

## Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023

*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. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. 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. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

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*Liturgy and hymns are in the Blue Hymnal unless otherwise noted.*

### Gathering *\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** (blue)

\* "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" **#747**

\* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

\* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

\* Prayer of the Day

### Word

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (page 759 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 95:1-7a (on screen)

Ephesians 1:15-23 (page 169 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

\* Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (page 25 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Message

"For the Fruit of All Creation" **#760**

\* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 33**

\* Prayers of the Church

\* Sharing the Peace

### Thanksgiving

\* Offering/Offering "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

\* Offertory Prayer

\* The Lord's Prayer **pg. 39**

### Sending

Blessing

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" **#752**

Dismissal and Bell

### Remember in your prayers

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*Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.*

## upcoming events and announcements

**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP** Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats. All are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING!** We are looking for volunteers, perhaps families or friends, that would like to decorate a room at church for Christmas. Available rooms are the Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room, Gathering Room and Narthex. We have a week between Thanksgiving and the first Sunday in Advent to decorate. Decorations will be provided. Contact Nadine Heck at 320-288-8365 if you are interested.

**FOR RENT** Studio apartment for rent above Common Cup Coffeehouse. For more information, please contact Abby at 320-287-3417.

**HELP NEEDED!** First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

**ELEMENT** and **SR. FUSION** will not meet on Wednesday, November 22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, December 3rd and 17th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet.

**REMINDER!** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

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### Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, November 26

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Scott Staples

**Lector:** Shana Ulrich                      **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Acolyte:** Dane Dybdahl & Giana Feuchtenberger

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger              **TV slides:** Sawyer Fynboh

### Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, December 3

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Linda Holland, Jon Ulrich

**Lector:** Denise Odello                      **Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Acolyte:** Jacoby Burnett & Wes Odello

**Communion Prep:** Vicki Dalager (bread)

**Communion Servers:** Bob Dalager, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

**Video:** Mike Odello & Kye Suess              **TV slides:** Jennie Odello

# welcome

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### **TODAY: Sunday, Nov 26**

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

### **Monday, Nov 27**

no events scheduled

### **Tuesday, Nov 28**

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

### **Wednesday, Nov 29**

6:00-7:30pm: Element Classes

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

### **Thursday, Nov 30**

no events scheduled

### **Friday, Dec 1**

no events scheduled

### **Saturday, Dec 2**

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

### **Sunday, Dec 3**

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts