



Sunday, November 23, 2025

Christ the King

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.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silent reflection.

P Gracious God, **C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *LIFE HIGH THE CROSS* (ELW 660)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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GREETING

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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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. **C Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 46



¹ God is our ref-^luge and strength, a very present^l help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**

³ though its waters^l rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God, the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken; God shall help it at the^l break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth^l melts away. R**

⁷ The LORD of^l hosts is with us; the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works^l of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-^l on the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that^l I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of^l hosts is with us; the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

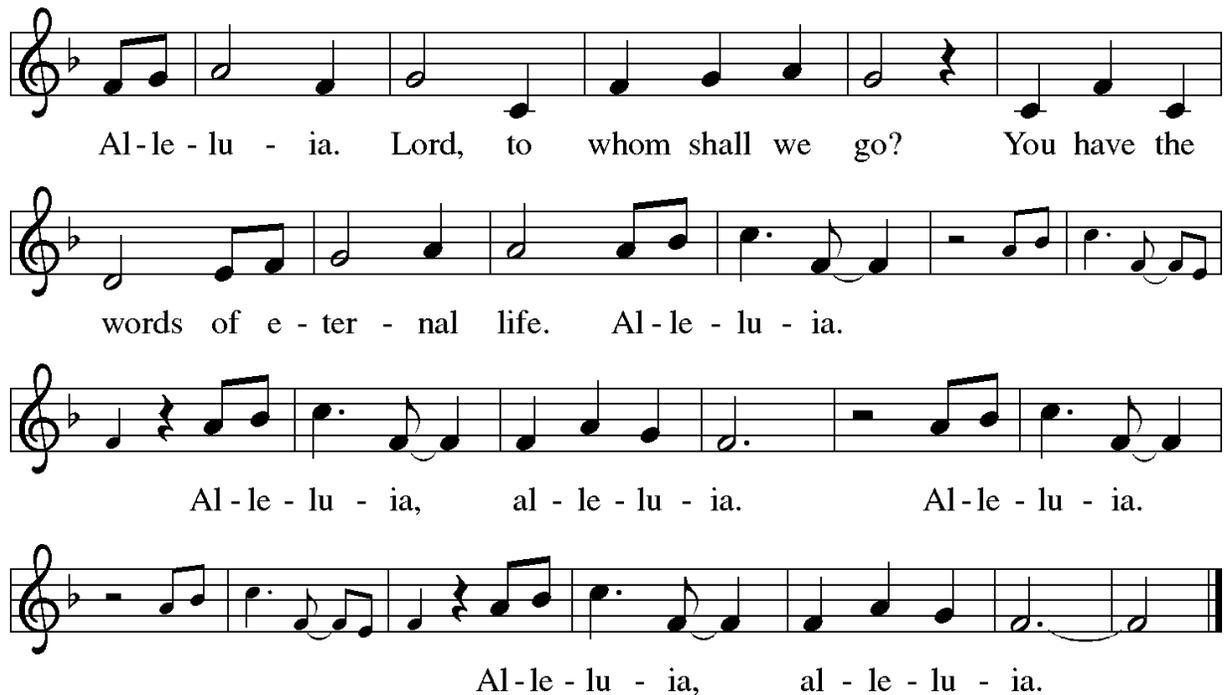
¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ 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.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ 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. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵ 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!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
...The gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (ELW 855)



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
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



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.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

C 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

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

A We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Allison Barone (11/29), Gavin Barone (11/29)

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you (2x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

+ MEAL +

OFFERING SONG: *SOON AND VERY SOON* (ELW 439)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

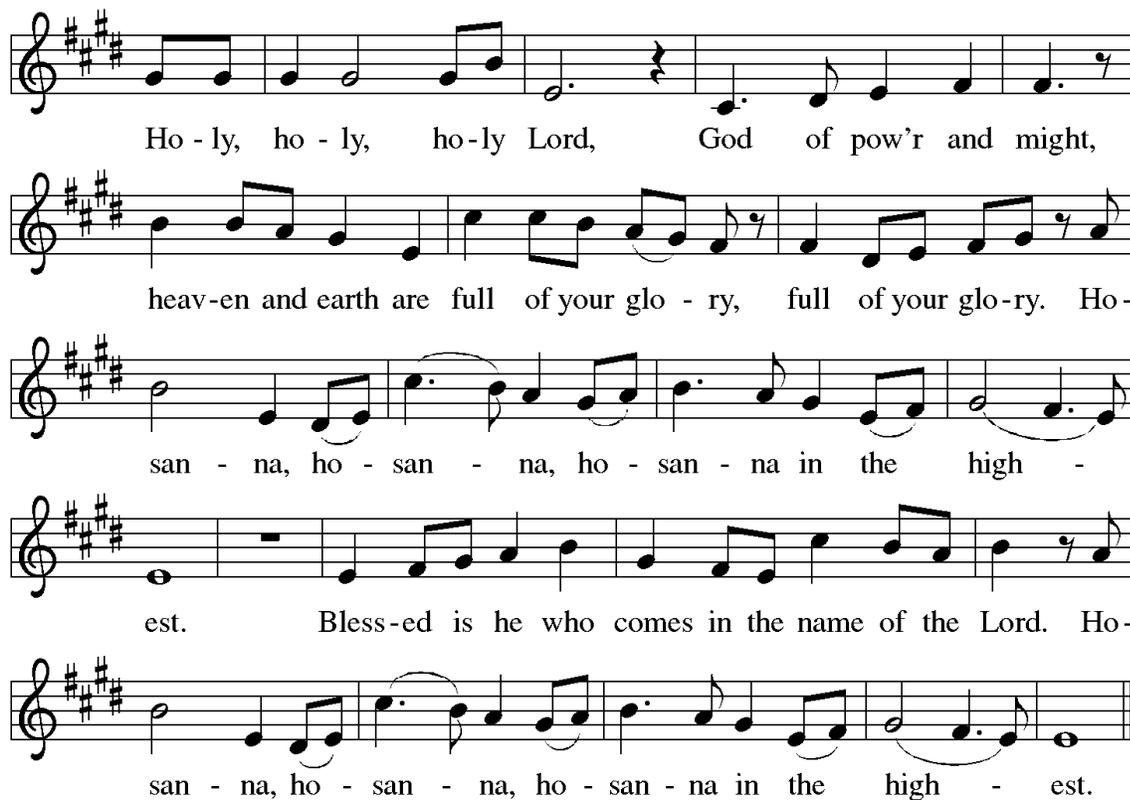
DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

P 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 to us 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

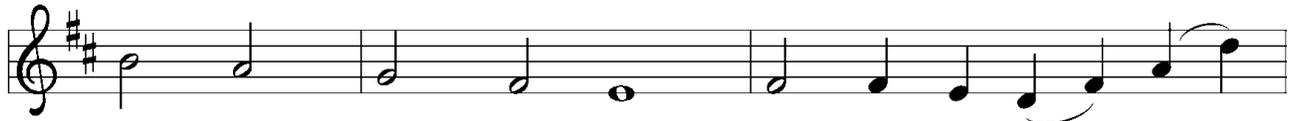


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *JESUS SHALL REIGN* (ELW 434)



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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. 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. **C Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING* (ELW 547)



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

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Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Monday, November 24, 2025

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Announcements for the week of November 23, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp Candle for November is given to the glory of God and

♥ *in thanksgiving for the lives of Lillian & Joseph Muller & Lois Menik by their Family*

♥ *in loving memory of Sophie & Frank O'Brien by Maureen O'Brien*

Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eugene Ebersberger by his Family

We welcome Carl Struck as our supply organist this morning. We are grateful for his presence and for sharing his musical gifts in worship today.



November 29th ~ Allison & Gavin Barone

November 25th ~ Richard & Bette Humann

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm

We begin our Thanksgiving holidays this year with a celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday evening, November 26, at 7:30 PM. Please join us as we give thanks for the many blessings God has given us as individuals, families, and as a community. We also show our gratitude for the many gifts we have shared here at St. Stephen's! *All are welcome.*



Christmas Altar Plants & Greens

Christmas is drawing near, and our sanctuary will soon be filled with the beauty of poinsettias! If you'd like to order one in honor or memory of someone special, the form is available on the table in the Narthex. Please return your order/dedication by Sunday, December 14th.

St. Stephen's Family Advent Wreath Making & Pot Luck Supper

SUNDAY November 30th, 2025
5:30pm PASTORS LOUNGE



The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Christmas Cookie Decorating Class

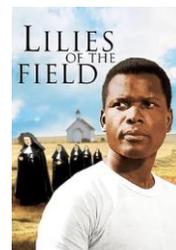
This year's event with Paige will be held on December 14th following our Sunday service. You will learn how to decorate 4 different Christmas themed cookies. The cost is \$50 per person - for more information, please see the form on the table in the Narthex.

Evangelism Committee

Please join us on Sunday, December 7th immediately following worship for a time of conversation and planning as we explore meaningful ways to reach out to new members of our community. Together we'll look at how we can share the welcoming spirit of St. Stephen's with new residents in Hicksville—inviting them not only to worship with us, but also to become part of our church family through fellowship, service, and faith. Everyone is welcome—your ideas, energy, and prayers can make a real difference as we continue to live out Christ's call to “welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you.” For more see Barbara Barcavage

Movie of the Month: “Lilies of the Field” (1963)

A drama about an African-American handyman, Homer Smith (Sidney Poitier), who is hired by a group of impoverished German nuns in the Arizona desert to fix their farmhouse roof. The nuns' headstrong leader, Mother Maria (Lilia Skala), believes God sent Homer to help them build a chapel, and he eventually agrees, leading to an uplifting and funny story about faith, hard work, and unlikely friendships. **Join us TODAY at 2:00!**



Christmas Giving Program

As always, we'll be sharing the joy of the season by donating gifts to local families through our Christmas Giving Program. This year's program will follow last year's successful format. In the Narthex you'll find a manger filled with gift tags - each one representing a wish from a child in need. We invite you to take one (or more!) tags, shop for the requested gift, & return it wrapped with the tag attached. Through your generosity we can help make Christmas a little brighter for our neighbors in need.



Sharing the Joy of the Season

As we prepare for the holiday season, we are once again gathering gifts of food to support our neighbors through Lutheran Life Services. We're beginning a little earlier this year to ensure that every item reaches those who need it most in time for Christmas. You can help by bringing nonperishable food items, pantry staples, or grocery gift cards to church over the next few weeks. Your generosity helps fill tables, hearts, and homes with the warmth and hope of Christ's love. Thank you for being part of this ministry of caring and compassion. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families in our community this season.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

The November–December sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please consider hosting by providing treats for a given Sunday.

Do you love to sing?

Come add your voice to our church choir! No experience is necessary—just a willing heart and a love for music. Choir is a wonderful way to share your gifts and be part of something that uplifts the whole congregation in worship. All are welcome—join us and help fill our sanctuary with song!

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle

A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial or in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (*\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle*). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored or memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516-931-0710.

Altar Guild Needs You

Our numbers are few, and the Guild would welcome your help. We're a small team that prepares the sanctuary for Sunday Communion, festive services, & Services of Word & Light. Don't be overwhelmed—seasonal changes & tasks are handled in pairs, as a group, or with help from the Property Committee. It's a meaningful act of service to the Lord. If you're interested or have questions, speak with Lauren, Bill, Beth, or Jane.

Bible Study

Beginning with Advent, 2025, we will be reading Matthew's Gospel. This Gospel, written to a mostly Jewish audience, takes great care to show how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. Please join us for six weeks of study on this important text. All are welcome! The study concludes on Monday, December 1.

Time: 7:00 PM | Every week on Mon, until Dec 1, 2025, 6 occurrences

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572873310?pwd=QWhu3azsyJ1gNpWlga2JeOldGiUwdk.1>

Meeting ID: 895 7287 3310 | Passcode: 224913

Financial Summary for the Month of October

Congregational Giving:	\$ 6,610
Usage gifts:	<u>3,255</u>
	9,865
Operating Expenses:	\$ 14,028
(this includes salaries, insurance, utilities, landscaping, property maintenance and office expenses)	

Parish Calendar This Week (November 23rd - November 30th)

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, November 23rd	Christ The King	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
	Satsang With A Smile	2:00 pm
	Movie Madness	2:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov 25 th	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov 26 th	N.A.	7:00 pm
	Thanksgiving Eve Service	Holy Communion 7:30 pm
Thursday Nov 27 th	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Friday Nov 28 th	Holiday	Office Closed
Sunday, November 30th	First Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion 9:00 am

Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister. .Christine Goetzger-Sedlak **Usher**.....Kevin Barcavage
Lector.....Bill Artus **Greeter**.....Ilse Zeeck
Acolyte.....Natalie Mangiaracina **Audio/Visual**.....Tyler LaVorgna
Music Director.....Mason Griffin **Altar Guild**.....Beth, Christine, Jane

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member’s name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

Pray For Our Congregation

Bill Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Richard Engert
Judi Meinhardt
Rick Mosebach
Ilona Riggers
Joe Shurman
June Waller
Ilse Zeeck

Pray For Our Families

Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)
Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)
Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Andrew Ojeda (son of Pastor Moira Ahearne)
Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)
Laura Panero (mother of Laureen Aiello)
Eddie Piazza (brother-in-law of John Musi)
Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)
Deacon Fred von Voigt (uncle of Muller/Shurman family)

For Our Friends

Sadie & Jennifer Amiruddin (friends of Maureen O'Brien)
Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Angela Capo (friend of Laureen Aiello)
Sue Eletti (friend of Christel LaVorgna)
Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)
Diane Litterer (friend of Joan Hagner)
Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)
Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Natalie (daughter-in-law to friend of Laureen Aiello)
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)
Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)
Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)
Mark Trommsdorff (friend of Dave & Laura Staton)