Welcome to Worship St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church



November 26, 2023 Christ the King Sunday



Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.

Assisting in Worship

Organist: Janet Goldner Worship Leader: Pastor Elizabeth Hadler Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: Karen Krauss Acolyte: Avery Wymer Ushers: JoLynn & Don Stewart Videographer: Beth Williams

To the Glory of God

December Candles: *Carol Williams* December Bulletins: *Carol Williams* December Newsletter: <u>available for sign-up</u>



Christmas Poinsettias - the Altar Guild has located a new source for poinsettias this year. Unfortunately, with the timing, poinsettias had to be order NOW. The Guild has ordered 20 poinsettias. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of them, please see page 18. Thank you.

Choir rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

Order of Morship

Sunday, November 26, 2023

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol № assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Φ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Holy One,

ALL: we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

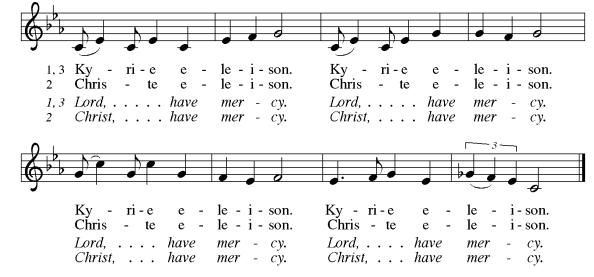
<u>Leader</u>: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through \clubsuit Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **ALL: Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN #660

*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

<u>Leader</u>: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

*KYRIE HYMN #151



***THIS IS THE FEAST**





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROPHETIC READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

<u>Reader</u>: For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

<u>Reader</u>: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

ALL: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

<u>Reader</u>: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

ALL: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

<u>Reader</u>: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

ALL: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

<u>Reader</u>: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

ALL: The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. ALL: Thanks be to God.

DISCIPLESHIP READING

<u>Reader</u>: The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

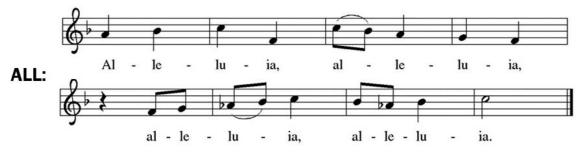
"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

<u>Reader:</u> Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**



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*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

<u>Leader</u>: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Luke chapter 17. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

THE MESSAGE

*HYMN OF THE DAY #693

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

<u>Prayer Leader</u>: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. ALL: Your mercy is great.

We pray for Carl, Pat, Marilyn, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Cali, Howard, Jim,

Emelyn, Isabella, Mary Ann, Kevin, Shirley, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

All: 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,

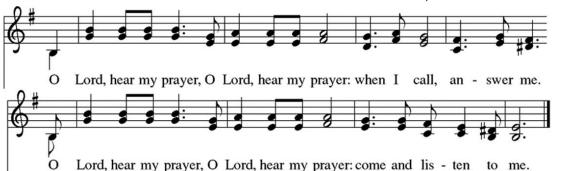
As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen



O LORD. HEAR MY PRAYER

*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751



SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

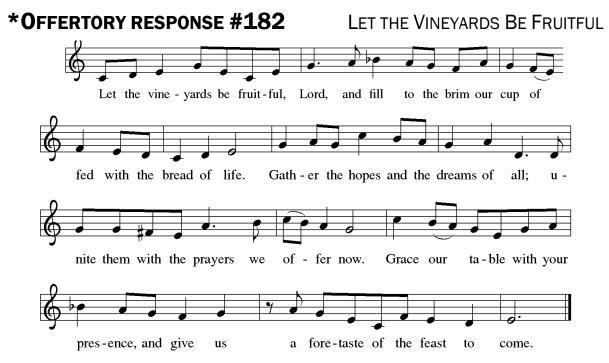
ALL: and also with you

Please share God's peace."

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

<u>Leader</u>: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now present our tithes, and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

OFFERTORY



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

***THE TABLE PRAYER**

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

ALL: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from our abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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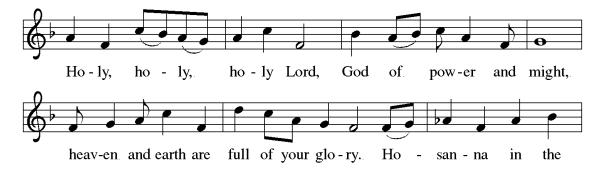
Leader: The Lord be with you. ALL: And also with you.

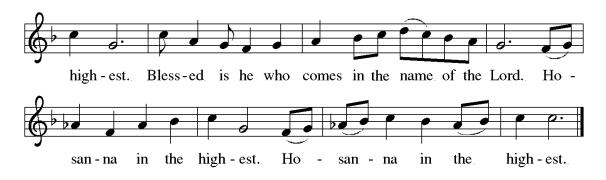
Leader: Lift up your hearts. ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

<u>Leader</u>: 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, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

ALL: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life and the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing...





***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

<u>Leader</u>: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

<u>Leader</u>: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

<u>Leader</u>: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

DISTRIBUTION





*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

ALL: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

<u>Leader</u>: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, \blacksquare Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. In the name of the Father, \blacksquare Son, and Holy Spirit.



*Sending Hymn #855

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace with thanksgiving to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ELCA "Hunger Appeal" Offering - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex.

Please remember to stop by the Information Table and sign the greeting cards, reminding our members and friends that we are thinking about them.

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North Baltimore Food Pantry <u>November</u> requested donations include: <u>laundry detergent</u>, <u>dish soap</u>, <u>and toilet paper</u>. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for Christ the King! Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS</u>: Cali, Howard Till, Jim Heize, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

<u>COMPANION CHURCH</u>: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (<u>E</u>vangelical <u>L</u>utheran <u>C</u>hurch in <u>A</u>merica), our presiding <u>Bishop Elizabeth Eaton</u>, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (<u>Northwestern O</u>hio <u>Synod</u>), <u>Bishop Daniel Beaudoin</u>, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



Poinsettias

20 Poinsettias have been ordered for decorating our worship space for Christmas. Poinsettias this year will cost \$14.00. They will be red poinsettias wrapped in gold foil. If you are interested in purchasing one or more, please fill out the form below and drop it with your check (made out to the church) in



the offering plate or in the mail to the church office. Feel free to call the church office (419-257-3253) if you need assistance.

Your name _____

Number of plants_____

Designation(s) for the church bulletin



Advent devotionals and calendars are available on the Information Table. Stop by and pick yours up today! Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.



The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich

meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions.

With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven.

What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?

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