

# Christ the King

November 26, 2017 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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 awaiting 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.

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The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four The final day of the church year uses white for the paraments, a festive color suggesting light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord.

## + GATHERING +

#### WELCOME

#### ACCLAMATION

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

#### **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Adagio

We stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

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.

#### Amen.

Bruce Tippette

John Stanley

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, 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. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ,

our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.

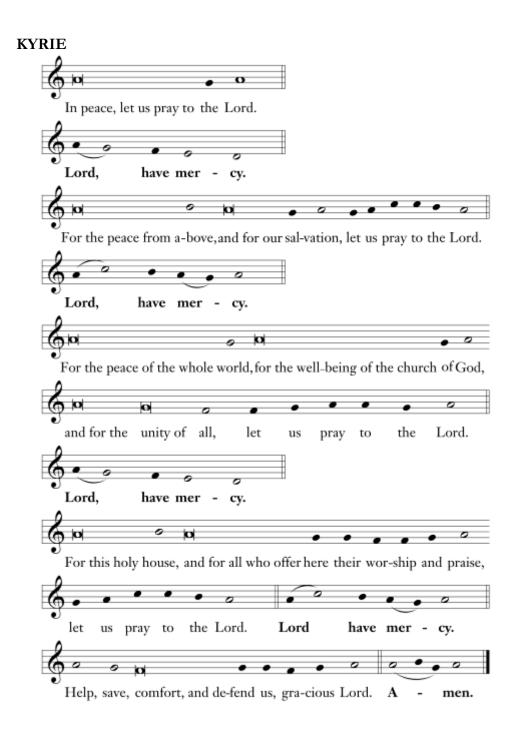
The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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

### And also with you.



#### HYMN OF PRAISE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen. We sit.

## + WORD +

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Wollner



<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing <sup>|</sup> to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>|</sup> our salvation.
<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence <sup>|</sup> with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the <sup>|</sup> LORD with psalms.
<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, <sup>|</sup> are a great God, and a great ruler a- <sup>|</sup> bove all gods.
<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns <sup>|</sup> of the earth; the heights of the hills are <sup>|</sup> also yours.
<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, <sup>|</sup> for you made it, and your hands have mold <sup>|</sup> -ed the dry land.
<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship <sup>|</sup> and bow down, let us kneel before the <sup>|</sup> LORD our maker.
<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD <sup>|</sup> is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep <sup>|</sup> of God's hand.

### SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15:23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] "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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 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, 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.' 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.' 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?' 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

## SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 719 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

WALTON

#### NICENE CREED

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

Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be considerate of those who may be reluctant to shake hands in this flu season.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. We sit.

# + MEAL +

## OFFERING OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) Christus Paradox

Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. Alleluia!

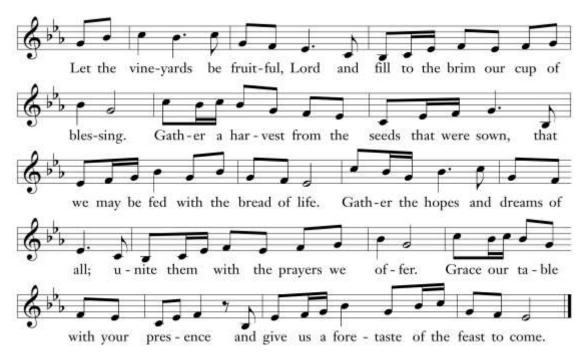
#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (11:00) Der hundertste Psalm (The 100th Psalm)

Felix Mendelssohn

Jauchzet dem Herrn, alle Welt. Dienet dem Herrn mit Freuden; kommt vor sein Angesicht mit Frohlocken. Erkennet, dass der Herr Gott ist. Er hat uns gemacht, und nicht wir selbst, zu seinem Volk und zu Schafen seiner Weide. Gehet zu seinen Toren ein, mit Danken, zu seinen Vorhöfen mit Loben; Danket Ihm, lobet seinen Namen. Denn der Herr is freundlich, und seine Gnade währet ewig und seine Wahrheit für und für. (Psalm 100)

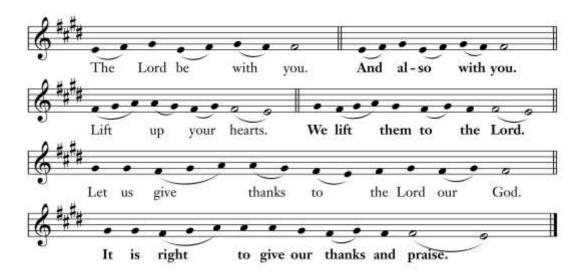
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#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**



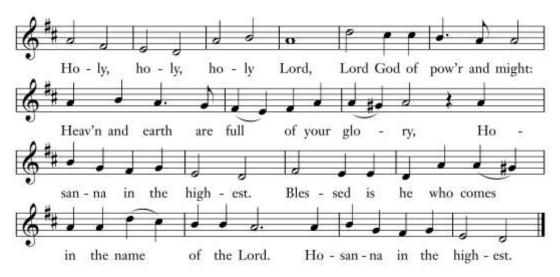
Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### SANCTUS



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

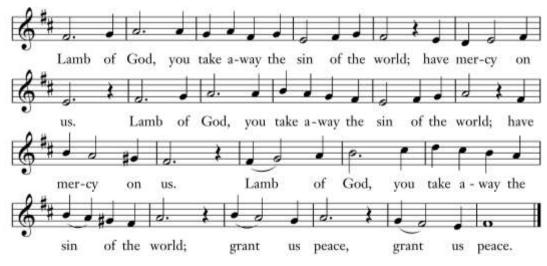
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

**AGNUS DEI** 



We sit.

## COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

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 COMMUNION

**HYMN** 820 O Savior, Precious Savior **HYMN** 432 The Head that Once Was Crowned ANGEL'S STORY ST. MAGNUS We stand.

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and + give you peace.



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 893 Before You, Lord, We Bow

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

DARWALL'S 148TH

# Soli Deo Gloria

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#### **Providing Service Today**

Bulletin Cover Artist Luke Wollner Acolytes 8:30 Anna Frucht and Kate Frucht 11:00 TBD and Katie Kirkeeng Crucifers 8:30 Caroline Bevis 11:00 TBD Offering Bearer TBD Torch Bearers 8:30 TBD and TBD 11:00 Zeke Bradley and Ethan Olsen **Banner Bearers** 8:30 Mary Claire Bevis 11:00 TBD Liturgists 8:30 Bruce Tippette 11:00 Karen Kooken Lay Readers 8:30 John Bandle 11:00 Donald Armitage Communion Assistants 8:30 John Bandle and Kent Reichert 11:00 Marge Brown and Kathie Eppert Nursery 8:30 Kevin Kooken 11:00 Leigh Anna Voigt Ushers 8:30 Rick Brandt, Bill Chandler, John Collins and Alex Paschold 11:00 Don Eppert, Rusty Frazier, Bruce Griffin and Frank Martin Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters 8:30 Jane Maxey 11:00 Debbie Byorick Sunday Morning Fellowship David Kinley **Oblation Bearers** 8:30 Charles and Linda Stephens 11:00 Don Armitage and Frank James Assisting Ministers 8:30 Emily Norris 11:00 Anna Rubino-Schneider Preaching and Presiding Pastor Wollner

#### Providing Service Next Sunday

Bulletin Cover Artist Muriel Riggs Acolytes 8:30 TBD and TBD 11:00 TBD and TBD Crucifers 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Offering Bearer TBD Lav Readers 8:30 Nanette Shutt 11:00 Ruth Kooken Communion Assistants 8:30 David Kinley and Nanette Shutt 11:00 Kathy Carr and Lara Carter Nursery 8:30 Mel Ragan SS Dana Mulhearn 11:00 Kyle Voigt Ushers 8:30 Chris Almerini, Bobby Baynes, Alex Paschold and Jon Southern 11:00 Clarence Dixon, Carrol Epting, Kevin Lynch and Phil Martin Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters 8:30 Kent/Bobbie Reichert, Mary Lou Leonard 11:00 Claire Ohannessian Sunday Morning Fellowship Jane Maxey **Oblation Bearers** 8:30 Elizabeth Chéron and Tom Sturgis 11:00 Becky and Chuck Roediger Assisting Ministers 8:30 Peter Brath 11:00 Julia Grossnickle Preaching and Presiding Pastor Wollner

**WELCOME** all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

**Our worship begins with an acclamation** or a brief piece sung by the choir which introduces the Gospel message or another theme of the day. This is a time to quietly begin our worship in ways that are meaningful to us, through listening, prayer, meditation on the scriptures to be read, the hymns or anthems to be sung, the art and paragraph on the cover of the bulletin, or to simply still our minds and spirits in preparation for an hour that is different from the hectic life outside the doors of our sanctuary.

**The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God** in honor of Hawley House Women's Substance Abuse Recovery Facility – Helping Women Change for Life by Lara Eppert Carter.

**A Special Thank You:** The family of Charles White extends their thanks for the lovely altar flowers that were delivered to Charlie at Vienna Village. Your inquiries concerning Charlie, visits, and cards confirm the loving and caring church family you are at Augsburg. Charles White's contact information is Vienna Village Assisted Living, 6601 Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown, NC 27040, 336-946-0859.

**A Note of Appreciation to my Augsburg Family:** Thank all of you who comforted and cared for me following my accident on September 1. Thank you for all the prayers, visits at the hospital and Trinity Elms, for flowers, cards, phone calls, transportation, quilt and other gifts. Special thanks to Joyce Sills, Doug Nelson and Jay Wise for taking care of contributions while I was out. I would especially like to thank all who greeted me so cheerfully and welcomed me back to church. It is a joy and a blessing for me to be back with you again! Joyce Holton.

**Our Homebound Member is Lewis Brown Armour,** Shuler Health Care Assisted Living, 250 Pitt St., #5, Kernersville NC 27284-2570. Please send Lewis a note.

**S.I.S. (Sisters In Service)** will meet Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 P.M. at The Sherwood, Sherwood Plaza Shopping Center, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston Salem, NC 27106.

Compline

**Compline (Night Prayer)** dates back to the 4th century monastic traditions of daily prayer and praise. Serving as the final service of the day, it is a sung service primarily of chant. On the evenings of the first three Sundays of Advent (December 3, 10, & 17) at 8:30 P.M. in the sanctuary, a Compline Choir will lead this quiet contemplative service offering a calm, quiet (often silent) time of respite from the hectic pace of our world. Each service will be preceded by a brief recital at 8:00 P.M. Please extend an invitation to your neighbors and friends, and come experience the hope and anticipation of Advent through this candlelit service.

A Christmas to Believe In: Please plan to join us for the annual children's Christmas play on Sunday morning, December 10, at 10:00 A.M., in the Family Life Center. The cast features over thirty of our youth who range in age from three to eighteen. The play by Sharon Kay Chatwell features two narrators (Emma Hanes and Daniel Nolting) who tell the traditional Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke while costumed performers act out the story and sing traditional Christmas carols. Narrator #2 admits at the beginning that he is not sure he believes it all. He becomes engaged with the story as it continues, wondering what will happen to Mary (Julia Grossnickle) and the baby Jesus. At the end, he is convinced that the story is true. He finds it really is *A Christmas to Believe In!* 

Volunteers Needed: Overflow Shelter Opens December 1. Sign-Up is open now! "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Just as we have received God's love in beautiful and transformative ways, we are then entrusted with the holy responsibility of sharing that love with others. The Overflow Shelters provides an incredible opportunity to know and love our neighbors in an easy, accessible, and tangible way. Would you please join us? Come as we open Augsburg's Overflow Shelter site for another season beginning December 1. We have many spots to fill: Dinner, Partial Overnight (Sunday-Thursday), Overnight (Friday & Saturday), Check-In, and Goodie Bags. Not sure if this ministry is for you? Just come. God is surely up something and we're thrilled to walk alongside you as you discern your place in the life we share together through the Overflow ministry. For more information or to sign-up, visit: https://citywithdwellings.org/shelters/augsburg.

**Annual Meeting:** At Augsburg's annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, a budget of \$824,113 was passed for 2018. With projected income of \$818,592, this budget would result in a deficit of only \$5,521. If each of the 284 giving units (either individuals or families) gives just \$20 more in 2018, our budgeted deficit would be eliminated! The following individuals were elected to Congregation Council for the 2018-2020 term: Chip Baker, John Bandle, Debbie Byorick, Colleen Crozier, Elly Burns Frye, David Levine, and Doug Nelson. Thanks to all the nominees for agreeing to stand for Council.

The Communion Set-Up and Clean-Up Committee is in need of a few good souls to help with Communion set up and clean up. As you are completing your time and talent sheets, please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent in this effort. Communion is set up before the 8:30 Sunday worship service; the wine and wafers are refreshed between services, and clean up takes place after the 11:00 service. Help is especially needed for the first Sunday of each month and special services such as Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday. If you are interested, please contact Claire Wynnemer at 336-418-1219 or clwynnemer@gmail.com.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

Worship attendance for services last week: 294 at 10:30; 25 visitors.

## Calendar for November 26 – December 3, 2017

#### 26 Christ the King

- 8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast (Family Life Center)
- 11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

#### 27 Monday

10:45a Pastor Paul Bible Study

- 6:00p Continue in My Word (Youth Room)
- 6:00p Adult Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)

#### 29 Wednesday

- 6:30a Bagels
- 5:30p Music Exploration (Youth Choir Room)
- 7:15p Adult Choir II (Music Suite)

30 Thursday 10:00a Quilt Ministry (Youth Area) 6:15p Adult Choir I (Music Suite)

#### 3 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:30a Fellowship Breakfast (Family Life Center)
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 4:00p Jubilate (Youth Choir Room)
- 4:45p Lobchor (Adult Choir Room)
- 5:45p Youth Group (Various locations)
- 8:00p Pre-Compline Recital (Sanctuary)
- 8:30p Compline (Sanctuary)



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