

Christ the King
SUNDAY

Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
November 23, 2025

8:30am Hosanna Handbells: Praise God! (Doxology)...Fred Bock

6:30p & 8:30am HYMN 905 (Maroon): Come Thou, Almighty King
10:30am SONG: Creation Sings the Father's Song

INVOCATION and PSALM 93

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

²**Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

³The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵**Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.**
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Heavenly Father, we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

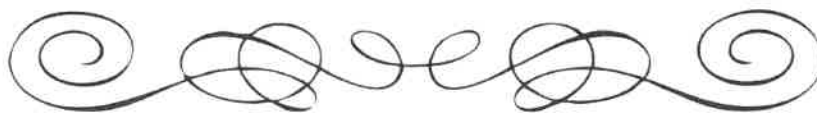
Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 465 (Maroon): Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, Verses 1 & 3

**1. Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds;
"Christ hath triumphed, He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**3. Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above,
That we conquer through thy triumph,
Grant grace sufficient for life's day,
That by our lives we ever say,
"Christ hath triumphed, He is living!"
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

10:30am SONG: Hymn of Praise



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:13-18

¹³ “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’ ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ **6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 465 (Maroon): Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounding, verse 4**

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”

Be to the Father and our Lord To spirit blest, most holy God

All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

▲ **10:30am SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:26-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Children's Message

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 837 (Maroon): Lift High the Cross, Verses 1-4

10:30am SONG: I See the King of Glory (Hosanna)

SERMON "Is Jesus your King?" Pastor Weber

The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with "the last things." The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives. In the Apostles' Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God's good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord. In these, the final three weeks of the church year, we will be reading one article of the creed each week, along with a portion of Luther's Small Catechism. We encourage you to read the rest of Luther's explanation as a part of your Bible study this week.

The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

In the Third Article, we affirm our confession of the last things and add our "Amen" to all we have professed that we believe.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Handbells & Choir: Just As I Am, arr. Joel Raney

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

10:30am SONG: Another Hallelujah

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN: Battle Hymn of the Republic

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on**

Refrain: **Glory glory hallelujah, Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah, His truth is marching on**

**2. He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgment seat
O be swift my soul to answer Him Be jubilant my feet
Our God is marching on Glory, glory....**

**3. We can almost hear the trumpet sound The Lord's return is near
There are still so many people lost His message they must hear
Father give us one more moment, One more day, Just one more year
With God we're marching on Glory, glory...**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Worship Services

Wednesday, November 26th at 11:30am and 6:30pm
No noon meal. Note: No service on Thanksgiving Day.

Midweek Advent Worship Services

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 17; 11:30am followed by lunch
4:30pm (Peace Center)

Saturday, December 6th, Christmas Cookie Sale

Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, Dec. 13 – 10:00-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family Christmas party
Sunday, Dec. 14 – Meet at 10:00am, 10:30am Children's Christmas pageant (Sanctuary)

December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

December 25th, Christmas Day Worship

9:00am, with communion

Sundays, December 21st and 28th

ONE worship service each weekend.

Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.

December 21st at 10:00am

Service of Lessons, Carols and Bells

11:30am Lunch, Congregational Christmas Gathering

Advent Candles

We will once again be asking families to light the Advent wreath at each worship service.
If you are interested, please contact Dr. Joan.