



# Christ the King

## November 26, 2023

### Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church!

*If you are a guest today, we are delighted that you're here to share in the Good News!  
If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.*

### SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Joyce Martin  
Ushers: Terry Mock, Patti Spain, Mike Thompson, Keith Kilpatrick & Luke Green  
Children's Message: Jessica Purdum  
Altar Guild: Susi Laflin  
Communion Assistants: Susi Laflin & Joyce Martin – NEED 1  
Video assistant: Steve Powell  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Maisyn & Evie Hardison

### PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away 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 the  
newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in  
Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN: #634 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** vs 1, 5 & 6

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*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.

*Let us pray.* 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>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 of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God!***

### **Psalm 95:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the Lord; ***let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!***

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; ***let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!***

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God ***and a great King above all gods.***

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; ***the heights of the mountains are his also.***

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, ***and the dry land, which his hands have formed.***

<sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down; ***let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!***

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture ***and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!***



## THE APOSTLE'S 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 again 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer. Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us:

We join you in prayer for your Church, your broken body in the world ... (*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: We join you in prayer for the world, make it subject to your gentle rule. ...(*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God: we join you in prayer for your brothers and sisters in need, distress, or sorrow ... (*silence for prayer*) Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection: We join you in prayer for all who are dying, that they may trust in your promises ...(*silence for prayer*)

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: we join you in prayer for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ... (*silence for prayer*)

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## **THE 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN**

## **THE BLESSING**

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Ron Wallace**

## **SENDING**

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

**LAST DAY!! We still need \$325 to reach our goal!** Our kids' Sunday school offerings will be donated to Restore OKC. We will present a check when they visit us in December.

### PIE IN SKY FUNDRAISER - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Pie in the Sky fundraiser this year. We collected over \$4000 that will assist in the cost of our MS and HS mission trips!

### TIME & TALENT FORMS

Time and talent forms are available from an usher and please fill out turn in to the designated basket at the visitor's center table in the narthex.

### CANDLE HOLDERS

Several have asked about the etched candleholders given to families on All Saints Sunday. The Lay Ministry Board purchased those candle holders, although we'd love to be able to do this for everyone, our budget won't allow us to do so. If you would like to purchase one, they cost \$8/each. Speak to Nancy Krause or Blake Behrens. We will be happy to provide them if we know how many we need.

### POINSETTIAS ON SALE

This sale helps defer the cost of the Blackwelder Brass program and helps beautify our sanctuary on Christmas Eve! Cost is \$20/plant. If you would like to purchase one or more flowers, please fill out a form, online or in person. Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. There is a separate envelope for your completed form and check. If you pay through SIMPLY GIVING, remember to tell us who or what your flower is in honor of or in memory of so we can acknowledge them in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Also please tell us if you will be taking your flower home on Christmas Eve.

### ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN 12/6

Wednesday nights- 12/6, 12/13 & 12/20. We will begin with potluck soup supper @5:45, worship service @6:30 and a group activity @7. Soup sign-up sheets are posted in the activity center and on the information table in the narthex.

### WOMENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** - at the home of Jan Dumont. All women invited!  
Please RSVP to Liddy Kilpatrick or Linda Allison.

## Upcoming Activities

### NOVEMBER

**11/26-** Worship Services  
**11/27- 9am** Canticle Ringers  
**11/28- 6:30** Twilight Tones  
**11/29- 5:30** Children's handbells  
**5:45** Wed. Night Meal  
**6:30** Education Classes - Choir Practice

### DECEMBER

*Poinsettia sales – orders due 12/17*

**12/3-** Worship Services- Education-Advent Begins  
**12/6- 5:30** Children's handbells  
**5:45** Soup dinner  
**6:30** Advent Service  
**7:00** Choir Practice  
**12/9- 5:00** Choir Christmas party & caroling  
**12/10-** Worship Services & Education  
**4:00** Caroling & Cookies youth event

**12/13-5:30** Children's handbells  
**5:45** Soup dinner  
**6:30** Advent Service  
**7:00** Choir Practice  
**12/17-**Worship Service -Blackwelder Brass  
Birthday party for Jesus!!  
**12/20- 5:30** Children's handbells  
**5:45** Soup dinner  
**6:30** Advent Service  
**7:00** Choir Practice  
**12/21-** XYZ  
**12/24-31** No Activities/practices  
**12/24-** Worship Services  
**4 & 7 pm** Christmas Eve services  
**12/25-26-** Office closed/holiday hours TBA  
**12/31-** Worship Service