



CHRIST THE KING & COMMITMENT SUNDAY
November 24, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE • *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Dale Wood (1934–2003)

WELCOME

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,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let our hearts be glad again, and rejoice in our salvation. **Amen.**



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW *Setting One*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER • Psalm 16

Chant: Tone One



- 1 The Lord is king, robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and | armed with strength. *
The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.
- 2 Ever since the world began,
your throne has | been established; *
you are from | everlasting.
- 3 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted | up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.
- 4 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers | of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who | dwells on high.
- 5 Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord,
forever and for- | evermore.

SECOND READING • Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW *Setting One*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

All: Alleluia.

Choir/Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David.

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING • John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the eighteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Platz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL

1. Re - jice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

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heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world,
let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace, then please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

(8:45) OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Fairest Lord, Jesus*

Derek Hakes
Schola Cantorum

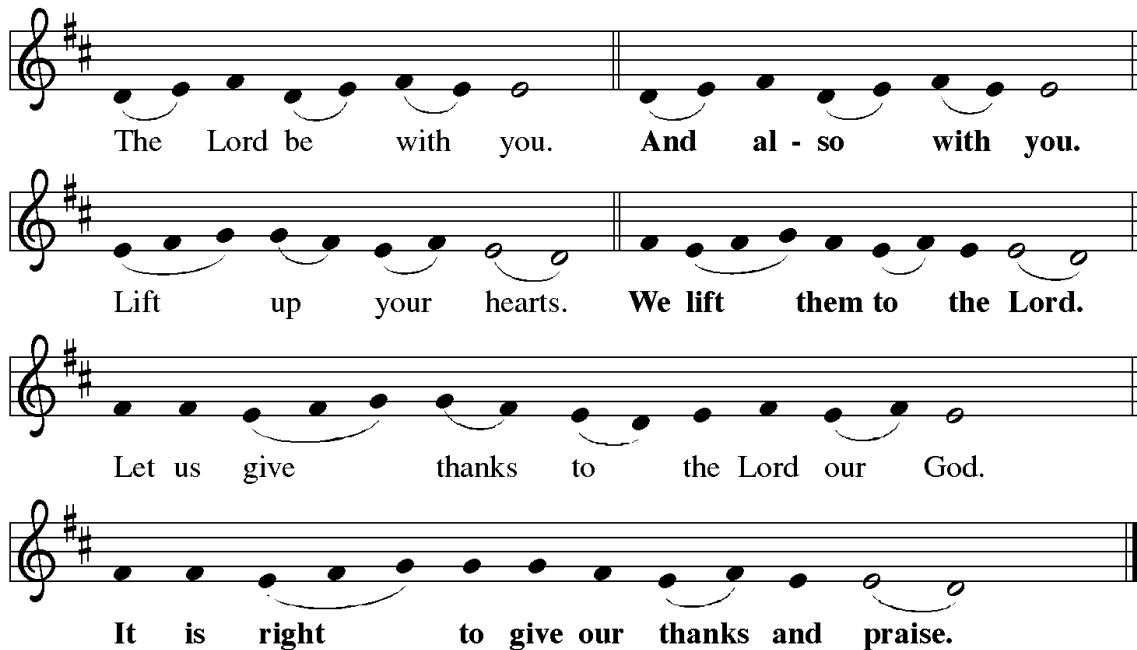
OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

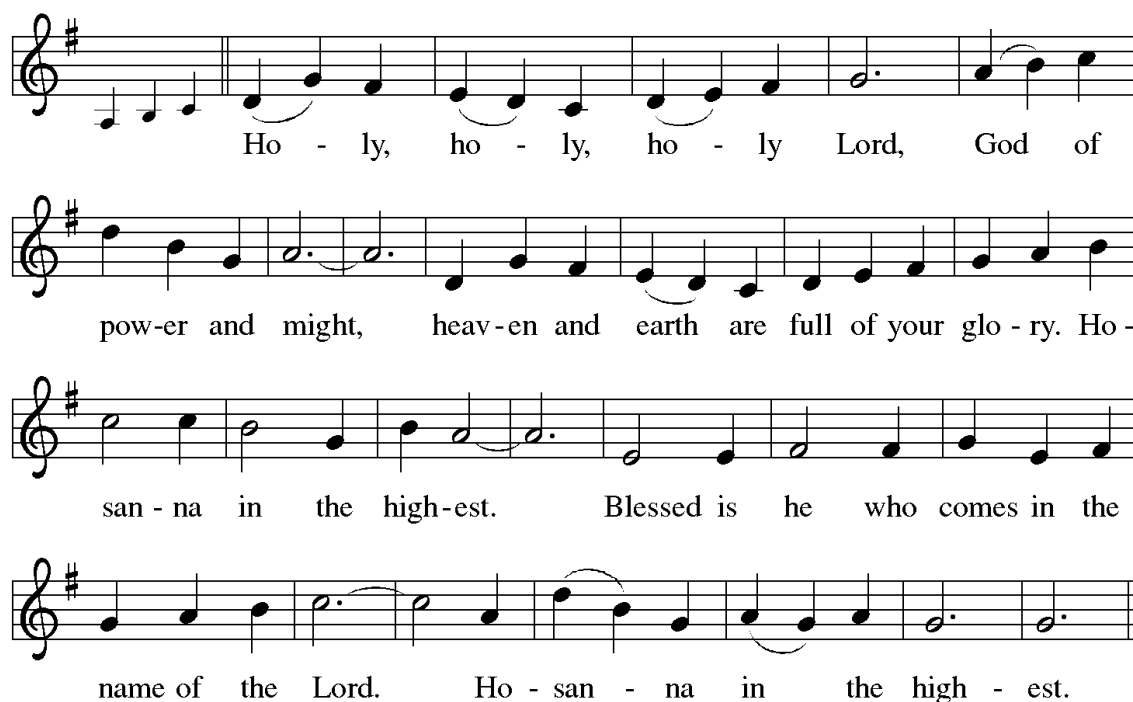
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • ELW *Setting One*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

AGNUS DEI • ELW *Setting One*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • WOV 778 *O Christ The Same*

LONDONBERRY

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing
our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,
un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

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O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

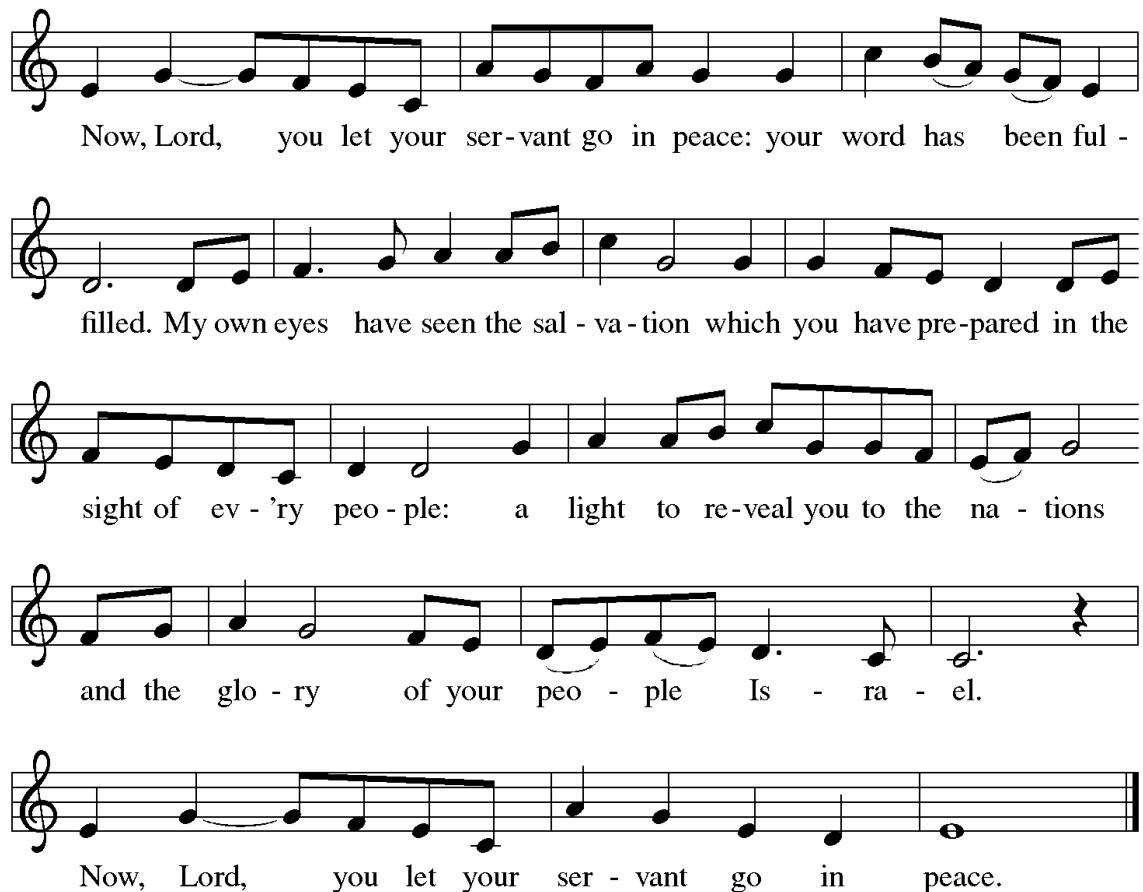
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
 and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

NUNC DIMITIS • ELW *Setting One*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE • *Lift High the Cross*

Joel Raney

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Aled Greville 8:45
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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY was originally established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI when there was much unrest: the rise of communism in Russia, fascism in Spain and Italy, and Nazism soon rising in Germany. This Sunday was meant to help people focus on Christ's kingship and rule over creation. The readings today as we will notice focus on the final judgement and God's kingdom. Today is the final Sunday in the liturgical year. Next week the royal blue of hope will emerge – Advent.

21 AND BUILDING STRONG COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today, we dedicate our Faith Commitments for 2025 to God. Thank you to all who have completed a Faith Commitment Card. If you have not done so, please do today. The Stewardship Committee and Congregation Council asked that beginning with August 2024, each household prayerfully consider an increase in giving per month by \$21. If you have already increased by \$21 per month, thank you so much. If not, please kindly consider this extra gift for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LA SAGRADA CHILDREN

DEADLINE SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

Can you help? This year, like last, we will be **giving the families gift cards to purchase the children's Christmas Gifts**. If you can help, please go to www.saintlukegive.us to donate. You will see a line that says *Children's Christmas Gifts (La Sagrada)*. You may also mail gifts to Saint Luke, but please note on the check, *Christmas La Sagrada*. Pastor Miller and Suleyma Alfaro will coordinate the gift card distribution with the families in time for them to make purchases for Christmas. (We cannot accept any presents in kind but ask everyone to donate to the La Sagrada Children's Gift Card fund.) Deadline for donations is **Sunday, December 8**. We will offer special dedication prayers that day for the funds received. Thank you so much.

A NEW KIND OF CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

Have you seen the new kind of Christmas Poinsettia? It looks a lot like a gift card for food. Yes, like last year, instead of giving Poinsettias in remembrance or in honor of a loved one, we are doing the same with food cards.

Now more than ever the ministry of distributing food cards through the Saint Luke Food Pantry is needed more than ever.

Please consider giving a card, or cards, for food and know all dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Day worship bulletins.

[Poinsettia Food Card.](#)

CAN YOU HELP TOMORROW AND TUESDAY?

It is an incredible outreach, helping at least 500 people who are food insecure. (Actually, Saint Luke helps this number of people each month.)

Saint Luke will again be distributing **Thanksgiving “baskets” to referred clients**

Guests will be coming to Saint Luke, tomorrow, Monday, November 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Tuesday November 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer either day to help set up and assist clients in their choices of food. Contact Ruth Manchester at rmanchester@saintluke.us with your preferred time and date. Volunteers needed.

Contribute money at saintlukegive.us Click *Food Pantry*. You may also give via check to Saint Luke and note *Thanksgiving Baskets*.

Buy a turkey for \$20. Cards are available on the credenzas at church, or give electronically at saintlukegive.us Click *Thanksgiving Turkeys*.

Donate food items. Please place in the grocery cart at church.

Suggested food items: Canned meat, tuna, chicken, Spam, Canned fruit, Veggies, including beans, (canned or dried), Cereal, Soup, (no broth), Crackers, Peanut butter, Jam, Cooking oil, Sugar, Salt, Pepper, Gravy, One pot meals-stews, Mac & Cheese, Latino foods of any type, Pasta/rice, Pasta sauce, Cake or brownie mix.

Thank you for caring.

THANKSGIVING DEVOTION ONLINE

Let us come together this **Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.** at www.saintlukeonline.us
Let us take time to hear the Word, join in prayer, enjoy a brief meditation, and hear beautiful music. Let us give thanks to God for blessings beyond measure.

THE CHURCH YEAR

Sometime when you are sitting in the pew before worship, check out **pages 14-17 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book**. There you will see the church year calendar – major festivals (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost), lesser festivals (remembering those who walked with Jesus and other major events in his life) and commemorations. These are people and events throughout history, renewers and reformers. Each week we list the commemorations here in the bulletin. Below are the commemorations for this week. Many times the appointed date is the date the person took leave of this earthly life and now rests with God.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Sunday, November 24– Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America: Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Monday, November 25– Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748: Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Saturday, November 30–Andrew, Apostle: The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, November 24–Christ The King & Commitment Sunday

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am Worship (Hybrid)
10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
11:15am Worship (Hybrid)
12:15pm Thanksgiving Bag Service Project
5:00pm AA

MONDAY, November 25

9:00am CDS Classes
12:00pm Thanksgiving Food Bags
1:30pm CDS Aftercare

TUESDAY, November 26

10:00am Thanksgiving Food Bags
7:00pm Reformation Handbells

WEDNESDAY, November 27

7:00am Zoom Faith Connections
10:00am Women in Community
7:00pm Thanksgiving Devotion (online)
7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, November 28– Thanksgiving Day

Office & School closed

FRIDAY, November 29

SATURDAY, November 30

9:30am AA
11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, December 1–Advent 1C

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am Worship (Hybrid)
11:15am Worship/Holy Baptism (Hybrid)
5:00pm AA
5:00pm Misa Español
6:00pm Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed