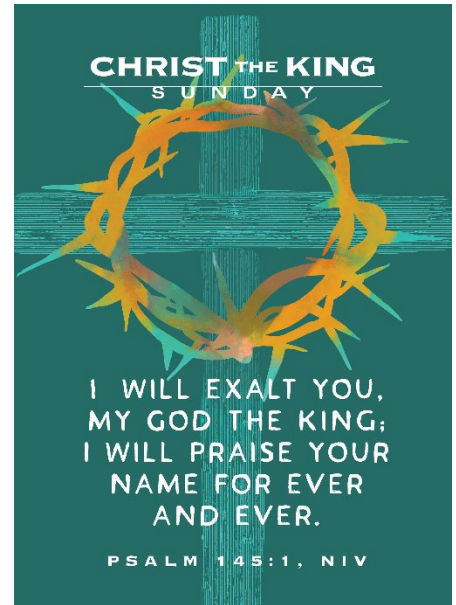


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GATHERING/WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;
honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;
serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;
for to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.
Praise be to God.

***Song of Praise** **"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wised" v. 1,2,3** **UMH #103**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.	2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.	3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
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Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.

CENTERING PRAYER SONG: **"As The Deer"** **FWS #2025**

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my hearts desire and I long to worship you.
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CONFESSION:

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.
We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives.
We have served the idols of wealth and privilege;
we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss;
we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.
Therefore we pray:
Break our rebellious will.
Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.
Expose our insincere thoughts.
Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

Release us from the fear of death.

Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of darkness and show to us the inheritance of the saints of light. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1: 11-20

1:11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16for 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. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He 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.c19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,c20and 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.

SONG OF PREPARATION:

"Jesus Remember Me"

UMH #488

1. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-43

23:33When 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. 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And 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!" 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38There was also an inscription

over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Proving Who You Are"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

***SONG OF THANKS: 95 Doxology**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***SONG OF COMMITMENT:**

"Are Ye Able"

UMH #530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?" "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."	Refrain: Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.
2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? (Refrain)	3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod, to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? (Refrain)
4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. (Refrain)	

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing; W&S=Worship and Song



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for: the family of Gary Zesch, Kerry Rustin & Teddy Ray Doyal

the following individuals:, Donna Nelson, Anne Chappell & Terri Reardon, Corey Lewis, Katherine Graham (friend of Nikki

Watson diagnosed w/ cancer), George Eastes, Amy Reardon (CJ Reardon's daughter), Bert Mahnken, Harold Hoerster, Randy Eastes (undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer brother to George), Daryl Watson, Barbara Young, Jerry Bearden, LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), Marty Evans (son of Dennis & Kay Evans), Aubrey Burrow, Gerry Gamel, Kathy Kerr, Kash

(Rodney Flemings 1 yr old grandson), Rick Woerner(Father of Tiffany K.), Bonnie Woerner (Stepmother of Tiffany Klaerner), Joan Whitaker, Shirley Beth Lyles, Lauren Hoerster, Connar Reardon, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, the church, the homeless, and all those affected by war and those affected by natural disasters.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.

U.S. Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer

US Marine Corp: Hunter Goodwin

USAF: Matt Adam

US Navy: Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe

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Announcements

Don't forget to stop by the Steady Steps Book Fair in the hall next to Deandra's office. You can find great books for the family! The Book Fair will be here till the 30th.

Come to the Manger

Mondays: Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22 at 5:30pm

Join Pastor Laura for a time of reflection on the nativity and crafting projects to enhance the season. Crafting skills are not a requirement.

In place of college "care packages" this year, we are sending notes and gift cards. There are three cards in the social hall that will be going to our college students- please sign them this Sunday so that they can be sent by finals week!

Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....	\$3,689.01
NOV. MTD GIVING.....	\$32,993.42
NOV. BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$31,424.58
NOV. MTD EXPENSE.....	\$19,514.57
NOV. BUDGETED EXP.....	\$32,322.76
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE.....	53

This week's Calendar

Sunday, November 23rd

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Pot-luck Luncheon & Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 24th

Birthdays: Shirley Lyles & Gerry Gamel

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Tuesday, November 25th

2:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, November 26th

Thursday, November 27th

OFFICE CLOSED / *Happy Thanksgiving*

Friday, November 28th

Birthdays: Bobbie McMillan

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 29th

Sunday, November 30th

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Pot-luck Luncheon & Hanging of the Greens

4:00 PM Community Christmas Cantata of the “**Ballad of Bethlehem**” at the St. Paul Lutheran Church

Last Day of Book Fair