



Christ the King Sunday

A Celebration of Christ's Reign

throughout Each Year and in Eternity



PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

Sunday, November 23, 2025

WELCOME!

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

About Our Service

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S FOCUS:

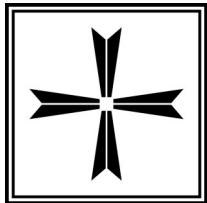
THE CHURCH YEAR—JESUS IS CHRIST THE KING

For centuries the Christian Church has worshiped according to the church year that begins four Sundays before Christmas with the season of Advent. The first six months of the church year (December through May) present the life of Christ from his birth until his suffering, death, and resurrection. The second six months of the church year (June through November) present the teachings of Christ and how they impact the life of the Christian.

Today is the last Sunday in the church year. On this Festival of Christ the King we will walk through the church year to see how Christ reigns as King both now and forever. The back of the worship folder today has a graph illustrating the entire church year.



Peace is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



ORDER OF SERVICE

This order of service employs the rhythm of speaking and then singing the truths of God's Word. Every lesson and song highlights God's saving, preserving, and protecting love throughout the entire Church Year.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

For centuries many Christians have worshipped our Lord according to a pattern. The Christian church year is a historical calendar that focuses our eyes on how Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose for us and on how he is actively at work in and through his church. Today we view the Lord's saving work season by season, praising Christ the King along with countless fellow saints on earth and in heaven.

“How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!”

Psalm 47:2

“Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.”

Psalm 47:6

HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'ly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love— Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

RESPONSORY

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

Revelation 1:4-5

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 1:6

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up from David’s line a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

“This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

Jeremiah 23:5-6

**3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



ADVENT

LUKE 1:26-35

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

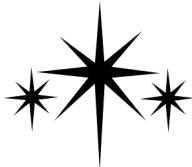
²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

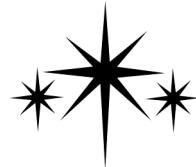
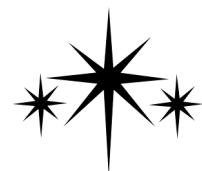
³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

HYMN

OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL



Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.





CHRISTMAS

ISAIAH 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

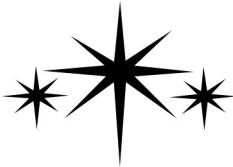
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and
upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**





EPIPHANY

MATTHEW 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

HYMN

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore your foll'wers be.



LENT

JOHN 18:33-37; 19:14-16

¹⁸ ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” ³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” ...

¹⁹ ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵ But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN

O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns your only crown,

O sacred head, no glory, Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.



EASTER

1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-25

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**



PENTECOST

ACTS 2:1-11,14,17,21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ...

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “... This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people ... ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’



CONFSSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

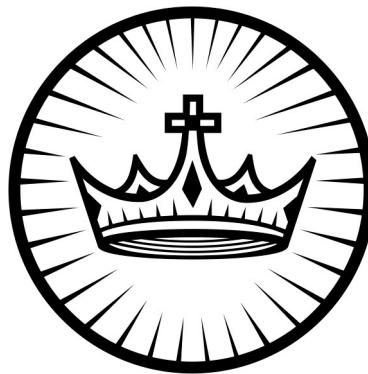
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there 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.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness. Redeem us with your unfailing love.

Around us we see signs of the last days: wars, famine, natural disasters, false teachers, and apathy to your saving message.

We do not know when you will come again, yet you remind us that that day is coming soon.

Fill us with a hunger for your Word. Strengthen our faith as we watch for your return.

Lead us to share the gospel so that others too may come to trust in you.

Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in your family.

Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and private intercessions

Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new.

Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace and peace be with us. Amen.

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.**

OFFERING



SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

REVELATION 21:1-5

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

THE LORD’S BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 538

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION

Announcements

Foundations

Foundations is an introductory class to the Christian faith. It's for anybody who wants to learn or review the fundamental teachings of the Bible, for members, and non-members alike. If you or someone you know are interested in joining, contact Pastor for more information.

Sunday Volunteers

Date	Usher	Counter	Computer	Piano	Snacks	Children's Ministry
November 23	Cody	Steve	Judy	x	Gabriela	Ivy
November 30	Dave Vlahos	Cody	Help Needed	x	Kristie	Sarah
December 7	Steve	Scott	Nate	Zack	Karin	Help Needed
December 14	Cesar	Craig	Mary Ann	x	Heather	Help Needed
December 21	Steve	Steve	Mary Ann	x	Amy Spahn	Help Needed

Christmas Outreach Event on Saturday December 6th

Statistically speaking, people are more likely to visit our church for a Christmas than at any other time throughout the year. Because of this, we will hold an outreach event to invite as many people to our Christmas worship services as possible. On Saturday, December 9th, we aim to hang 500 doorhangers in the neighborhoods surrounding church. So all you have to do is hang a Christmas invitation on somebody's front door and then walk to the next house. No conversations necessary. Canvassing: will go from 2:00-4:15 and the meal will be served from 4:30-5:00.

New Parking Procedure

From now on, this will be the parking layout for Sundays.

