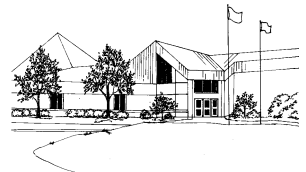


**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Too often we think about God's being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today's Readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and foremost, then, today is a day to let God's Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to "make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" (Psalm 95:2).

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"There Is a King"

by B. Lake, S. Furtick, T. Hammer

We will be singing this later in the service. Please follow along on p. 6.

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Please stand for final Trinitarian verse.△



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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WELCOME

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

People: For the LORD is a great God.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

People: For He is our God,

Pastor: and we are the people of His pasture,

People: and the sheep of His hand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Ezekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27

Pastor: Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy.

Through Ezekiel, God said that He would “search for My sheep and will seek them out.”

People: **We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Paul wrote that “God has put all things in subjection under [Christ’s] feet.”

People: **We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

People: **We confess that we have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Sing to the King”

by B. Foote & C. S. Horne

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.

Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation His empire shall bring,

And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

Refrain: **Come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.**

Lift up a heart of praise.

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray;

We will be ready the dawn of that day.

We’ll join in singing with all the redeemed,

’cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. Refrain

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *God will shepherd His people Himself. Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

Reader: "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . .

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Christ is the first to rise from death; death will be destroyed.

Reader: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL *The Christian life involves loving the people around us.* **Matthew 25:31–46**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Please be seated.

SONG

“There Is a King”

by B. Lake, S. Furtick, T. Hammer

**There is a king seated among us.
Let every heart receive Him now.
Where there is praise, He will inhabit.
There will be grace and mercy all around.**

Chorus 1 **Every burden will be lifted in His presence.
Every trophy will be laid down at His feet.
There is a name that reigns above all others:
Jesus Christ, the king above all kings.**

**Unto the Lamb honor and glory.
Worthy is He who overcame.
Buried in shame, risen in power.
He is alive, the stone is rolled away.**

Chorus 2 **All our worship will belong to Him forever.
Death is conquered, and our Savior holds the keys.
There is a name that reigns above all others:
Jesus Christ, the king above all kings**

**It won't be long, we will behold Him.
And every tear He'll wipe away.
We'll be at home, the war will be over.
Soon we will meet our Savior face to face. *Chorus 1***

Chorus 3 **And all our worship will belong to You forever.
Holy, holy for all eternity.
Yours is the name that reigns above all others:
Jesus Christ, the king above all kings.
Jesus Christ, the king above all kings.**

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SERMON

“On the Mountains of Israel” Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

OFFERTORY VIDEO-Jubilate Choir “Bwana Asifiwe”

by M. Burrows

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.

As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.

People: **For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.**

Pastor: With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.

People: **Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.**

Pastor: Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You.

People: **Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength.**

Pastor: Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts.

People: Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.

Pastor: Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

People: Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all.

Additional bids may be added here.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, saying,

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

People: **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

"O Come to the Altar"

by C. Brown, M. Brock, S. Furtick, & W. Joye

**Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?**

Jesus is calling.

**Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?**

Jesus is calling.

Chorus

**O come to the altar;
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.

Come today; there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.

**Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born.**

Jesus is calling. *Chorus twice*

Bridge

**Oh what a Savior,
Isn't he wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.**

**Bow down before him,
For he is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Repeat**

Chorus twice

**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.**

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SONG

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

by H. Brokering

**Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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Please stand.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace” by J. Farro, P. Wickham, J. Riddle

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus **This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

**Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. *Chorus***

Bridge **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy, worthy, worthy. *Chorus***

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Readings for next Sunday, 12/3: Isaiah 64:1–9, Psalm 80:1–7, 1 Corinthians 1:3–9, Mark 13:24–37
