

Sunday November 24, 2024

Christ the King / Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron & Jan Aho

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

LECTORS NEEDED We need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

RAFFLE BASKET this month’s raffle basket for supporting Villages of Hope in Zambia. A tree fell onto the roof of the community center causing \$20,000 worth of damage. The raffle basket includes a casserole dish, 4 placemats, 4 napkins with decorative rings and 2 lbs. of Ray’s Wild Rice. \$1/ticket or free will offering.

ANNUAL MEETING is next Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, following worship service. Annual reports and 2025 Budget reports are available in the Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE FOR THE PANTRY It’s that time of year when we ask every coffee drinking family to bring one can of coffee for the pantry so we can continue to enjoy hospitality after worship service every Sunday.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER This ELCA program provides services in the most needy parts of the world. Climate change disasters have only increased the risk of going hungry. November is a time when we give thanks for what we have and consider a donation to World Hunger. Please use your envelope or pick up a change bank available in the narthex. Thank You!

GLORY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALAD

LUNCHEON Dec. 4, 2024, at 12:30pm. Call 218-927-3678 for reservations. Leave a message with name and number attending. This year’s theme is “Gratitude”. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **November 25, 2024 – November 30, 2024**

Monday	11/25	8:00-4:30	Alarm/Furnace Install
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/26	8:00-4:30	Alarm/Furnace Install
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga-Cancelled
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		5:45 pm	Cantata Practice

		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	11/27	8:00-4:30	Alarm/Furnace Install
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/28	THANKSGIVING	
Sunday	12/1	9:00 am	Worship in Person & live stream (No communion)
		10:00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting

OPENING HYMN: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" #693 ELW
(Please Stand on the last Verse)



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

BELL ANTHEM: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne

was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 93

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Glory to you, O Lord

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

#679 ELW



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (*local officials may be named*). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-

seeking love through their work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (*worship ministries may be named*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your eternal presence the saints (*recently deceased members of the congregation may be named*) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING - *Please stand* as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir

Lector: Merrily Jones

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjervin

Greeters: Carolyn Morris & Sharon Whipple

Hospitality: Darlene Christensen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, November 17, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 55 Online: 16