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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026



WELCOME

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

Welcome Newcomers
We hope you are comfortable here. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran
As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion, we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:
The readings for Reign of Christ Sunday focus on two themes. One is the hope of Christ's reign and our abiding in Christ's realm at the end of history. The other is how Christ's reign seeks to impact our lives and service now. Ezekiel envisions God as a shepherd who gathers lost and scattered ones while feeding all with justice. The psalmist summons praise for God who comes to judge the earth with equity. The letter of 1 Peter links our hope given in Christ's resurrection with our call to love Christ, even when our eyes may not yet see Christ now. In Matthew, Jesus tells a stunning parable of what Christ's reigns summons in our encounters with those in need.

An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit. Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.

GATHER

PRELUDE *Doxology* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

As we confess, rise and face the baptsimal font in the back.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our devoutness over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** ACS #978 God Welcomes All

Turn in the direction of the cross as it passes by.



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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.
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***GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16

[11] Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts
of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights
of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and
I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and
the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

WORD

The book of Ezekiel provides vivid imagery of God's judgment and hope. Chapter 34 reveals both. God is depicted here as shepherd, a word that means "to feed." "Shepherds" had become a term used for Israel's leaders, religious and secular. The verses immediately before our reading take those shepherds of Israel to task for feeding on the flock entrusted to their care. In contrast, our reading anticipates God as the shepherd who will feed the flock by restoring and healing.

ELW PSALM 98 We will read the psalm together. (Pulpit Side – Odd Verses; Piano Side – Even Verses)

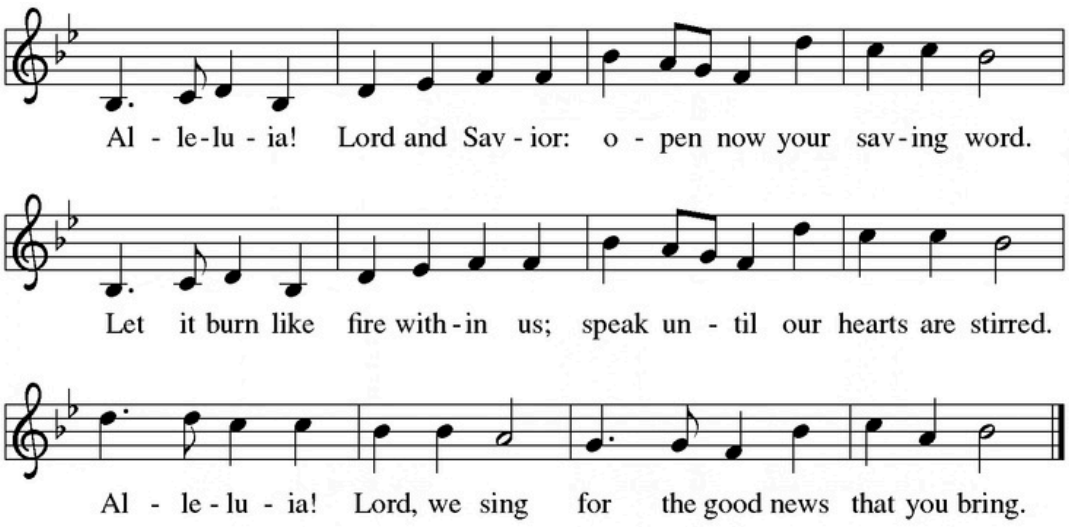
[1] Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
[2] O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
[3] You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
[4] Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
[5] Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
[6] With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
[7] Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
[8] Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.
[9] The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy
he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead [4] and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who are being protected
by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time. [6] In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to
suffer various trials, [7] so that the genuineness of your faith—being more
precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found
to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8]
Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not
see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and
glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation
of your souls.

Many believe this letter was written in the last quarter of the first century. A verse in chapter 5 suggests it was written in Rome, where Peter had been martyred on a cross a decade or more before. Expectations of Christ's imminent return, seen in some of Paul's letters, had not been met. That may account for a verse in our reading that speaks of loving Christ without seeing him.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL**

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his
right hand and the goats at the left. 34 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, 35 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, 36 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.' 37 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? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And
when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 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.' 41 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, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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.' 44 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?' 45 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.' 46 And these will
go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON "The Reigns of Christ"

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *We Meet You, O Christ*



***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

…God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Mark Hayes Bell and Chancel Choirs

During this time, pause to reflect on what you've received from God. If you have an offering to give or a Statement of Intent card to return, you may place it in the plate near the baptismal font as you leave.

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

MEAL

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God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.**

In the night in which he was betrayed…

…For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

…Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

…Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen!**

…Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering prayer and communion liturgy is from "This Far By Faith," a Lutheran hymnal released in 1999 that was a collaborative project between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to enrich worship by incorporating gifts of African American songs, words, and traditions.

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

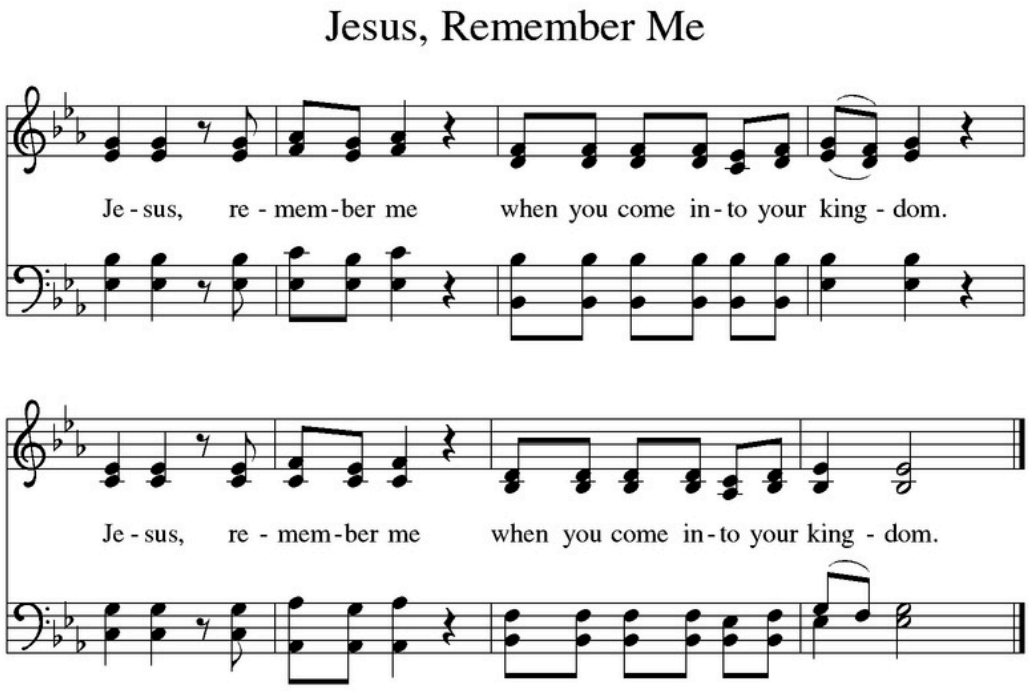
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION HYMNS
ELW #616 Jesus Remember Me (3 x)



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Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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ELW #763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
ELW #826 Thine the Amen

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace. Amen.

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**



Altar flowers today are in memory of Pastor Jim Lundeen given by Patty Sirls.

The Post Communion Blessing is from Rev. Phyllis Zillhart, former pastor at St. Francis Lutheran Church in San Francisco, an early leader in welcome for LGBTQ+ people in the Lutheran church.

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #431 *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



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Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902
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***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God!

SEND

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

Prayer Requests: Bob Jones; Family and Friends of Rev. Jim Lundeen; Alan Bales; Paul Stum; Alecia Chrin; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: Andrew Rosten (son of Erna Rosten); Sandra (Joy Bulawa's mother); Friends and Family of Kathy Greggory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, Sally, and Ashley, Gwen, and Tyler on the passing of their daughter Elora (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in- law of Theda Doak); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou,(friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita, Linda(friends of John and Judy Indermark); Nancy (friend of Cindy Bales); Marcus ahd his care team (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 11/22/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. John Indermark
Assisting Minister	Bill DeVinney
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Olga Ryan
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Music	Chancel Choir, Bell Choir
Usher	Mary and Asher Havenhill
Greeter	Fred and Donna Hudson
Cross Bearer	Dawn Wyatt
Coffee Host	Melissa Wyatt
Treats	Adrian/Saphir Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 11/29/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Kris Sanchez
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Danny White
Usher	Jennifer Strand, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer	Sharon Reinbott
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	Wyatt Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

Advent & Christmas at Our Saviour's

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.
We will hold **Midweek Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel on December 2, 9, and 16.**
We will gather for a simple meal at 6 PM prior to the service.

Christmas Eve with Holy Communion – 5 PM on Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day – 10 AM on Friday, December 25
Christmas Stories and Songs – 9 AM on Sunday, December 27

Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is from Setting 10, ELW

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9:00 - Sanctuary
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Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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