

Christ the King Sunday
(The last Sunday of the Church Year)
November 22, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 905 (Maroon): Come, Thou Almighty King
10:30am SONG: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)

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

[1] Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before him with thanksgiving**
and extol him with music and song.
[3] For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
[4] **In his hand are the depths of the earth,**
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us bow down in worship,**
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
[7] **for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,**
the flock under his care.

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.
Amen.

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.**

HYMN 806 (Maroon): Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)

Give thanks..... Give Thanks!

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Heidi Sickmann; 10:30am Sharon Christensen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34:11-17, 20-24

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a
shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my
sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 And 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 ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall
feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them
lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy.[a] I will feed them in
justice.
20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you
have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge
between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David
shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. (ESV)

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

6:30pm & 8:30am ▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40] And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[f] you did it to me.'

[41] "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45] Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (ESV)

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

10:30am Sunday School and Youth Bells: Jesus, Strong and Kind

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 821 (Maroon): Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
10:30am SONG: Jesus Loves Me

MESSAGE "How will you spend your last day?" 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 final weeks of the church year, we are 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.

OFFERING PRAYER **10:30am Youth Bells – God of the Ages**

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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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 G603 (Green): Lead On, O King Eternal

10:30am SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Thanksgiving Worship Services
Wednesday, November 25, 11:30am (no lunch) and 6:30pm.
No service on Thanksgiving Day.