

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday  
November 24, 2024

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

## INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**LBW #328 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

**(Vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7)**

## GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

## KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**  
**whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:4-6

Pew Bible pg. 770

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 93

*L: The LORD is king; he has put on splendid apparel; the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.*

**C: He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;**

*L: ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.*

**C: The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

*L: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.*

**C: Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Jude 20-25

Pew Bible pg. 1285

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

**Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:24-37

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Jay Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #522 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**  
**(Please rise as you are able)**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 72 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

**LBW #170 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“The busy holiday season is nearly upon us. During this service, God, help us focus on your goodness, peace and love, the heart of all the upcoming celebration.”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Joyce Higgins (Villas of Holly Brook-Gibson City)  
Family of Marla Osterbur (friend/Sue Coffin)

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ted Valentine	Dave Howe	Pen Pendleton	Denny Doyle
Pr. Barb Busboom	Rodney Larkin	Rich Friemel	Geraldine Gorecki
Lee Briggs	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre
Jessica Hawn	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Sharon Lohen
Mary Mallicoat	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Nick Shepherd	Michael Markarian
Joyce Keith	Bob Selby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Joyce Williamson			

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Joan Mathis
Genet Dixon	Dave Overholt	Loretta Overholt	

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

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**TABLE GUILD**

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris

**ACOLYTES**

Kyndall Cox, Daphnie Albers

**BULLETIN GREETERS**

TBA

**GREETERS**

Chrissie & Liam Hall

**LECTOR**

Midge Seim

**PRAYER LEADER**

Monica Carico

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

Terry Doyle

**USHERS**

Emily Deal, DaVeda Reitz, John Lux

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we celebrate Christ the King, who declared to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). May we be open to his countercultural rule.

**BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE TODAY** is provided by *Marless Swan* in memory of her husband, Daryl, who passed away on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service to vote on extending a call to Aaron Dawson to be the Pastor of the American Lutheran Church.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Michelle Tatar will be held next Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. in the main Sanctuary.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will take place next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the Congregational Meeting. Please plan to help if you can.

**CHRISTMAS QUILTS** will be on sale starting next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**QUILTERS** will not meet for the remainder of 2024. They will resume meeting on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** The midweek Advent Bible Study is The Light of Grace. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The lessons begin with a study on hope and peace, followed by peace and joy, and finally love. Since there are four lessons and only three Wednesdays, we will do one and a half lessons on the first two Wednesdays. Prior to the Bible study, a light meal will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Hall. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending so we can make sure we have enough study materials and can plan adequately for the meal.

**TOY DRIVE** is being conducted by the NALC Disaster Response for children ages infant to 18 years old who are victims of Hurricane Helene. Gifts should be new and unwrapped and brought to ALC, attention Terry Doyle, no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Amazon gift cards, particularly for the teens, may either be brought to church or shipped directly to the NALC National Disaster Response Warehouse c/o Mary Bates, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH, 43724. Please contact Terry Doyle with any questions (815-258-8474).

**EDEN PARK CEMETERY BOARD** J.R. Sipes is looking for someone to take his place on the Eden Park Cemetery Board. If you would be interested or would like to get more information, please contact him at (217) 649-5128.

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER** ALC Preschool is selling Butter Braids before and after church today and next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. All orders need to be placed by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For any questions or to place an order please email [preschoolatalc@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolatalc@gmail.com) or call 217-893-8773. Thank you all, for supporting the preschool.

**CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord’s table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord’s table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

**UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:**

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Dennis Albers  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Program

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 117

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 24**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women’s Bible Study

**Monday, November 25**

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

**Tuesday, November 26**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 27**

5:30 p.m. NO Confirmation  
5:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal  
6:30 p.m. NO Prayer Service

**Thursday, November 28** OFFICE CLOSED



**Friday, November 29** OFFICE CLOSED

**Sunday, December 1**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
Following  
Cong. Mtg.: Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study & Decorating for Christmas

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

## **Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of Christ the King Sunday**

November 24, 2024 – November 30, 2024

*Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, Father in Heaven, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed Priest forever and King of all creation: Grant that the whole creation, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious rule of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

### **Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	2 Chronicles 22:1-23:21	Psalm 16	Acts 21:7-16
Monday	2 Chronicles 24:1-27	Psalm 17	Acts 21:17-26
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 25:1-28	Psalm 18	Acts 21:27-40
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 26:1-27:9	Psalm 19	Acts 22:1-11
Thursday	2 Chronicles 28:1-27	Psalm 20	Acts 22:12-21
Friday	2 Chronicles 29:1-36	Psalm 21	Acts 22:22-30
Saturday	2 Chronicles 30:1-27	Psalm 22	Acts 23:1-11

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen



It's time to order your poinsettias.  
They will be placed around the church by  
Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to order a Poinsettia plant, please fill out the form below  
and place in the offering plate.

The cost for each plant is \$17.50. You may place the money in an envelope  
in the offering plate. Please mark on the outside of the envelope,  
“Poinsettia”, and include your name.

**ORDER DEADLINE** — Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A POINSETTIA PLANT  
AT A COST OF \$17.50 A PLANT.

**(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_