

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 2023

As We Gather This Sunday has also been known as Christ the King Sunday. We acknowledge that Christ is both King of Creation and the Shepherd King of His people. Though the image of Christ as King may cause us to fear, we remember that the same Lord who sits on His eternal throne is the Lord whom we know as the Savior who suffered for us on the cross. He comes not to condemn us but to separate the sheep from the goats, the faithful from those who reject Him, and to lead us to the eternal light and life He has prepared for us. As we rejoiced in the joy of His resurrection from the dead, so we come to this day to anticipate our own resurrection with Jesus, wearing the glorious bodies He already wears, to live with Him in His eternal kingdom.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS *Isaiah 53:6, 11*

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

People: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

(Silence for meditation)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has sent His Son to die for you. Jesus came to free us, not condemn us. We are no longer held captive by our sin. *You* are no longer held captive by sin. For Jesus' sake God has removed it as far as the east is from the west. Believe this good news of the gospel! In Christ, the King of Kings, all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. *(Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3)*

HYMN OF PRAISE “Beautiful Savior”



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



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

PSALM 95:1-7a

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth;

Pastor: the heights of the mountains are His also.

People: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Pastor: For He is our God,

People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You raised up Jesus from the dead as the first born of all who live in You. Grant that we be comforted by His resurrection and look to Him for our own joyful resurrection and eternal life in Your kingdom. Grant us every assurance that as He was raised from the dead and now lives as Lord and King of all, so we will be raised to live under Him in His eternal kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

(As a shepherd seeks out his flock, so the Lord will gather His sheep.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

(For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31–46*

(Come and inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“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



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.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

MESSAGE

**“Good Sheep, Bad Sheep, and What’s with All These Goats?
Muddying the Waters on the Last Day”**
Matthew 25:31-46 and Ezekiel 34:11-24
Deacon Bob Hutchison

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row.
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847
Tune: John Goss, 1800-80
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 11/19/23: 10:00 AM - 81

Saturday 11/18/23: 5:00PM - 26

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Dave Schmidt in celebration of his granddaughter Avery’s birthday; also given by Charlo Stuart in loving memory of her husband David.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE November 26, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Service

10:20 am Sunday School

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group (PH)

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Life Light Bible Study via Zoom

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Service

Note: Kindly refrain from bringing food or beverages (other than water) into worship.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Dave Schmidt

Greeter: Cindy Klittich

Reader: Al Bosman

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson

Ushers: Dave Schmidt

Roy Pohler

Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich

Cookie & Coffee Service: P. Frye, A. Dumond, S. Hudnell

Pianist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY December 3, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Al Bosman

Greeter: Donna Pickler

Reader: Lori Schultze

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick

Ushers: Glenn Benitz

Scott Ehlers

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Manzer, Cindy Klittich, Vera Alamillo

Pianist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist : Sandy Haven

Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse



Please join us for:

Advent Craft Faire

Sunday, December 3 @ 1-4 pm

Advent Soup Suppers @ 6 pm

Advent Worship Services

December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7 pm

Peace Christmas Luncheon

December 10th Following 10am service

Christmas Eve Services:

10 am Traditional Service/

Sunday School Program

5 pm Contemporary Service

7 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day Service 10 am



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.