

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Two Rivers Parish, a partnership of Christ Community Lutheran and St. Michael Lutheran! It is a joy to worship with you on this day.

We believe God invites you to the table. Holy Communion is for all the baptized, regardless of age. If walking is difficult for you, we will bring the Lord's Supper to your seat. If you are not communing, we still invite you to come up for a blessing.

We believe worship should be accessible for all. Standing and kneeling happen throughout the worship service, which can be difficult for some. Rest assured that you are still worshipping fully with the community when you sit through these parts.

We believe children belong in worship. Children's worship kits and instructions are available in the hallway so kids can take part in worship. If a child becomes restless, it's okay, because that's what kids do. If you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a cooldown, we encourage them to return to worship as soon as they are ready.

We believe God calls us to pray as a community. Prayer requests may be made during the week by calling or emailing the church office. On Sundays, please write your prayer requests in the Prayer Request Book near the worship space entrance.

We believe God calls us to be welcoming to all. Being in a new place can be nerve-wracking to say the least. If you are unsure where something is or how something goes, please ask. We want you to feel welcome. Restroom facilities are located just down the hallway.

Bulletin Notes

The worship service is printed fully in this bulletin, so there is no need to flip back and forth to a hymnal. The pastor will also give instructions during the service.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregational Response

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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 victory of love.

⅓ GATHERING **⅓**



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, marked upon us at baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the \(\frac{1}{2}\) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: 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.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Yet, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

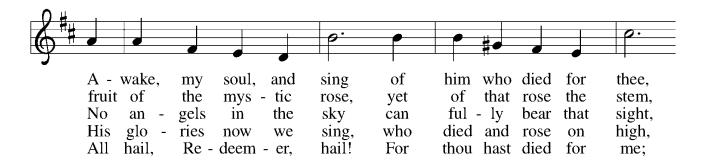
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- 1 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po ten tate of time,



the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all hark, how mu - sic but those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow whose arm bove, in vis - i - ble a rich wounds, yet beau - ty glo - ri - fied. strife for those he came to save. vic - to - rious in the rose roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly of the sub-lime. cre - a tor





thy match-less king through all and hail him as e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies to bring, and e - ter - nal life lives that death may die. shall not fail through-out thy praise glo - ry e - ter - ni - ty. and

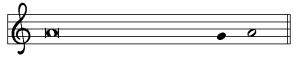
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GREETING

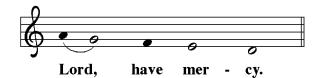
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

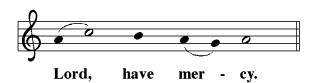


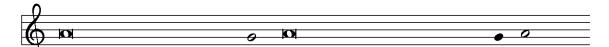
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



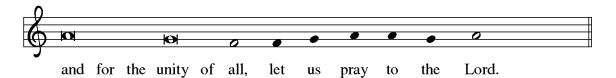


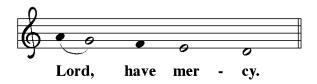
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

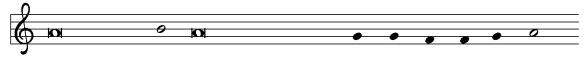




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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FIRST READING- DANIEL 7:9-10,13-14

To readers of Daniel, 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.

A: A reading from Daniel.

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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

¹The 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.

- 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 forevermore.



SECOND READING- REVELATION 1:48-8

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.

A: A reading from Revelation.

^{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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION







GOSPEL- 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Joshua Knutson

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING! HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 430** Re joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore; Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love; Our His king-dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; 3 at God's right his foes sub - mit He hand till all sits joice, give thanks, and re sing, and tri - umph ev er more: had purged our stains, he took his when he seat a bove: of death and the keys hell are to our Je - sus giv'n: bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet: and Refrain Lift lift heart, up your up your voice; re joice, gain Ι say, joice! re a

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel or stand as you are able for the prayers.

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A: Loving God, revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom in heaven. Raise up diverse leaders like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today, to teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Inspire us through your Holy Spirit to care for your creation, especially as we protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, so that the chorus of creation's praise would resound with joy. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. We offer our prayers for our current leaders and those who are beginning the transition process after having been elected. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Turn their hearts to you and the hard work of making amends for their misdeeds. Raise up advocates who will work to transform our current system of retribution into one of reconciliation and restoration. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Bring healing and comfort to all who hurt in mind, body, or spirit. We remember especially all on our prayer list and those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, in your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to Christ, who loves us and frees us from sin. Guide our worship as we enter the season of Advent and bring fresh inspiration to our worship leaders as they plan the celebrations to come. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people greet others with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be seated.

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OFFERING

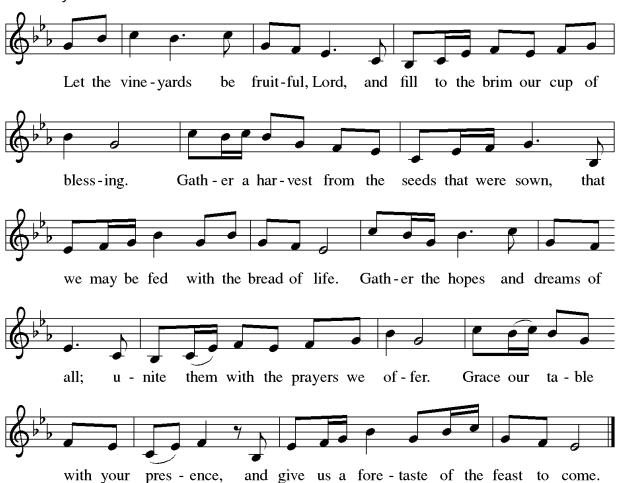
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OFFERING HYMN

LET THE VINEYARDS

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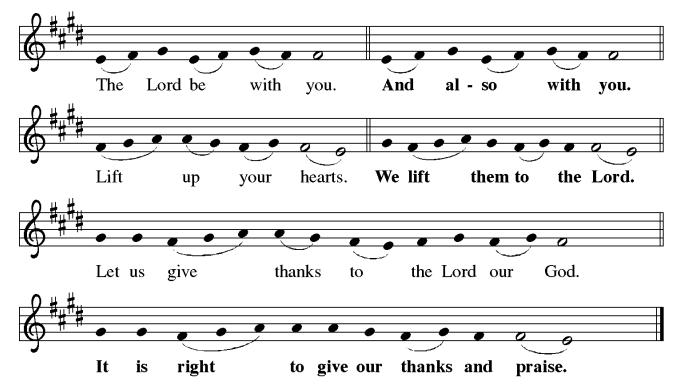
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

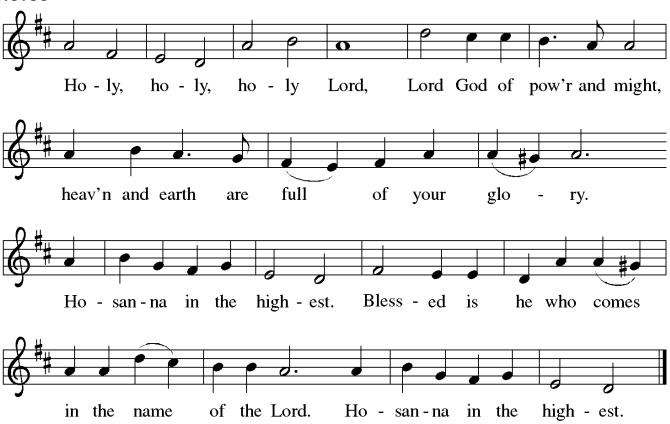
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...The presiding minister continues with the appointed preface for the day...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

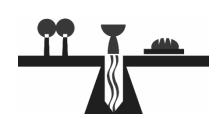
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 the Table

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, eat, and be healed.

C: Thanks be to God!

LAMB OF GOD

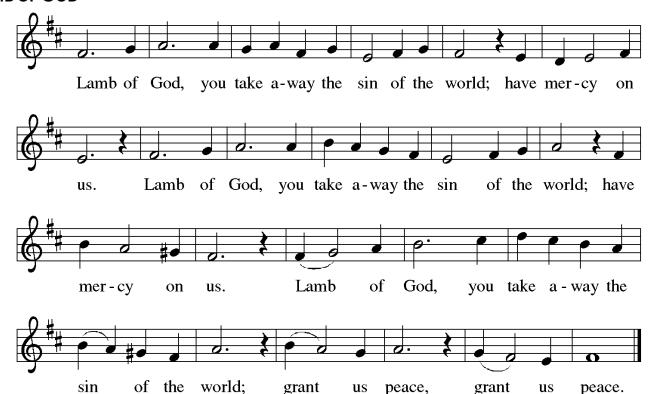
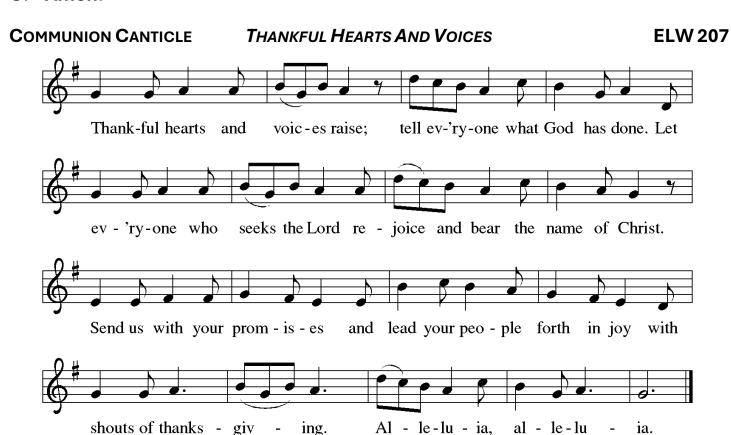


TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

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

C: Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

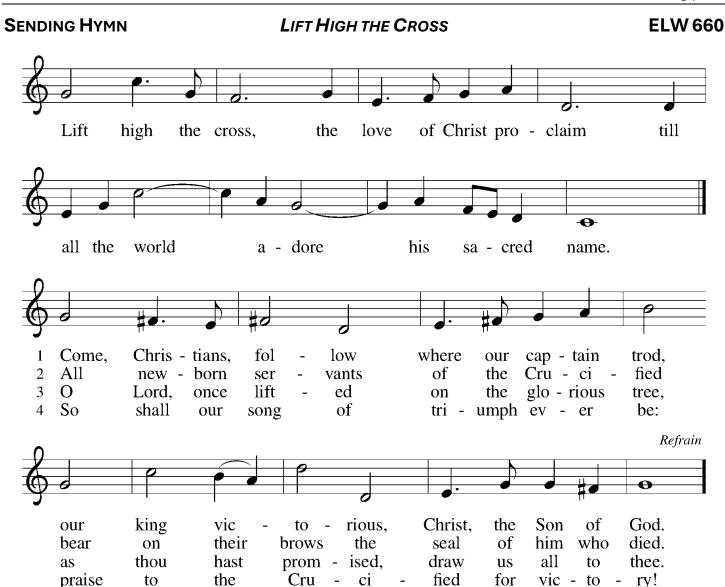
C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.





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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the hands and feet of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

GRACE-FILLED REIGN

Popular images of monarchs through the centuries have often emphasized their material wealth, excess riches, crushing power, and military might. Their opulent headwear, jewelry, and beautiful clothing are enough to impress even the wealthiest members of society.

We call Christ a "king" on this festival day of the year, but Christ's reign is expressed very differently than those of the human rulers around the globe. Compassion, inclusive love, and restoration of justice are markers of God's kin-dom here on earth. Jesus worked to make things right between God and people, and among us human beings. Today our worship recognizes his unique reign as providing the type of powerful mercy we truly need in our king.

Jesus often used metaphors to illustrate what God's love and faithfulness look like in our lives: as sheep trust the guidance of their shepherd, we, too, pay attention to the care Jesus provides for us. As Christ the Monarch draws near to us, loves us, cares for us, and accompanies us through all of life's hard times, we bow before divine mercy and splendor.

Christ may not be a "king" or "queen" according to the usual imperial standards, and perhaps that is for the best. Yet in Jesus God brings that wide-reaching, world-covering love that transforms us. Christ washes us in grace, forgives us generously, and is as close to us as water on our foreheads and bread and wine on our lips. Even when it feels like this kin-dom of God is still too far away, God reminds us of its presence among us already at the baptismal font and around the communion table. These gifts have been here for generations and will continue to comfort us in our struggles: Water! Bread! Wine! Our king providing grace and love for us along life's way, today and always.

IN OUR PRAYERS

David Bowers; Paul & Marion Conover; Bob Dussor; Mary Garrick; Snookie Ham; Margaret Harrell; Roy Jones; Mike Lesiac; Al Martin; Judy May; Merle Melling; Barbara Moyer; Karen Roberts; Lillian Tanner; Bob Winters

Thelma Adams; Sheree Alberrs; Clare Barstow; Keith Barstow; Sheila Burns; Sidney Brown; Sheila Bush; Cathie Butler; Claudia Carbonell; Maya Clark and Family; Sonya Darden; Mikey Duke; Marsha D; Dolorous Dukes; Bucke Easterling; Jim Freeman; Laura Freeman; Ranson Freeman; Ethan Fredric; Alayna Mae Gantt; Cheyenne Gibson; Gail Godesky; Kyle Hampton; Margie Hampton; Jamie Harris; Stephen Harris; Isabella Jones; Robert Fain Jr.; Amanda Keifer; Sandra Linville; Mary Lood; Tom Mannisto; Byron McClellan, Bryson McClellan; Don Mathews; Catlin Mims; Stacey Morgenweck; Ginny Peck; Family of Bonnie Perry; Loreatha Reed; Shirley Reed; Henry Reinsburrow; Carol Ann Ruth; Eunice Roberts; Kyle Roberts; Margaret Roberts; Jason Salvo; Machelle Scott; Pam Shelton; Bob Shiers; Robin Smith; Darlene & Brian Smoly; Kenneth Weber; Priscilla West; Mekia White; Jack Wilson; Elizabeth Wisnieski; Bob Young; Pam Young; Vinnie Young.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship (CCL) 11:30 AM Worship (SMLC) 1:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting (CCL)	ISAAC WATTS, HYMNWRITER 9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL) 11:30 AM Vision Team (CCL) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC) 6:00 PM NA Group (CCL) 6:30 pm Prayer Circle (Zoom) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Zoom)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC)		Andrew, Apostle

BIRTHDAYS

Michael Lesiak 11/29; Elizabeth Tello 11/26

CAUSE OF THE MONTH- CCL

The CCL Cause for November and December is Ronald McDonald House. Each year RMH offers support to numerous families as their loved ones stay are hospitalized. By supporting RMH, we are helping to make things better for families experiencing one of the worst hardships of their lives.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH-SMLC

Neighbors Together is the cause of the month for St. Michael. This agency, working in the North Charleston area, provides food, clothing, job training, and legal advice for the community in need. Our support will help them continue to grow that mission throughout our area. It will be our cause until the end of December.

PRAYER CIRCLE & BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday at 6:30, you have an opportunity to pray for your neighbors and learn more about God's word than you can get in a single Sunday service. We'll be meeting via Zoom. We also share recordings on Facebook and the church websites.

PRAYER LIST

If you have names on the Prayer List, please make sure you update the office about their condition. We do not want to remove anyone who still needs prayer, but we do want to keep current.

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← St. MICHAEL LUTHERAN

CHRIST COMMUNITY

