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Introduction

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Robert A. Hobby

GATHERING

Greeting

Mark 11:9

P: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

All: **Alleluia.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

P: Gracious God,
All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn

Gathering Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” HFW# 1065
 Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Large print words found on page 20



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

P: 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.**

Please be seated

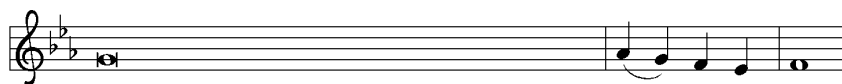
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



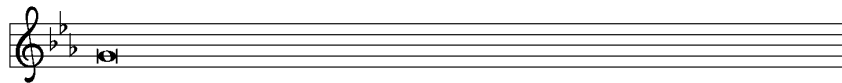
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



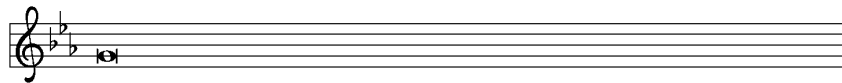
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast

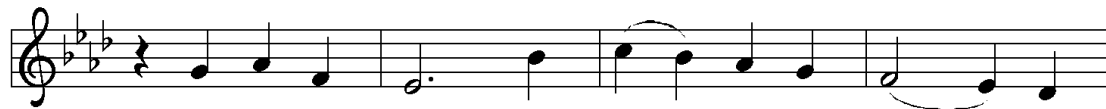
Refrain




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

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Assisting Minister

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.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 93

Read responsively by whole verse

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

AM: 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 cannot be moved.

All: ² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

AM: ³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

All: ⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

AM: ⁵ Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

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.

^{4b} 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, ⁵ 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, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 18th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel John 18:33-38a

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

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ 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?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from 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."

³⁷ 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." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

P: The gospel of the Lord,

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Empire of the Son

Pastor Mitch

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the Day

“Beautiful Savior”

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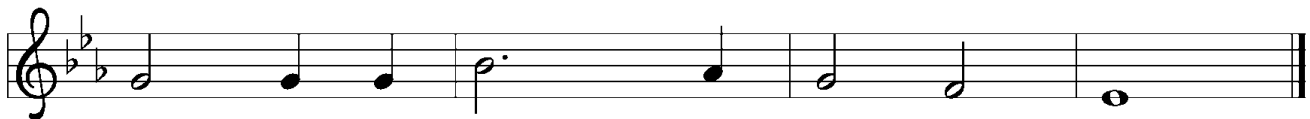
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Apostles Creed

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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* Merciful God,

All: **Receive our prayer.**

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Music

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

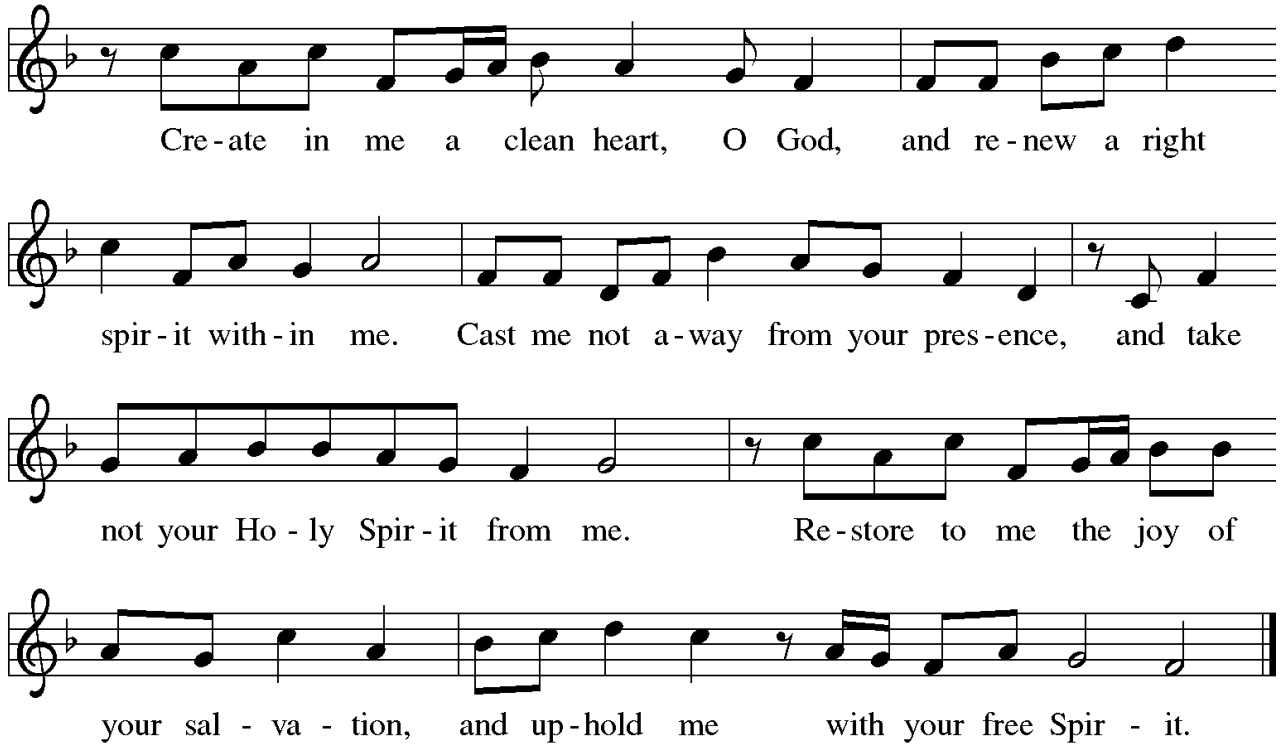
arr. John Ness Beck

Linda Strohkirch, solo

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Offertory Prayer

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

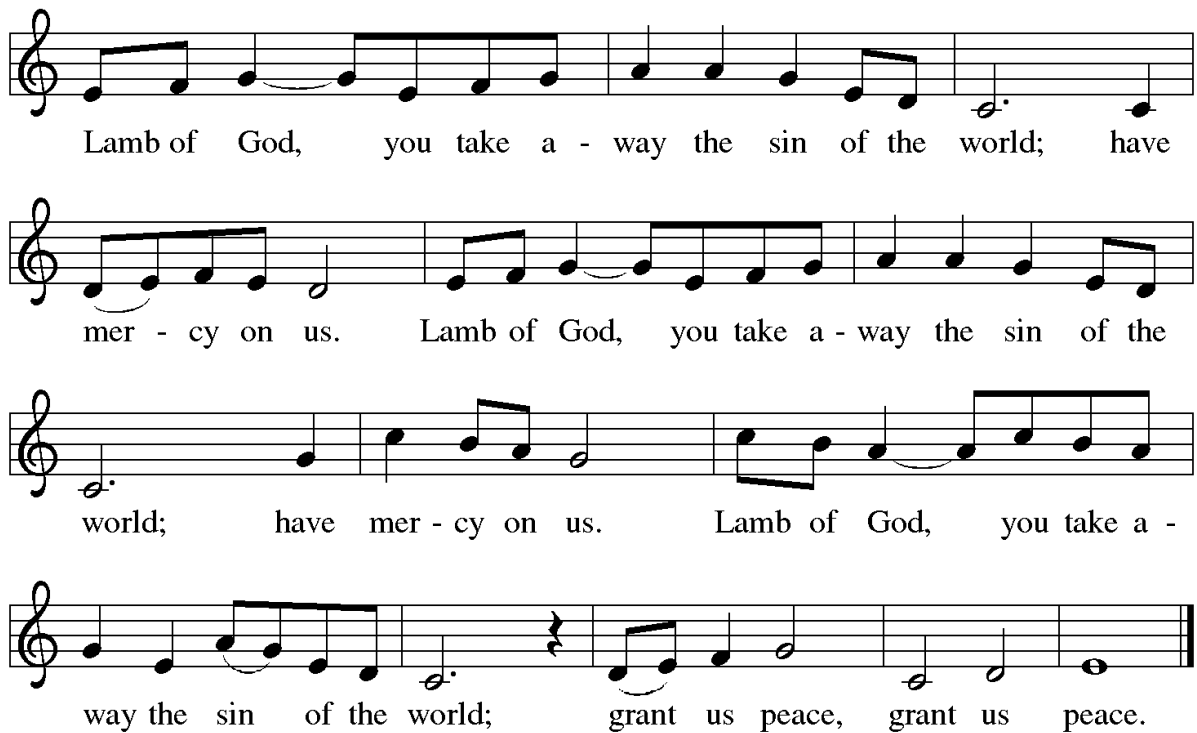
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.
Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.
If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.
Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

Communion Anthem "The King of Glory and King of Kings" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Table Blessing

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

All: **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Sending

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.



Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verses 1, 4, and 5– Large print words found on page 23



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;

4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.

and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.

who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” arr. Michael Helman

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dr. Rev. Mitch Kinsinger

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Jon Helgason and Tom Brockway

Communion Assistants: Janine Almquist and Mary Kowitz

Ushers: David Almquist and Elaine & Charles Rohrbach

Song Leaders: Janine Almquist, Paul Kowitz or Linda Strohkirch

Hospitality: Diane Allmendinger and Florence Rasmusson

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Bett y Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

TAKE AIM FOR STUDENTS is our theme for this November’s fundraising drive to support our students in Tanzania for 2025. Our AIM will be to continue scholarships for 10 students; eight secondary and two post secondary. This will allow them to continue their educational goals without interruption. In 2025, we will also make a donation to support the Scholarship Equity Fund, which AIMS to assist students from un-partnered parishes and the Teacher Training Fund, whose AIM it is to help teachers learn new techniques for their updated curriculum.

With funds received to date and carried over from last year we will be \$1600 short of our pledge for 2025. So during Sundays in November, I challenge you to raise the \$1600. There will be a Tanzanian basket on the table in the narthex (next to the offering plate) where you can leave your donation. Any amount you AIM to give will make a difference in the lives of our Tanzanian families. Thank You!

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Tuesday,
November 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Combine choir from all the churches will sing, with
rehearsal at 6:15 p.m. sharp!
Come worship together and
give thanks for all that we have received.**



This Week....

Sunday, November 22	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, November 23	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Closed
Tuesday, November 25	9:30 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Closed
Tuesday, November 26	7:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Wednesday, November 27	7:30 a.m.	Romeo Breakfast at Perkins
Thursday, November 28		Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed
Friday, November 29		Office Closed
Saturday, November 30		Office Closed

November Birthdays

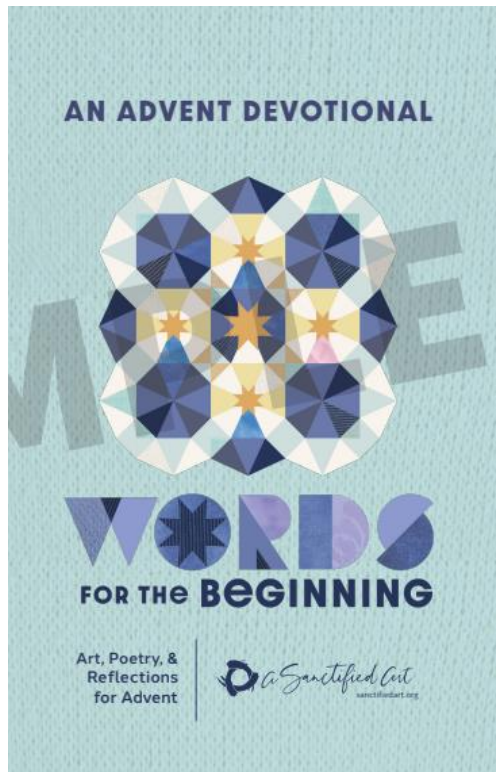
Daniel Brockway November 23
Maria Joann Tkachuck November 24

Sally A. Keller November 27
Jon H. Helgason November 28

November Anniversaries

Vicki and Wayne Hansen November 27

Christmas Memorial Garden – If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Memorial Garden, forms are available in the church office or on page 23 in this bulletin. The completed form and payment must be in the office by Monday, December 16th to have your loved ones named in the Christmas Bulletin. The average cost of the poinsettias is \$15.00.



This Advent please
join us in following the
new Advent Devotional
“Words for the Beginning”

The Worship, Music and Arts Board has recommended
that we use this new advent devotional.
Copies will be available in the office next week.

Please let the church office know if you need one mailed
to you.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1 Rejoice, the Lord is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Hymn of the Day
Beautiful Savior

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Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Crown Him with Many Thornes

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Nov. 24 Romans 8:18	I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
Nov. 25 Luke 22:19	Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
Nov. 26 John 16:33	I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!
Nov. 27 Galatians 6:14	May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
Nov. 28 Matthew 4:19	And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'
Nov. 29 Joshua 24:15	Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'
Nov. 30 Hebrews 11:32-38	And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.



2024 Christmas Garden

If you would like to give a gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one for our Christmas Garden this year please complete the information below and return the form with payment to the church office no later than Monday, December 16th to be included in the printed bulletin.

In memory of: _____
Given By: _____
Envelope #: _____ Amount: _____

In honor of: _____
Given By: _____
Envelope #: _____ Amount: _____

***Thank you for donation!
May the joy of the Lord fill your hearts this Christmas Season.***

Checks can be made out to:
Arlington Hills Lutheran Church - Christmas Memorial Garden
1115 Greenbrier Street St. Paul, MN 55106

Please note: that donations will first be used to pay for the flowers and the remaining funds will be placed in the General Fund.

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