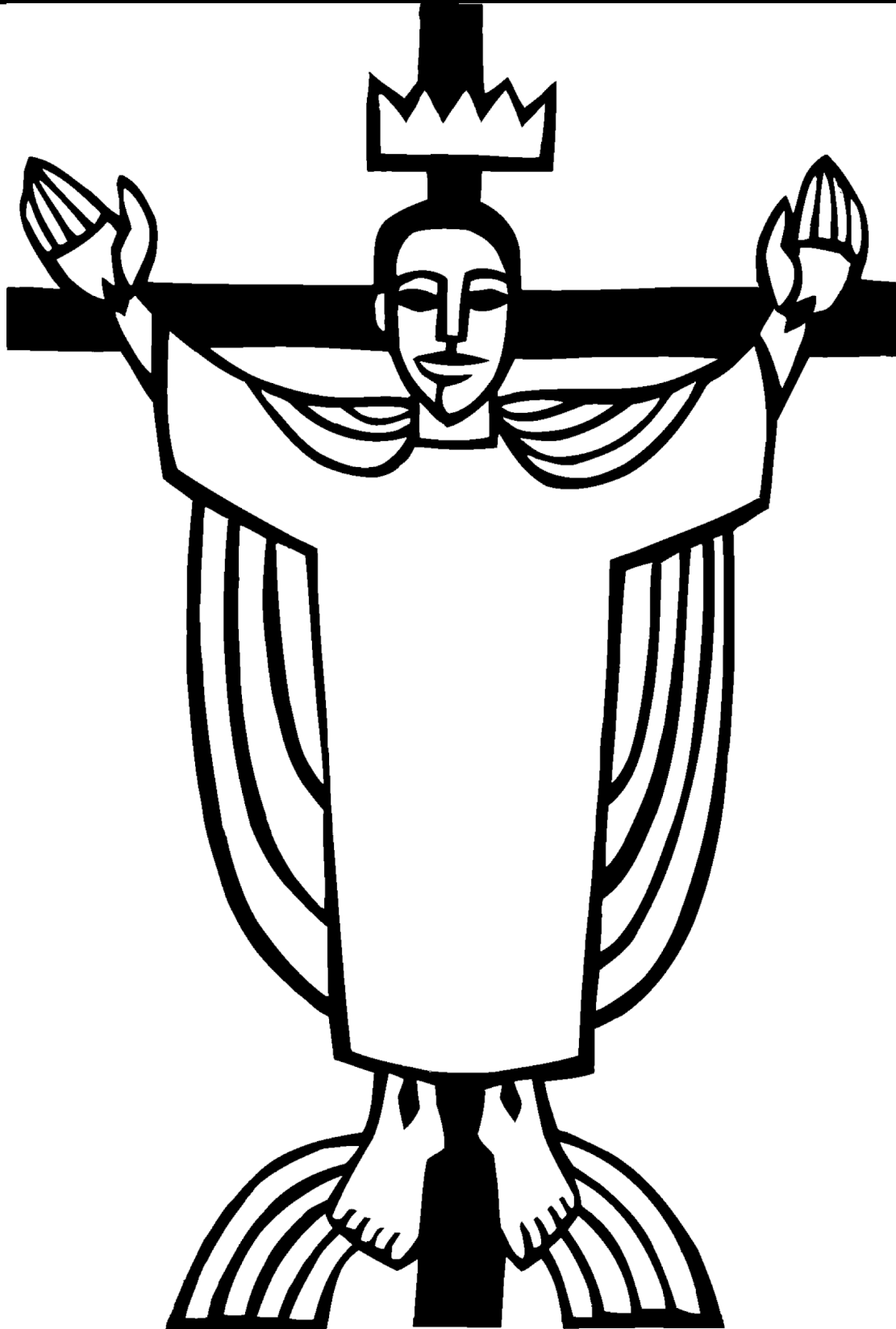


St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:00 am Worship Service

Christ the King

November 23, 2025



Some notes to help you this morning...

As an act of hospitality, we invite everyone to wear a **nametag**. Nametags are available in the west entry to the sanctuary. If you are visiting for the first time, please use a blank nametag and marker to make one. Please place your nametag on the appropriate board by last name when leaving the service. (*IMPORTANT NOTE: The nametags are magnetic. If you have a pacemaker, please place your nametag at least 6 inches away from your pacemaker.*)

(*) Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.
Bold print indicates when everyone speaks in unison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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. (*Silence for reflection.*)

Most merciful God,

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

*PEACE

Having reconciled ourselves to God, we now reconcile ourselves to one another.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We share a sign of God's peace with one another.

You Are the King Who Reigns

David Boyd

1.&3. You are the King who reigns in hea - ven and on earth.
2. You are the God who lives, who died and rose a - gain.

5 You are the King who reigns, the Au - thor of new birth.
You are the God who lives, who co - vers all our sin.

9 Lord, we sing Your praise. We ex - alt Your Name. Your

13 glo - ry fills this place, Your glo - ry fills this place.

*GREETING

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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The young at heart are invited to come forward to talk with Pastor Jonathan.

READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and

shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 46 (*Read responsively.*)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

READING – Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung*)

**Alleluia, Alleluia, opening our hearts to Him, singing
Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is our King.**

*GOSPEL – Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

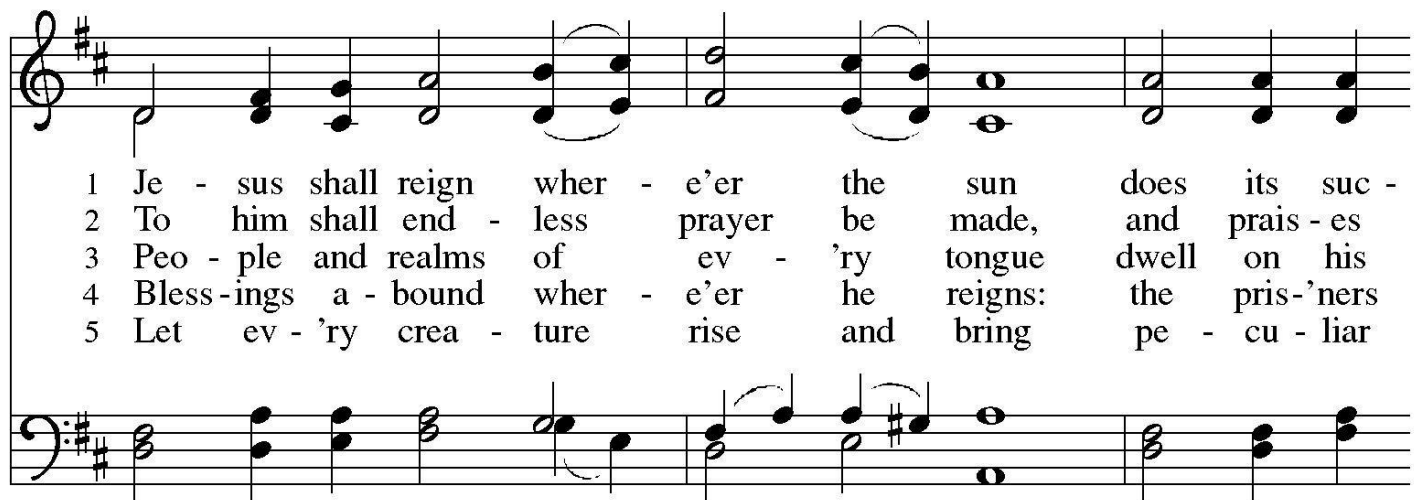
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

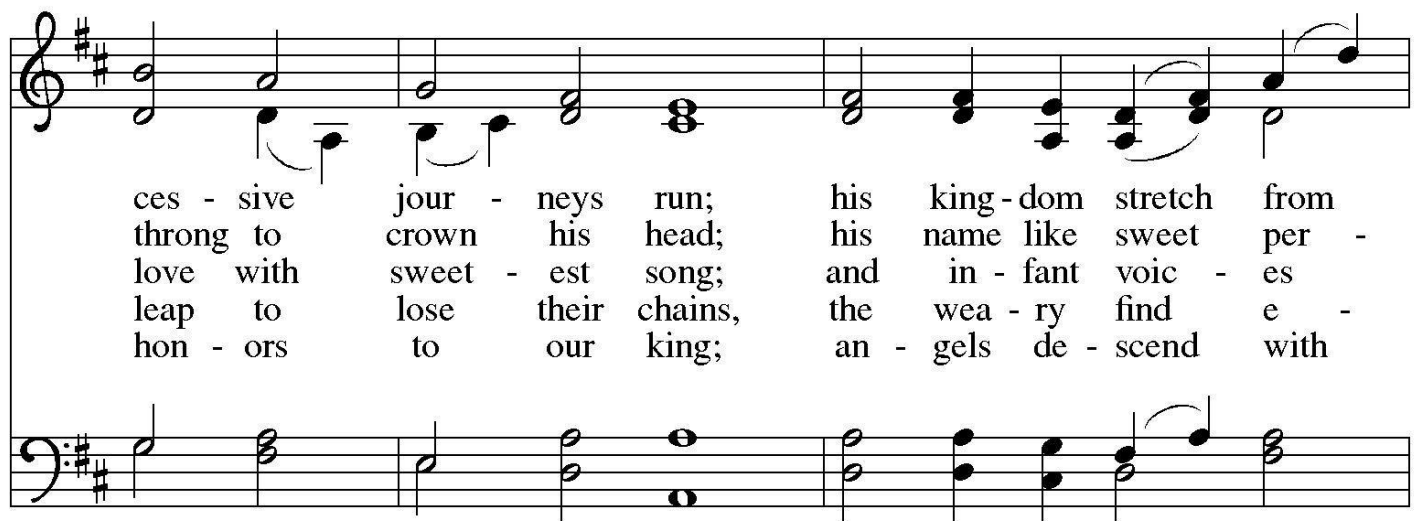
SERMON HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

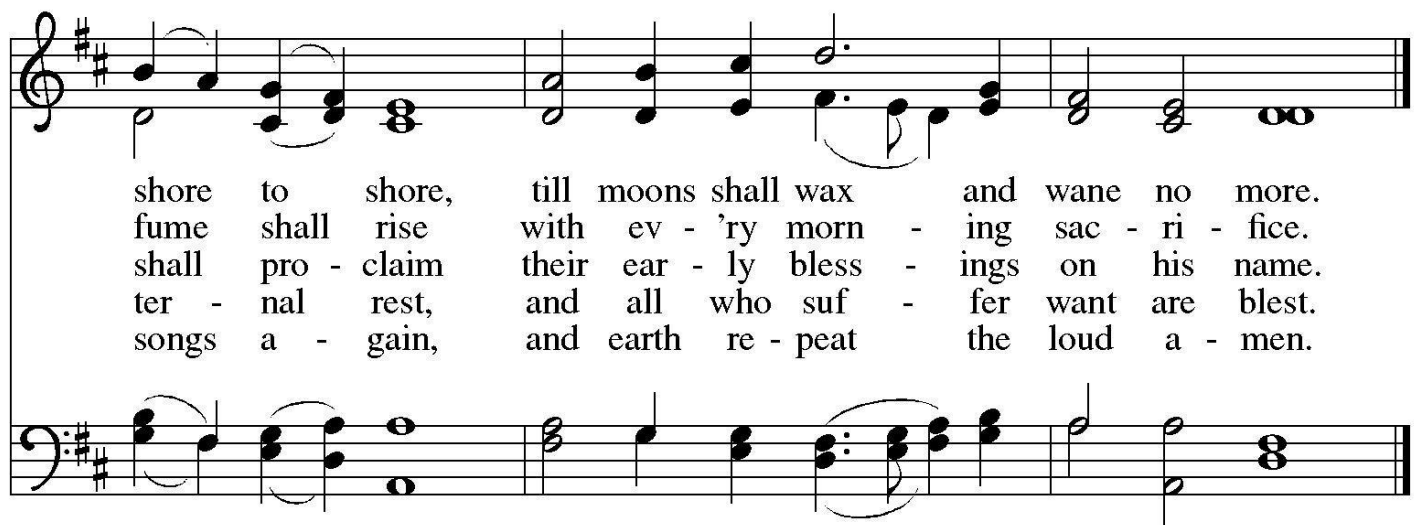
Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

PRAYERS

*Each petition ends: Hear us, oh God. **Your mercy is great.***

OFFERTORY

Offering plates are brought to the altar as a musical gift is offered.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plates by the entrance doors of the sanctuary before or after worship, or you may scan to give here. Offering plates are not passed during the service.



OFFERING SONG

All Bow Down

*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,

In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

If you prefer, you are welcome to remain seated as we prepare for Communion.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

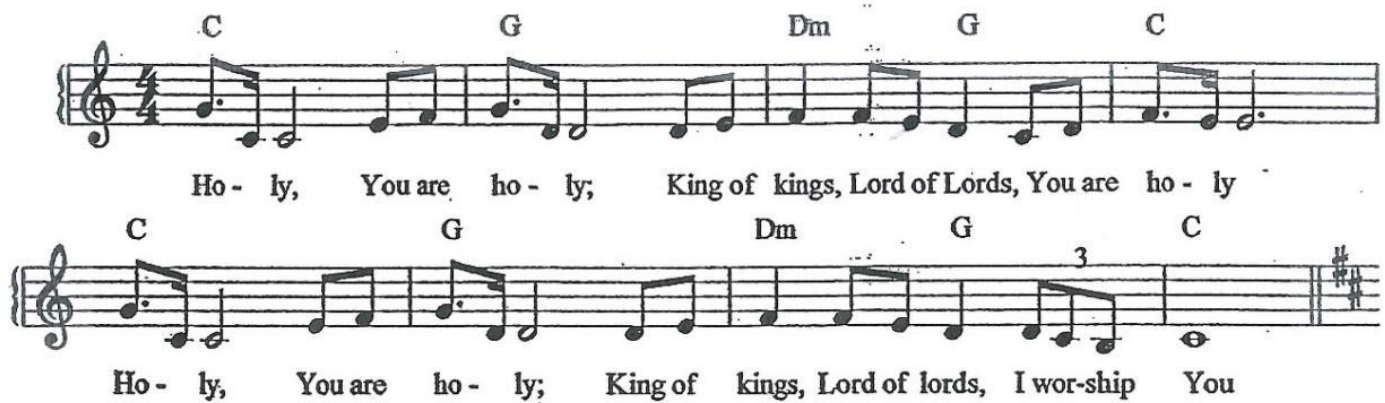
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table! You are invited to move into the aisle and form a large double circle, symbolizing the unity and unending welcome of Christ to all people.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Please return to your seats.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sing To The King

Verse 1

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

Verse 2

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King
Sing to the King
Sing to the King!

***SENDING**

We leave this service renewed in Spirit and called to go out into the world...

Living and Sharing God's Love!

***POSTLUDE**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presiding – Pastor Jonathan Stufft

Reader – Carol Laser

Greeters – Amos Fry, Beth Fry, Pam Hartley

Ushers – Jim and Jamie Woodward

Communion Assistants – Linda Lull, Cyndie Murray, Michael Murray

Sound Booth – Don Harding

Technology – John Harsch, Luke Stufft, Cara Marhenke

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Church office hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 23 rd	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:15 am	Education Classes
	11:00 am	Hand Chime Practice – Social Room
	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Friendsgiving – Community Room

Monday, November 24 th	8:00 pm	AA Meeting – Library
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Tuesday, November 25 th	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study – Library
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Thursday, November 27 th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING <i>Office Closed</i>	
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Sunday, November 30 th	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:15 am	Education Classes
	11:00 am	Hand Chime Practice – Social Room

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Poinsettias

Every year we decorate our chancel with the beautiful Christmas plant, the Poinsettia. We are purchasing 6" red poinsettias this year, and they are \$9.00 each. You are invited to purchase one (or more) and following the worship service on Christmas Eve, you may take it with you to decorate your own home! Please fill out this form, with a check or cash, and put in the offering plate. Thank you!

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 7th.



Name of Donor:

(As you wish to have it appear in bulletin.)

Given in memory of:

or in honor of:

Total Ordered: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Cheer Baskets



We will be making “Cheer Baskets” for people who are
homebound and need a little extra love!

We appreciate donations of cookies, fruit
or money towards other costs.

Request a basket for a person you know below.

I, _____, would like to deliver a Cheer Basket

to _____.

They have allergies to

_____.

They are diabetic (yes/no).

Baskets will be packed on Friday, December 12th
and will be available for pick up at 3:00 pm.