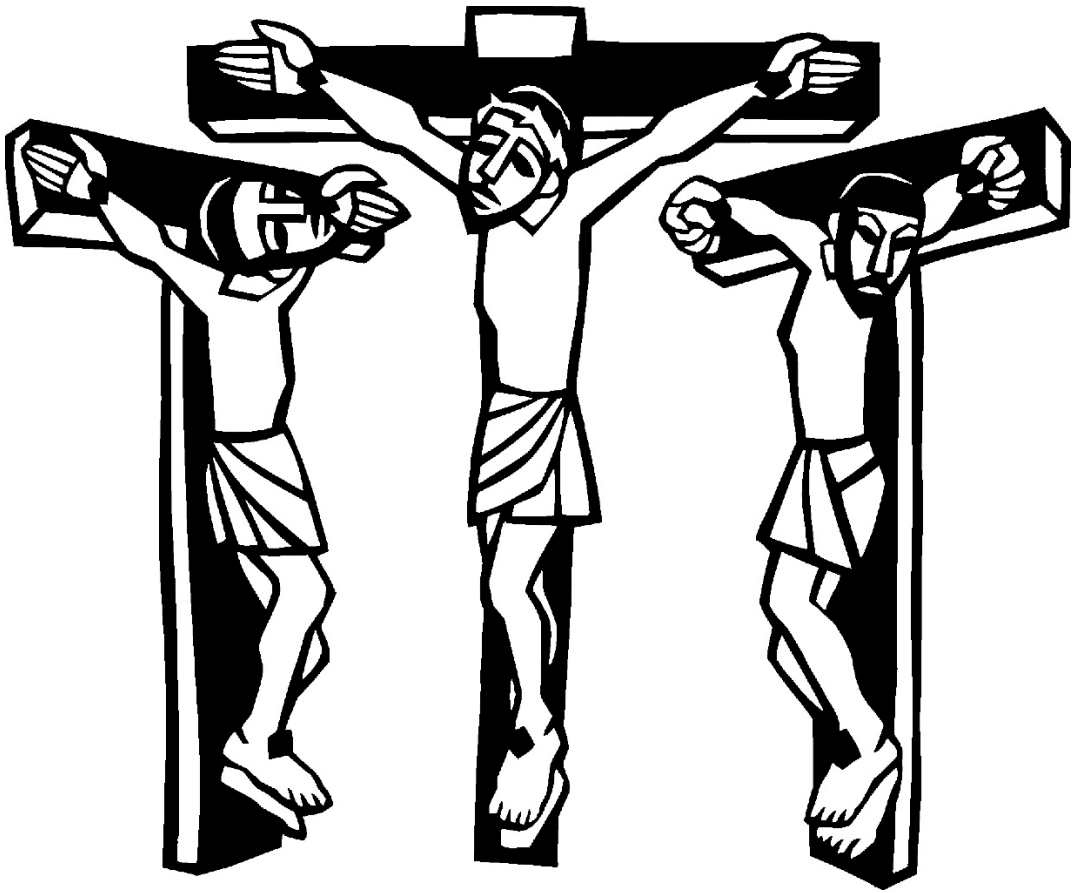




REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ the King
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

Christ the King

Last Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 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.

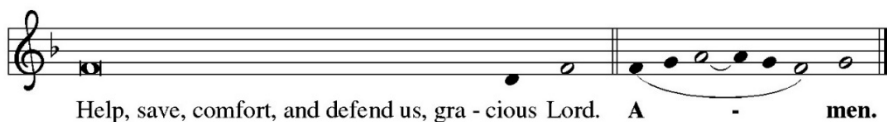
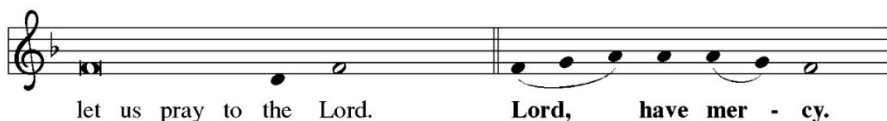
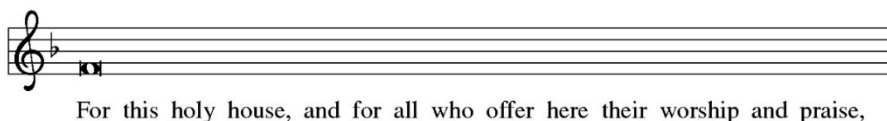
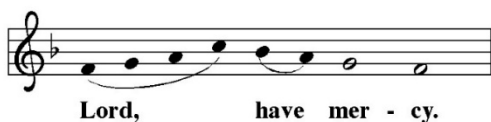
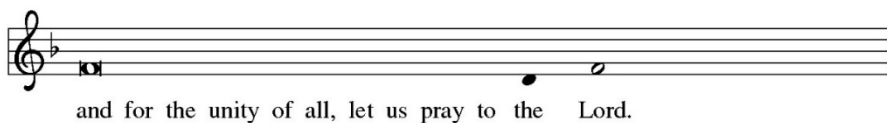
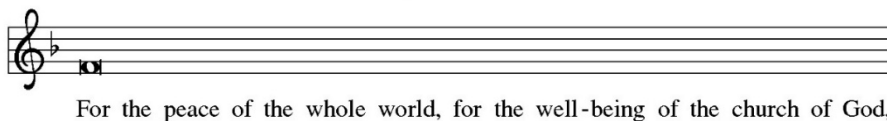
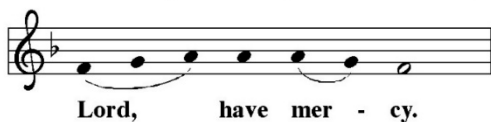
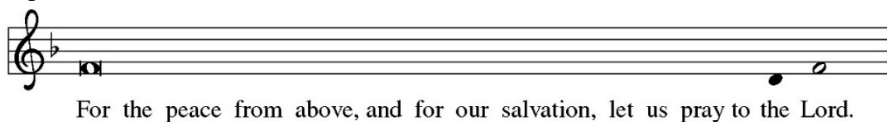
*Greeting

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

And also with you.

*Kyrie

ELW p.138





Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Ministry of Music

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

Senior Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: *Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: *An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

Colossians 1:11-20

- 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, joyfully ¹² 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus, Remember Me

WOV #740

The congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once; the cantor sings the verse for the day; then the congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once more.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

REMEMBER ME
irregular

Gospel: *Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

***Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. Terri Cuppett



1 How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad -
 2 En - light-en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's
 3 How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye
 fire, then shall I sing and take my part with that ce -
 keep! Thy knowl - edge is the on - ly line to sound so



heav'n - ly choir. Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a -
 les - tial choir. They sing, be - cause thou art their
 vast a deep; thou art a sea with - out a



round thy throne, O God most high; ten thou - sand
 sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heav'n
 shore, a sun with - out a sphere; thy time is



times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
 is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
 now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Text: John Mason, 1646–1694

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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***Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

WELCA Thankoffering

Phyliss Johnson

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
**you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.**

***Prayers of the People**

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

***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.**

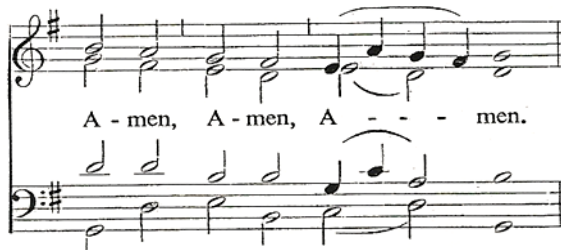


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.



***Sending Hymn**

Thine the Amen

ELW #826

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Terri Cuppett

Acolytes: Signe Olson and Emma Carlson

Ushers: Nate and Dianne Stroh

Lector: Grant Nelson

Serving at the Altar: Polly Gustafson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,
staff musicians
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tom Gustafson, Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Dave Thompson, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.

Financial stewardship

2025 Budget

\$329,106.00

Needed monthly

\$27,425.50

Needed Weekly

\$6,328.96

Altar flowers are given by

Dave Ulrich

in memory of William Ulrich

Week Ending November 16, 2025

\$3,379.00

Weekly Shortage/Overage

(\$2,949.96)

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Soulfood Youth Group for grades 6 through 12 will meet the first Sunday of every month beginning at 6pm with a light meal. Come and hang out, it's good for the soul!

This year's Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7pm.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Saturday November 29th beginning at 10am followed by pizza.

There are 5 Sundays in November, there will be a potluck meal on Sunday November 30th following worship.

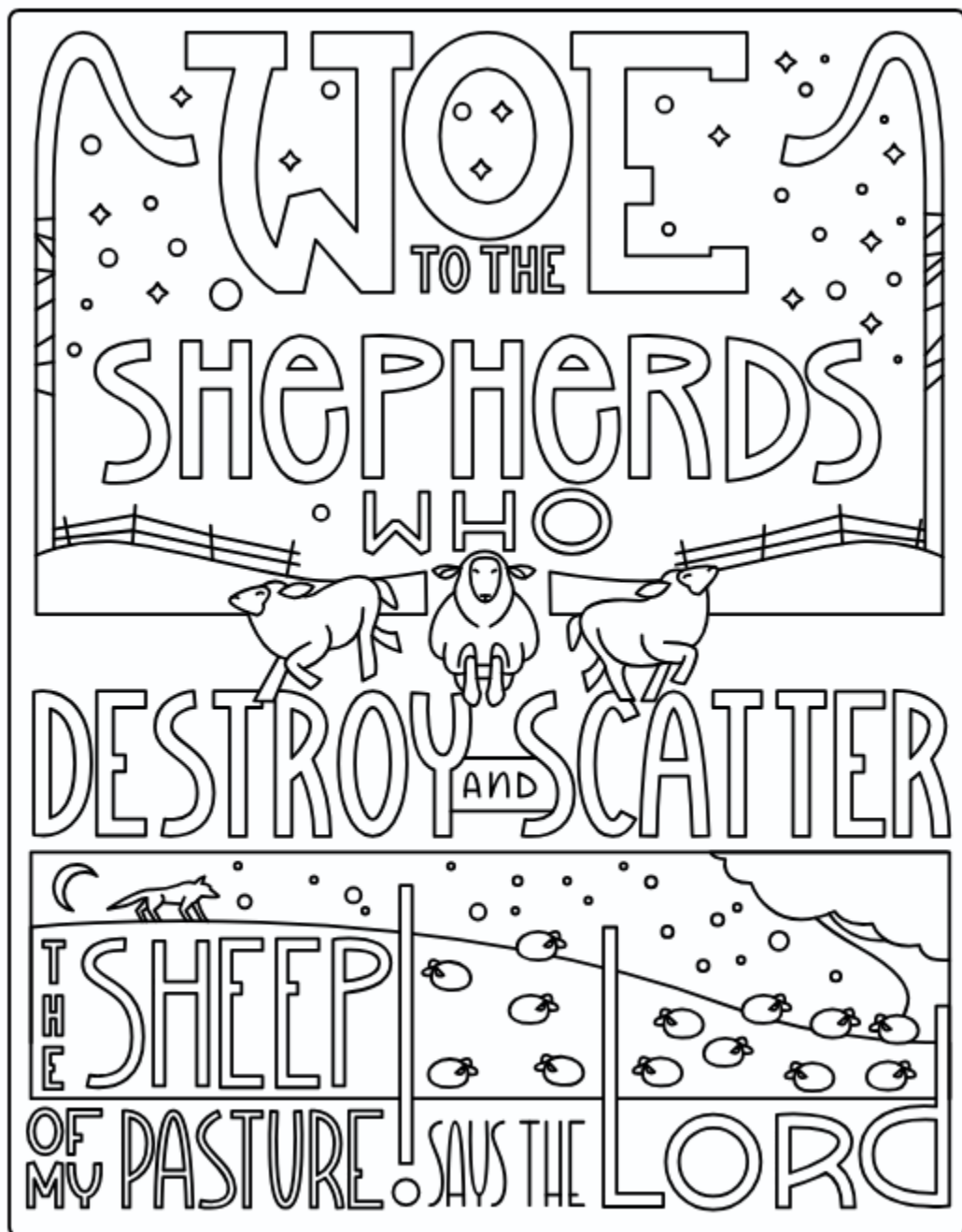
The Spirit of Giving at Zion Lutheran Church will be on Saturday December 6th 2025. Those in need may come to the church and shop for free. Items available will be new and gently used, clothing, household items, Christmas decorations and toys.



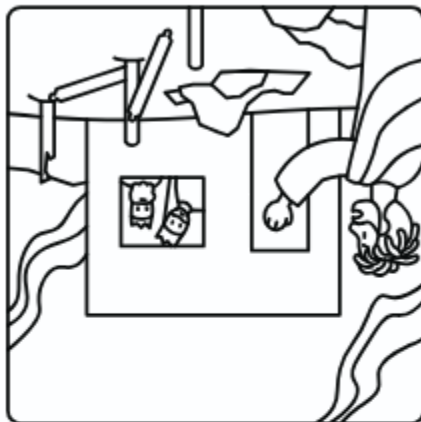
November Birthdays

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1 – Kari Johnson **2 –** Kassidy Fremling, Ashley Olson **3 –** Kristie Huseth **4 –** Jana Nelson **5 –** Jonathan Kays **6 –** Grant Nelson, Shelly McFarlane, Shirley Nelson **7 –** Teddi-Ann Pray, Stacy Davidson, Dawn Gustafson, Brock Jacobson, Devon Pulczynski **8 –** Greg Brekke, Brady Berg **9 –** Chad Johnson, Kellan Johnson **10 –** Mia Dally **11 –** Olivia Hempel, Wendy Goddard **12 – 13 –** Howard Goethe, Julie Ornquist **14 – 15 – 16 –** Natasha Eakes **17 – 18 –** Mike Barry, Mikeala Berg **19 –** Judy Gustafson, Dianne Stroh **20 –** Casey Nelson, Jodi Disterhaupt, Kenadee Walker **21 –** Shane Defreeze, Joette Landgren **22 –** Barb Noel, Maxton Peterson **23 –** Amanda Hestbeck **24 –** Cody Conners, Jordan Jacobson **25 –** Kelsie Dicken, Raeann Jacobson **26 –** Miah Nelson, Eric Tjelle **27 –** Richard Eckstein, Harlan Kirkeide, Linda Olson, Scott Walker, Kora McLean **28 –** Jennifer Bjerken, Lori Sorenson **29 –** Richard Anderson **30 –** Rick Myers, Ezra Efteland



2. The prophet Jeremiah lived during a time when leaders had failed to protect and care for their community. Jeremiah shared this message from God: "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter my sheep! You're supposed to protect them, not harm them!"



3. "You had your chance. Now, I will gather my sheep and bring them home to my abundant pasture. Then, I will train new shepherds who truly care, so my sheep will no longer live in fear or be forgotten."



Jeremiah 23:1-6



1. On the last Sunday of the church year, we celebrate the Reign of Christ, and we remember the kind of leader Jesus is. Jesus is not one who leads with force or fear, but with justice, compassion, and love.



4. "And I promise, from the tree of King David, I will raise up a shepherd-king who rules with justice and compassion and will be called, 'God puts everything right.' For in those days, all my sheep will live in safety."