days.

ORDINARY TIME HYMN *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*
(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

ELW #689

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

THE REIGN OF CHRIST: ALREADY AND NOT YET

Color: White/Gold (The reign of God in Christ)

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He reigns over us and all our world with justice, mercy, and peace. We are called to live our lives in the way of that justice, mercy and peace. Jesus says it this way in Matthew's Gospel.

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from Matthew.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

As this church year comes to an end and a new one begins, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Now let us join with all creation and sing our praises to God, who was and is and who is to come.

SENDING SONG

*"Rejoice, for Christ is King!"
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)*

ELW #430

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

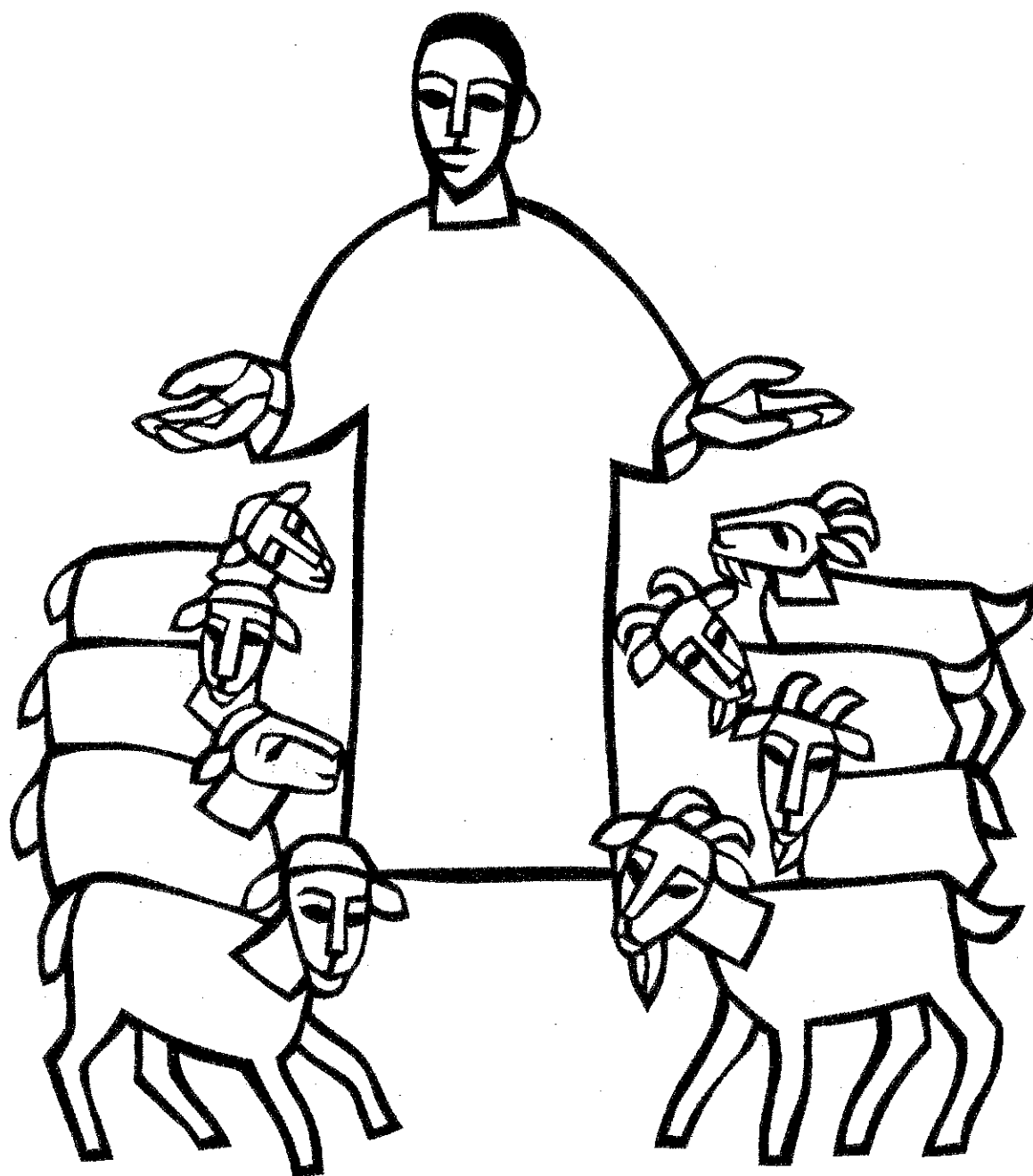
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP



SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Worship Leaders	<i>Not determined at time of printing.</i>
Ushers	Ida Weibel & Joni King
Reader	Ida Weibel
Counters	Gary and Joni King

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Worship Leader	Mike Strom
Ushers	Jim & Donna Gruenhagen
Reader	Carolyn Hulsen
Counters	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker



The Coming Kingdom

Jesus' vision of glory is really a humble one. His kingly activity is not concerned with parading around royally, or associating with the powerful or wealthy, or affiliating himself with military might and authority. The pronouncements made from his throne are not ones issued for the sake of protecting his own power. Instead, he is concerned with one question in particular: How do the vulnerable fare?

As we celebrate Christ the King at the end of another church year, we are challenged to see an expression of political power that is far different from that which makes our governments tick. Jesus welcomes his followers into an alternative way of life, one that puts love of neighbor at the center of our daily actions.

To get a sense of how the vulnerable have fared on our watch, we could look at our national and local budgets, government policies, advocacy efforts, social interactions, even our charitable contributions. At the heart of Jesus' teaching is an invitation to see one's neighbor with renewed vision. There is an expectation when honoring Jesus' sovereignty that our attention turn outward, away from ourselves. Similarly, the celebration of the Lord's supper redirects our attention toward Christ and our neighbor.

When we receive the meal, we are not coming forward for a private snack. Instead, we come as people who are shaped by this gift of God. In this gift Christ himself reminds us of the common need we have, and as we partake in the meal, we are invited to see it as a central expression of Christ's reign. In so doing, our idea of neighbor expands and we rehearse an economy that God desires, one in which vulnerable people matter. We share this meal with God's family throughout history and around the world. And this is how the kingdom comes.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

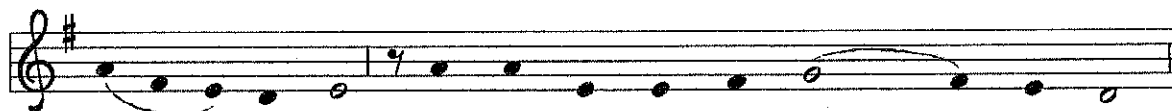
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



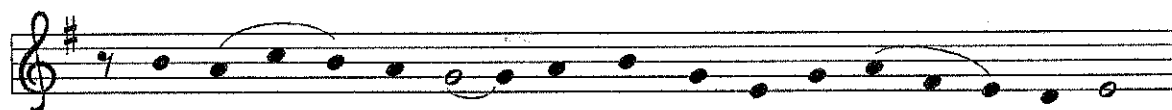
- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



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 awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



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Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

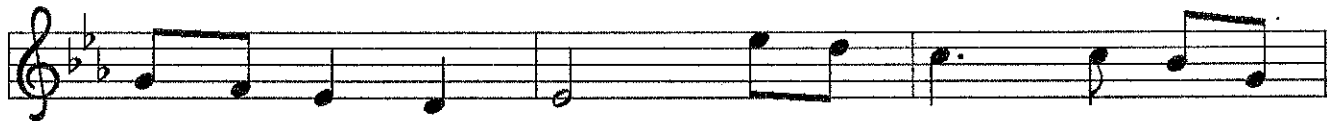
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



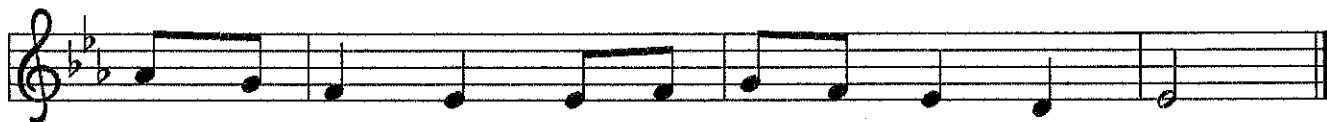
face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



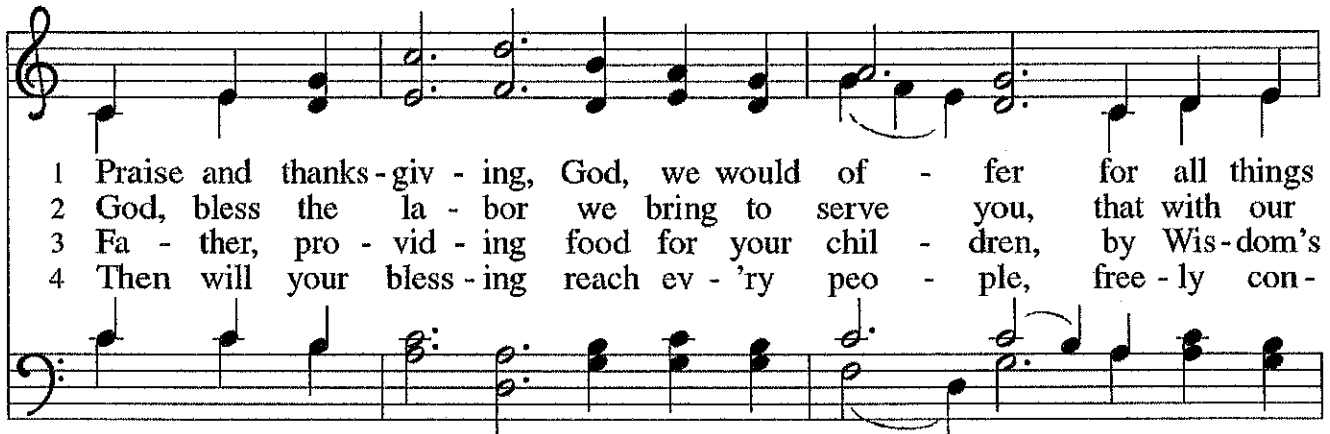
and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

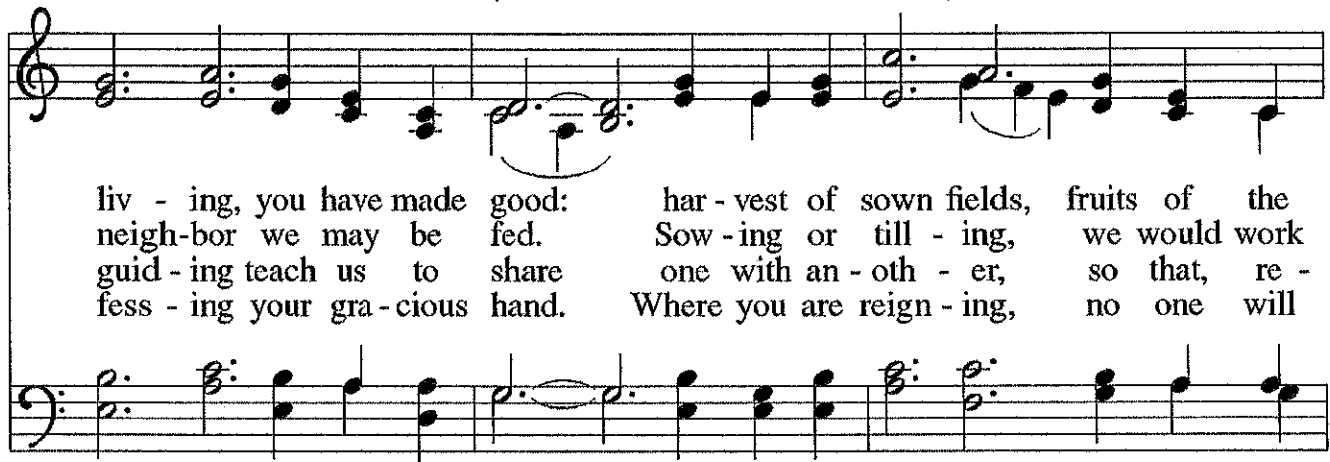


"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

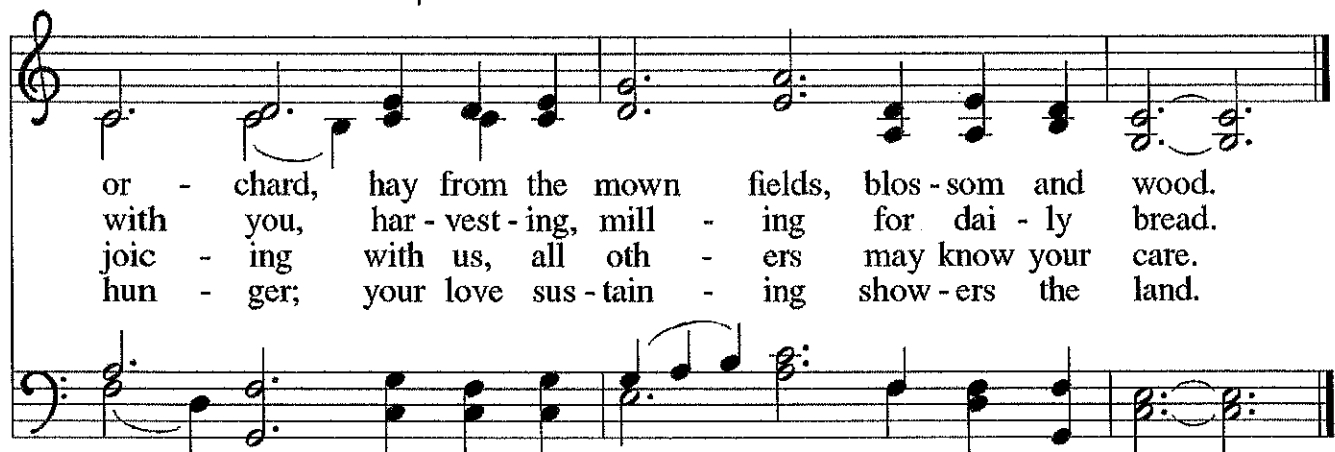
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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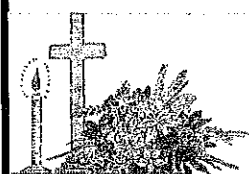


Christ the King Sunday
November 25 & 26, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the altar are given by Dan and Karen O'Flaherty in loving memory of their parents.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site,
www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Duane Miller	Sue Vogel	Jacki Caugherty
Sally Puls	Henry Storjohann	Andrew Arp	Jim Peters
Jensen Spencer	Dan Anderson	Kim Pierce	Glen
Ann Kuehl	Pam White	Jeanette Myers	Kelly
Madison Russo	Leona Farley	Bill Lind	Vaughn
Janet Bowman	Ed Stoltz	James Deeds	Mary Lou
Kathy Stoltz	Judy Knoer	Pam Lueder	Shawn
Steve Mixdorf	Melissa Alden	Barb Conklen	Don



Ushers and those interested in becoming Ushers...

The Ushers have a important role in the safety and security of our church. Part of our safety plan requires quarterly training for the Ushers. Quarterly training will be held on **Sunday, December 3 @ 10:15 am** in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend!

Christmas Poinsettia



If you wish to contribute toward Christmas poinsettias that will decorate the altar area this year, please list your name and the name(s) of those you wish to honor on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex area or online using the link on our web page. We are asking for a contribution of \$10.00 to help offset the cost of the plants. **Please indicate 'flowers' on your envelope so we know how to allocate the funds.** Names must be received by **December 15th** to be published in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.



Our Thanksgiving Offering will be evenly divided between Humility Homes and Services for their emergency shelters in Davenport and with Lutheran Disaster Response with designation for the Middle East Crisis. Please place your Thanksgiving offering in your designated Thanksgiving envelope or put it in a pew envelope with "Thanksgiving" marked on the envelope.



Please join us during the month of November to show appreciation for our pastors and our staff: Pastor Carrie, Pastor Heather, Dennis Kelly (Custodian), Beth Ann Anderson (Office Manager), Sue Becker (Music Director/Organist), and Teri Wittkowski (Organist).

We have a table with thank you cards and envelopes in the narthex. We appreciate all of the ways each one of them help make Faith a caring and vibrant community where our discipleship can grow.

Let's join together to let them know how much they are loved!



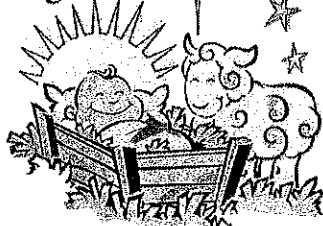
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Christmas Cantata



After a three-year pause, the Christmas cantata is back! On Saturday, December 9, at the 5:00 p.m. worship service, People of Praise (and friends), are thrilled to be presenting this year's Christmas cantata, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus". The cantata features both standard carols that we all know and love, along with some beautiful original music. Also, during the prelude, you'll be treated to the sounds of Resounding Joy playing some beautiful well-known Advent chime pieces. Hear the music of the season and enjoy refreshments following the service as well. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the return of this much-loved musical tradition.

Sunday School Program

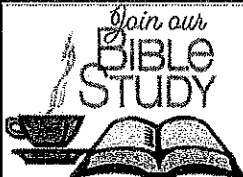


The Sunday School Christmas program will be on **Sunday, December 17th, at 9:00 am.** We will practice during Sunday School in November and December, with the exception of November 26th, as we will not have Sunday School that day due to the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

Sunday School will be on Christmas break December 24th and 31st. We will resume on Sunday, January 7th, with our Winter Rally Day and Congregational Breakfast!



We are looking for Ushers, Readers and Communion Assistants to serve during December, especially during the Christmas Eve worship services. Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or on our website to sign up. ***Thank you for helping!***



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Please join us for a weekly study of the scripture together on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!



The **2024 Offering Envelopes** are now available. They are on the Welcome Center counter for you to pick up. Please contact Rhonda Webber if you have not had envelopes before, but would like some for the new year.

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

S M T W T F S

Saturday, November 25	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, November 26	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, November 27	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, November 28	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Jubilation
Wednesday, November 29	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:00 pm	Cantata Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:10 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, November 30	9:00 am	Ambassador Folding
Friday, December 1	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Eldridge Hometown Holiday (<i>Downtown</i>)
Saturday, December 2	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, December 3	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Usher Training



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**