

Introduction to the Day

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship ELW Holy Communion Setting 7
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

A: I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

C: We will not let our hearts be troubled.

A: To give you a future with hope.

C: We will not let our hearts be troubled.

A: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

C: It is hard not to, when we see the world around us;

A: When we are dealing with grief, fear, transition, illness,
and more;

C: When we feel lost and abandoned.

A: Jesus does not give as the world gives.

C: Hope comes from unexpected places.

A: Trust in God, who holds you in all things.

**C: We will hold fast to the promise of God's plan for a
future with hope.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER

O Creator God, the Creator Who Sets Free, we give you thanks for this land, the earth you have created that nourishes us, and we give thanks for the many people who have stewarded your creation for generations. Today we hear the prophet Jeremiah call the people who have been exiled to strive for the Shalom, the welfare of their new home in the presence of their

oppressors. And so we are mindful of Indigenous people in our own country who have been displaced. We prayerfully acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksikaitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyârhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that we may move forward in love, reconciliation, and right action, in Shalom, for the good of your creation and all your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ **Gathering Song**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW 855

Apostolic Greeting

L: 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** (ELW p. 175)

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

♪ **Canticle of Praise** (ELW p. 176)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

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Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy.

C: Yet we often find ourselves dissatisfied with where we are in life, questioning our past and our future, unsure whether this is your plan for us. Grant us patience to accept the present, wisdom to discern your will, and courage to carry it out. In all things, help us to trust that you are our guide, and will lead us home; In the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and King, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Pastor Aaron Schnell

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

"Canticle of the Turning"

ELW 723

Nicene Creed (ELW p. 104)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering (*Offerings may be submitted by PAR, a cheque mailed or delivered to Advent, or by e-transfer to giving@adventlutheran.ca.)*)

♪ Offertory Song

"Lord, Speak To Me" (2x)

Lord, Speak To Me

Jerry Salt(er)

Lord, speak to me in si - lence and in thun - der.

Let your voice rise in won - der and in awe. -

- My plans - I have for you - and not- to cause- you pain. - I'll

hear your - call, I'll - bring you all baek to your home - a - gain.

Lord, let me hear and speak my fears a - way

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responses:

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 our thanks and praise.

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 181)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Thanksgiving at the Table

♪ Lord's Prayer (back of the ELW hymnal)

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,

but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil.

Graciously grant us peace in our day.

That by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin,

and safe from all distress.

As we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom power, and glory are yours
Now and forever.

♪ Communion Song

“O Lamb of God” (ELW p. 182)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

♪ Communion Hymns:

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW 434

“O Christ the Same”

ELW 760

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

♪ Sending Song

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW 314

Dismissal:

A: I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

C: To give to us a future with hope.

A: We will not let our hearts be troubled.

C: For Christ the King goes with us.

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Ali Tote of the Saskatchewan Synod, and for the synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of the Saskatchewan Synod
 - for Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean, and the Southern Area Leadership Team, rostered ministers, and people of the Southern Area
 - for the pastors and chaplains of health care institutions, correctional institutions, and other specialized ministries
 - for those who serve as interim ministers, and for parishes who await pastoral leadership
 - for the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
 - for the students, faculty, leaders, and staff of the four IELCO schools in Colombia
 - for the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Iceland
 - for the Right Rev. David Greenwood, Anglican Bishop of Athabasca, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Athabasca
 - for the bishops, priests, and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada
- ACC:** The members of the Council of General Synod
ELCIC: The members of the National Church Council
MOR: The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District

Advent Offerings

(November 15, 2025, Year to Date)

Current Fund: \$164,284.60
Blessing Bags: \$2250.00
CLWR: \$2715.00
Food Bank: \$440.00
Tech Committee: \$4350.00
Youth: \$4621.67

Basically Babies: \$456.25
Campus Ministry: \$450.00
Confirmation Retreat: \$140.00
SWARM: \$825.00
VBS & SS: \$480.00
Youth Gathering: \$150.00

Worship Statistics

Sunday, November 16th, 10:00 am Attendance:
In Person~66, Online~22, Sunday School~3

Weekly Announcements

Pastor Aaron will be the Candidacy Retreat from November 20th-22nd.

Confirmation Retreat: Please pray for our youth and the youth of Hope Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Cross as they attend the Fall Confirmation Retreat this weekend.

Next Sunday, we celebrate worship with the first Sunday of Advent and New Member Sunday. If you would like to become a new member, please contact Pastor Aaron ASAP.

The Mutual Ministry Committee supports and seeks the wellbeing of the pastor and congregation. This is the safe place for concerns about the pastor or congregational ministry to be raised in confidence. If you have a concern that you would like to raise to the Mutual Ministry Committee, please contact the church office or a committee member individually. Current members are Marla Mulloy, Josh Rosvold and Geoff Wilburn. The committee will meet on November 25th, 2025.

ADVENTure: The deadline for submissions for the next edition of the *ADVENTure* is Nov. 25th. Please contact Connie or Karin in the church office.

Season of Advent: begins on Sunday, November 30th. Therefore, decorating will take place on Friday, November 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come to our “worker bee” party if you are able and available!

St. Edmund's Foodbank/Outreach is hosting their annual fundraising Christmas Tea & Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Christmas Tea will take place at the Bowness Scout Hall; see the bulletin board for further details.

Of particular note: **the Foodbank is badly in need of** jars/tins of peanut butter, tuna, diced tomatoes, baked beans, fruit, stove-top stuffing & cranberries. Please give!

Are you downsizing Christmas decorations? If so, St. Edmund's would love to have them. Please drop them off at the church before Friday, December 5th. Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Sunday – November 23rd: Please join us as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday with a potluck lunch following worship. There are many ways to be part of Advent's church family—through financial giving, serving on a committee, or leaving a legacy gift for the future. Each expression of stewardship helps to build a legacy of faith, strengthen our spiritual journey, and draw us closer to God.

The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and boys – and all Canadians – who are standing up against violence towards women and children. Wearing the moose hide tag signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect women and children in your life and to work together to end violence against women and children, and all those along the gender continuum. To order pins, donate or learn more, visit <https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>

It's **Christmas cookie baking** time again! Please help us make 400 homemade cookies for Shepherd of the Hills Church's Christmas Hampers. Please put 4 cookies in each Ziploc bag, freeze them and bring them to Advent Church by December 14. Please don't use peanuts or peanut butter due to allergies. If your cookies contain nuts, please indicate the type on the package. Thank you!

Painting/Reno Update – All the painting and deficiencies are complete and we are assessing the best way to install the double doors on the Compassion Room. It has been decided that we would not put up a bunch of things on the walls until we did a study to determine what and where items should be placed, so for the time being, all the walls will remain clutter free. The sanctuary banners will be put

up for Advent. Decorating for Christmas will happen Friday November 28th and once again, we will be blessed with a live tree from the Johnson property.

You will notice: new furniture in the Compassion Room; cleanup and different setup for the Children's Room; a new baby wall change-tables in both bathrooms to allow more room for mobility; upgraded lighting in the entire sanctuary and the hall to classrooms.

The A/V install is to occur November 17th, if the equipment is received. With the A/V delay, we were very fortunate to rearrange the painters to come in earlier, so we didn't have any down days.

Blinds have been ordered for the back wing as well as the 2 offices as the existing blinds were illegal.

We are over our budget with \$3000.00 for the blinds which we didn't have a choice but to replace and because of the dark paint on the walls in the back wing, we had to order a third coat to cover (\$1000.00) and we decided to paint the cupboard in the Compassion Room (\$400.00). Our costs to date are estimated at \$6,000.00 over budget (some actual costs haven't been received). Some members have expressed a desire to contribute money towards the Compassion Room and that is most welcome. A gift-in-kind will be offered. If you would like to contribute, please speak with either myself or Connie.

If you have any questions, please speak with me and I will try my best to answer your concerns. Thank you to everyone who has helped so willingly with the take down, set up, cleaning, fixing, assembling - you all are a blessing. Norma McNicol (403-813-2134).

JOY Group Updates: The **first** exciting news is that Gwen Trout (and Marv) has agreed to be the JOY Ministry Contact and Leader. If you are willing to help organize JOY, please reach out to Gwen (mtrout@telus.net; 403-375-2017).

Norma will assist for the next couple months until Gwen is comfortable. **Secondly**, the next JOY lunch at Chianti's is

Thursday, November 27th. Since Gwen will be out of the country, please RSVP to Norma. **Finally**, the JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY at church is at 5:00 pm on Saturday, DECEMBER 13, 2025 with appetizers, caroling and conversation. Please sign up on the poster!

Ladies' Advent Potluck: on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm. All Advent ladies, young and "young at heart," are welcome and encouraged to join this wonderful evening of heart-warming food and fellowship, as we prepare our hearts for Advent and Christmas.

Bring your favourite Christmas dish to share (enough to feed 10 to 12). Bring a friend and your singing voice.

Check the poster in the fellowship hall to sign up to decorate a table, to help greet visitors, to accept and place food.

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up beside the Coffee Sign-up sheet by the kitchen. A new flower sign-up sheet for the next two months has been posted. Please do not bring lilies as some congregation members have severe allergies. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship ministry. This involves supplying treats, preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, setting up and cleaning up. No experience needed! On-the-job training is provided.

Financial Giving: *Thank you to everyone for faithfully continuing to contribute and keeping Advent thriving, whether by weekly or monthly giving through cash, cheques or PAR and e-transfer. Instructions for both the PAR program and e-transfers are under ONLINE GIVING on our website (www.adventlutheran.ca).*

Sunday Service Online Links:

If you are only able to join us by **phone**, please call [1.855.703.8985](tel:18557038985). Then press [483 597 7957](tel:4835977957) followed by the pound key (#). Password: **569693**. If you are joining us by **computer**, here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4835977957>. Password: **569693**

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New Here? Want to visit the pastor? Have info to share? Address change?
Weekly email sign-up? Scan the QR Code or contact the office to connect with us!

Serving Soon	Nov. 23, 2025	Nov. 30, 2025
	Stewardship Sunday	Advent 1
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	Joel C.	Toby S.
Communion Asst.	Bruce M.	Heather R.
Altar Guild	Dawn U.	Marv & Gwen T.
Lector	Karen H.	Ray P.
Ushers	Bryce & Dianne J.	Ken & Norma M.
Greeters	Karen H.	Colin & Sheila B.
Sound/Zoom	Chris S. & Garry Y.	Greg W. & Geoff W.
Musician	Mika P.	Sorena C.
Offering Counters	Karen M. & Sheila B.	Ron, Deana & Geoff
Coffee Fellowship	Potluck Lunch	Volunteer Needed
Flowers	Melodie M.	Laurie & Lil M.

We give thanks to Jesus, the Creator who sets free, who has gifted us with this land that we are blessed to share and care for together. We acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksik-aitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here.