

Christ Lutheran Church

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Christ the King/Reign of Christ (Year C)

The Holy Eucharist ♦ November 23, 2025 ♦ 9:00AM

WELCOME!

It is an honor to have you here for worship. We hope you will feel safe and comfortable in this holy house. A few notes to help you along the way:

- Most of what you will need is printed in this bulletin.
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) is the source for hymns which are listed by number in the upper right- or left-hand corner of the page.

PROVIDING FOR THE YOUNGEST SAINTS

Children learn to worship by participating in the liturgy. The worship of the whole community is enhanced by their involvement. Should your little one need a break, please feel free to move about, to step out for a moment, or to make use of the prayer-ground as may be helpful.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may commune in either or both elements of bread and wine. The ushers will direct you forward via the center aisle. You have options!

- You may take an empty cup from a tray and hold onto it. You will then be given the bread to consume before approaching a minister who will fill your cup from a pouring chalice. After consuming the wine, please place the cup in the receptacle as you return to your place.
- You may bypass the small cup, receive the bread, then dip it into the chalice before consuming it.
- If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, please cross your arms before your chest and you will be offered a blessing.

A star () invites you to stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING RITE

* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God,

People: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: God the faithful one loves you, in † Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All: Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN #634: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

* GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

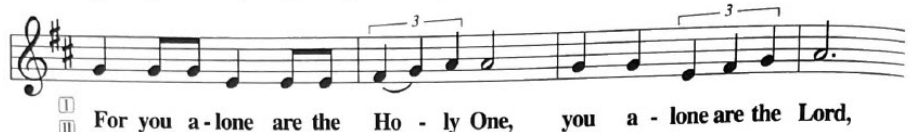
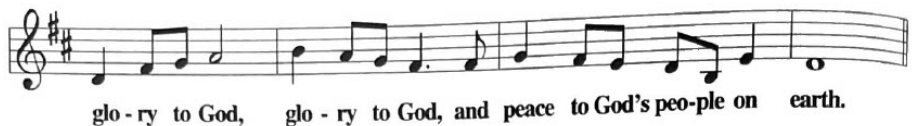
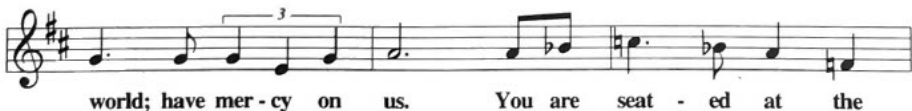
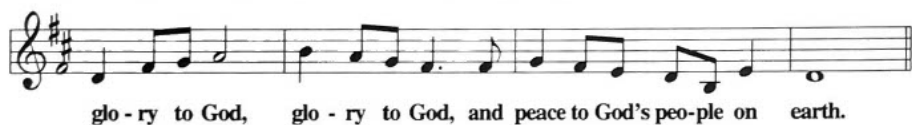
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days

Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

*The psalm will be read responsively; the people will read the **bold** text.*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea,

though its waters rage and foam, and though its mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

Lector: A reading from Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*** THE GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When 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. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And 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!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #502: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes, “Hear us, O God...” to which the people are invited to respond, “Your mercy is great.”

Pastor: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE MEAL

*** THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: THE KING OF GLORY (TRADITIONAL)

*** OFFERTORY HYMN #184: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (NELSON)**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears... In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

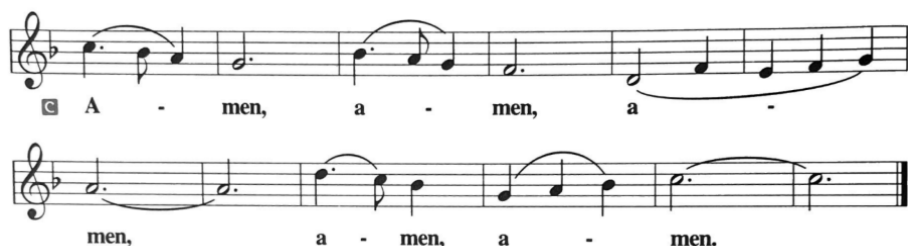
Remembering, therefore, Christ's death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Send the Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: 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.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

* LAMB OF GOD

☞ 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 #838: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you ever in his grace.

People: Amen.

* HYMN #207: THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Deacon: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

People: Amen.

THE SENDING RITE

* BLESSING

Pastor: *The blessing is pronounced.*

People: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN #434: JESUS SHALL REIGN

* DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Roger's mother, Helen Ohlander, on her birthday anniversary by Doris & Roger Ohlander and family, in loving memory of Winifred Romano by the Schmitt family, and in loving memory of Dawn and Daniel Wehr on their birthday anniversaries by their family.

Serving Today

Presiding Minister/Preacher: The Rev. Susan F. Sprowls, *Interim Pastor*

Deacon: Roxanne Toomey

Director of Music: Nicole Nicholson

Organist: Kamelija Galijan-Curry

Altar Guild: Elaine DiChiara, June Fahey, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Rath

Communion Assistant: Hans Vogel

Counters: Doris & Roger Ohlander, Barbara Rath, Gene Veltri

Ushers: John Gross and Matt Murphy

Coffee Hour Host: The Hallgren Family

Announcements

Save the date! CLC's Centennial Kickoff will be held **this Wednesday, November 26th** beginning with a 6PM prayer service in the chapel of St.

John of Jerusalem Cemetery. Worship will continue at CLC at 7:30PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All are encouraged to attend.

Please note that the Church office and the Thrift Shop will be **closed** this Thursday and Friday, November 27th-28th. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Save the date! Wantagh's Winter Wonderland Fair will be held **this Saturday, November 29th** from 12:30-5PM at the Wantagh Train Museum. To volunteer for this event, please contact Della Rao in the church office.

Monetary and tangible donations are currently being accepted for the Seafarers' Christmas at Sea care satchels. We are especially in need of men's **small, medium, or large** hoodies, thermal or sports socks, and t-shirts, knit hats or scarves (no fringe or pom-poms, please), and cans of nuts or large chocolate bars. Donations can be left in the designated box in Room 2000. If you have any questions, please see Jan or John Eastlund.

Christmas flower memorials are now being accepted. If you would like to participate, please submit a memorial form (copies of which are in the Sanctuary and on the coffee hour table) by **Thursday, December 18th**.



THANKSGIVING
Interfaith Service

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
TIME: 3:00PM
PLACE: ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL R.C. CHURCH
1309 WANTAGH AVENUE, WANTAGH, NY

Participating Houses of Worship

- Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh
- Congregation Beth Tikvah, Wantagh
- East Meadow Beth-El Jewish Center, East Meadow
- Episcopal Church of St. Jude, Wantagh
- Islamic Center of Nassau County, Wantagh
- Maria Regina R.C. Church, Seaford
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Seaford
- St. Frances de Chantal R.C. Church, Wantagh
- St. James R.C. Church, Seaford
- St. Raphael R.C. Church, East Meadow
- St. William the Abbot R.C. Church, Seaford
- Temple B'nai Torah, Wantagh
- Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, Wantagh

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St. John's Food Pantry

As SNAP and other benefits are being reduced or rescinded, donations of food and personal care items are needed now more than ever. Please place donations in the box in Room 2000. Needed items include beef/chicken stew, canned chicken, cooking oil, coffee, corned beef hash, noodles, hot cereal, hot chocolate, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix & syrup, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, salad dressing, birthday cake items, shelf-stable milk, facial tissue, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. *Please check the expiration dates before donating.*



We Remember Those on the Prayer List

Judy Angeloch, Kathleen Cardone, Becky Carlson, Regina Coons, Sal and Sue Costanzo, Alison Daurio, Joan Drake, Kelly Dempsey, Lynn Deere, Logan Dunne, Doris Gannon, Betty Gibberman, Bill Gilmor, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Grieser, Theresa Heenan, Arnold Howard, Ruth Kollar, Susan & George Kremer, Jean Leib, Chris Mantay, Mary Ellen Massaro, Janet and William McShea, Marilyn Miller, Lilly Ann Munnich, John Nittoli, James Pallas, Barbara and Gary Proce, Catherine, Terri and Della Rao, John Reardon, Emmett and Rose Reilly, Ann and Barbara Reimer, Della Dorn Rice, Kay Riese, Anne Scheirer, Joseph Arthur Skorupski, Donna Smith, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Nancy Valenti, Laura Vogel. To update a name on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Congregation Council

The Reverend Susan F. Sprowls, *Interim Pastor*
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