

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Welcome to Worship

November 19, 2023— Christ the King Sunday

### Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Ray Golden  
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*Flowers:*

### Staff

*Pastor:* Jamie Gallagher  
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### Check out Our Welcome Center



Under the window to the Narthex .. We have offering plates and a bin for vision and purpose giving.

Weekly newsletters are available as well.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at the Narthex Coffee Stand.

### Upcoming Advent/Christmas Schedule

Sun, Nov 26—The Madrigals perform  
Sat, Dec 9, 2 PM—Family Sankta Lucia Event  
Sun, Dec 10—Sankta Lucia Sunday  
Sun, Dec 24—10 AM Christmas Eve worship  
7 PM Christmas Eve worship  
With candlelight  
Sun, Dec 31—10 AM Lessons and Carols  
With Blessing for the New Year

# Order of Service

## Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
Peace  
Opening Hymn: We Gather Together

## The Word

Pastoral Greeting  
Litany based on Psalm 95  
Hymn of Praise: ELW 819 Come, All You People

## Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ephesians 1:15-23  
Gospel Acclamation: ACS 975 O God Whose Word Well-Planted, verse 1  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Sermon  
Hymn: ELW 665 Rise, Shine You People  
Apostles' Creed

## Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Tad Yarde, Kathi Cruce, Erica Lancaster, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Chris Buban, Gary Eyler, Cecil Lovdahl, Ann Enstrom, Janet Lowe, Heide Gallagher, Brian Elliott

## Sending

Offering Prayer  
Communion Prayers  
Refrain: Here in the Bread that Is Broken  
Refrain: Bread of Life from Heaven, sung twice  
Lord's Prayer — video  
Distribution  
Post-Communion Prayer  
Hymn: ELW 260 The King Shall Come  
Benediction  
Benediction Refrain: ACS 991 Go To the World, verse 4  
sung once  
Dismissal

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”