

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist
Christ the King
November 22, 2026

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.
At the entrance of the Nave

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG **ELW 434**

Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

**1 Jesus shall reign where the sun does it successive journey's run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**

**3 People in realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Entrance Antiphon

P The Lord says: my plan for you is peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you**.**

C But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness Lord.

Canticle Of Praise



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.
The assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 24: 11-16, 20-24**

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

A reading from Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD. 16 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.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and
butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their
God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95: 1-7a

The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated **R***.*

Psalm refrain



Psalm Tone



[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from Thessalonians.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that
the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is
peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers
and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you
are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk
at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed
you are doing.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Tone



Cantor

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 25: 31-46**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he
will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the
left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation
of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and
you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw
you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And
when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to
those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you
did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not
take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not

do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 431**
O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us ALL SAINTS NEW
The assembly stands at last stanza

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height,
to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,
another's will your aim.

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came,
the law of love to bring:
a diff'rent rule of righteousness,
a diff'rent kind of king.

3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.
O Christ in workplace, church, and home,
let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve,
a diff'rent kind of king.

4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a diff'rent kind of king!

Profession of Faith
The Apostles' Creed **ELW P. 105**

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
Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:
A God, in your mercy.
C **Hear our prayer.**
Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:
C **Amen.**

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greeting: Peace be with you.
Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.

Offerings may also be made electronically by scanning the QR Code:

Offertory Song **ELW 820**

O Savior, Precious Savior (vs 1 + 2) ANGEL'S STORY

The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

1 O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of Salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C Blessed be God forever!

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C Blessed be God forever!

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith."

C



The Eucharistic prayer continues: "… Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever."

C

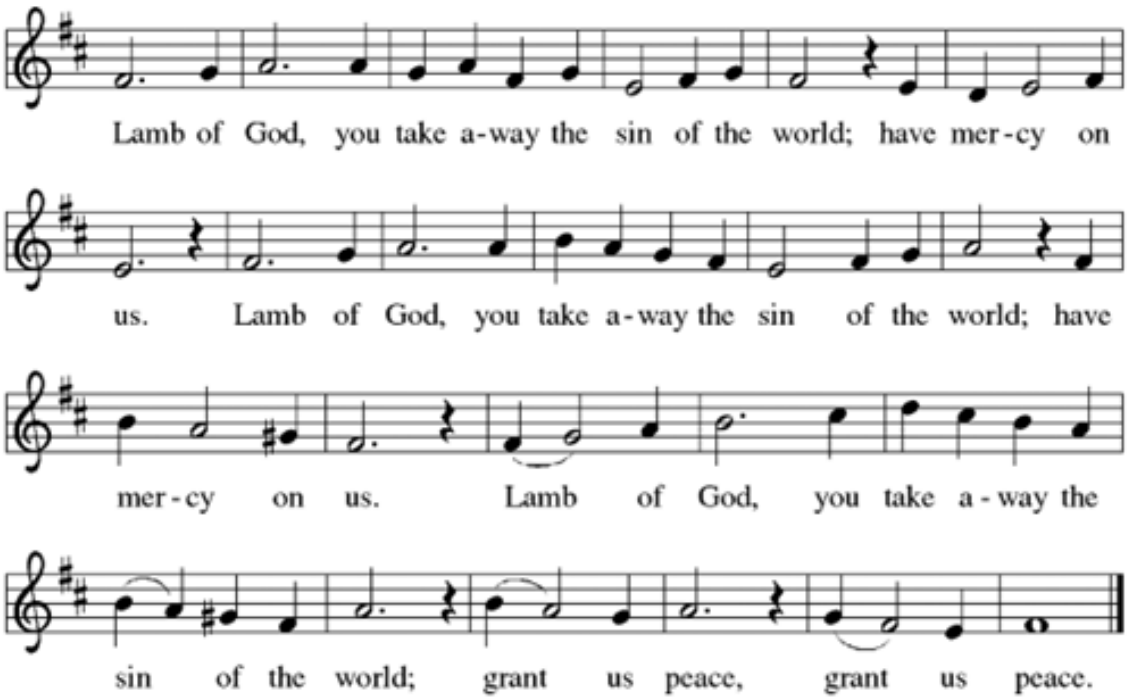


The Lord's Prayer **ELW p. 145**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Lamb of God



Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are

those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion Of the Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, ***"Amen."***

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion **ELW 820**

O Savior, Precious Savior (vs 3 and 4) ANGEL'S STORY

3 In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and power divine;
the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.

4 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,
in endless adoration and everlasting love;
then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,
and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song **ELW 854**
Blessing and Honor AMERICAN HYMN

1 Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength ever more,
be to the Lamb who are battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise –
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
rising in weakness and dying to reign!

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room with a baby changing area is located off the Narthex of the Nave.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Nave)
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation
Meets Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal	$4904.00
Total Received	$4048.85
Difference	-$855.15

This Week

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
November 22	9:45 A.M. Adult Faith Formation (The Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
November 23	
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
November 24	10:00 a.m. Ready for school, Ready to succeed (St's Peter+ Paul)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 25	
Friday	10:00 A.M. Ready for school, Ready to succeed (St's Peter
November 27	+ Paul)
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
November 28	
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
November 29	9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Psalm 7, Esther 2: 1-18, 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
T	Psalm 7, Esther 8: 3-17, Revelation 19: 1-9
W	Psalm 7, Ezekiel 33: 7-20, John 5: 19-40
Th	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Zechariah 13: 1-9, Revelation 14: 6-13
F	Psalm 80, 1-7, 17-19, Zechariah 14: 1-9, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
S	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Micah 2: 1-13, Matthew 24:15-31
Su	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37



Worship Dedications
The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and thankful for all his many blessings
by Wendt.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

COMMUNITY AID: When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, **please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055**—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on goodshepherdpaxtang.com.

ADVENT SOCIAL HOUR: All are welcome. Mark your calendar for the Advent Social Hour on Sunday December 20, during the Sunday school hours from 9:45 to 10:45 in All Saints Hall. Please bring your favorite food item to share. Beverages will be provided. If you are participating in the Christmas Giving Tree gift(s), please place the gift(s) under the tree in the narthex or in the Gathering Room.

ADVENT SUPPER INFO: Evening vespers will be held in the nave at 7:00 pm following the Advent suppers.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: John Switaj continues his Advent series on the classic movie "It's A Wonderful Life" and associated Scripture for the Adult Formation Class today in the Gathering Room. The class meets between worship services, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Is available in the Narthex. Please be sure to take one home for it was written "by us, for us." There are also several sample Advent devotional booklets in the Narthex which are appropriate for younger children.

Poinsettias for Christmas



We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.

To the Glory of God: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding		The Rev. David Harper
Organist		Nicholas P. Werner
Assisting Ministers	8:30 a.m.	Marcia Freed-Dankman
	11:00 a.m.	Kirk Barbour
Cantor		Michele McDevitt
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Fred and Mary Sprunk
	11:00 a.m.	Vicki Delp

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