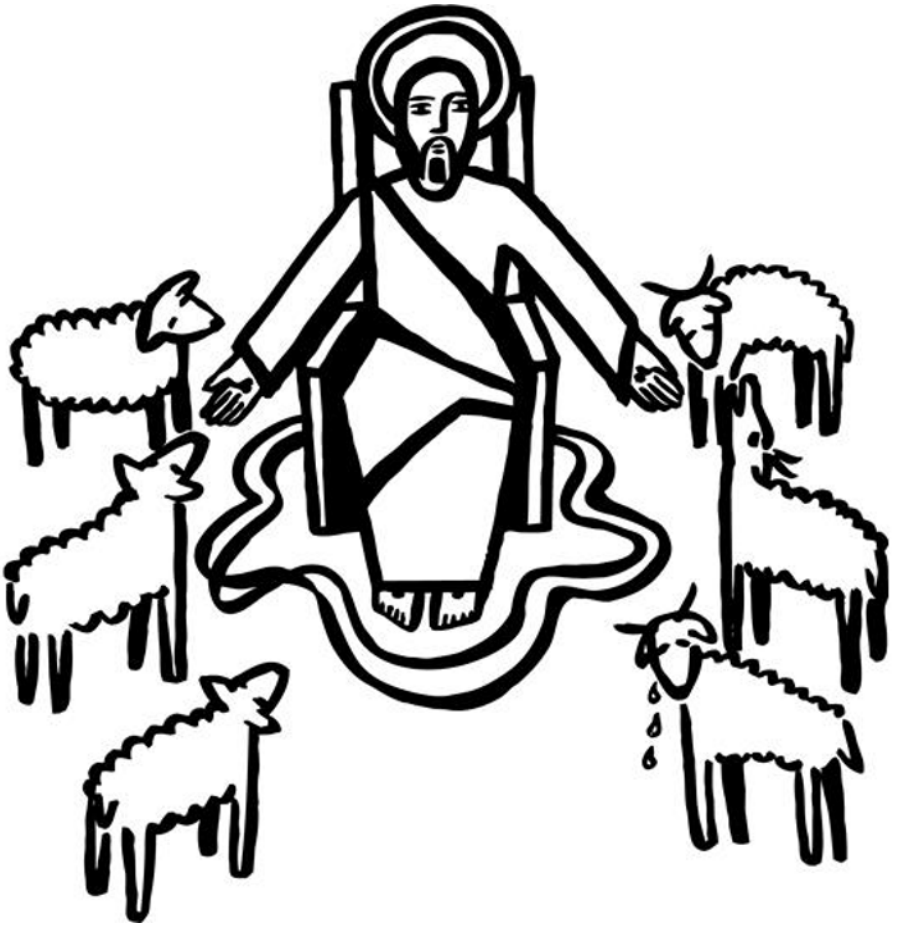
Zion Lutheran Church



11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

Explanation of Day: Today we mark the end of the Church Year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Traditionally, this is the day we recognize the rule of Jesus. We acknowledge that the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge that the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness. Today, we acknowledge that the reign of God is love for us in all seasons and times.

Worship on this day is a journey through the liturgical year—the way the church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through Pentecost, we will be reminded of the different seasons in the church year. We will hear God's Word, sing songs appropriate to each season, and be reminded of the colors associated with each season. In this, we honor and celebrate Christ the King in all seasons and time.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Glory be to God on High* Kirk Denton, organ
---Michael Burkhardt

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence 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.
In the mercy of almighty God…and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Jesus Shall Reign* ELW 434

***APOSTOLIC GREETING** (℟**/And also with you.**)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (℟**/Amen.**)

Advent - The Season of Expectation

Reader: *Advent - The Season of Expectation. The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is not just about preparing us for Christmas, but preparing us for the end of time. Advent means coming or arrival. The primary focus of Advent is on Christ's second coming. The beginning of the year moves us to the end of time where we await God's coming again. For when Christ returns, the fulfillment of God's plan of justice and peace for all creation will fully take effect. As we journeyed through this season, our focus was on hope. The color of Advent, symbolizing hope, is blue.*

Action:	**(The color blue is brought forward)**	
Reading:	**Matthew 24:36-44**	
Song:	***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** **(Verse 1)**	**ELW 257**

Christmas - The Season of Emmanuel

Reader: *Christmas - The Season of Emmanuel. Welcome Jesus! Welcome Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of Christ's birth and continues for twelve days, ending on January 6. This is the season of gift giving with friends and family. We also tend to focus on giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves and sharing our abundance in a variety of ways, like ELCA Good Gifts or in the red buckets of the Salvation Army. More importantly, Christmas is the season of God's gift given to us in Jesus. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the presence of God in Christ coming into the world. The color of Christmas, symbolizing the light and purity of Jesus, is white.*

Action:	**(The color white is brought forward)**	
Reading	**Luke 2:8-20**	
Song	***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** **(Verse 1)**	**ELW 276**

Epiphany - The Season of Light for the World

Reader*: Epiphany - The Season of Light for the World. January 6 is the Epiphany of our Lord and is a day when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to see Jesus. At one point in time, the Epiphany of our Lord was seen as the third holiest day in the Christian Calendar. After January 6, we move into a season of growing in our faith as we explore stories such as the baptism of Jesus and those early beginnings of his ministry. During the time after the Epiphany, we celebrated the revelation of Jesus in every time and place throughout our world. The color for Epiphany is white, symbolizing the light of Jesus. After the day of Epiphany, we changed our color to green as we focused on understanding the growing mission of Jesus.*

Action:	**(The colors white and green are brought forward)**	
Reading	**Matthew 5:3-12**	
Song	***Brightest and Best of the Stars*** **(Verse 1)**	**ELW 303**

Lent - The Season of Turning to God

Reader: *Lent - The Season of Turning to God. Lent marks the 40 days before Easter. This time symbolizes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent is a time of preparation and thoughtful reflection on our life of faith and our relationship with God and the world. It is also a time to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. We culminate this journey through our Holy Week services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Historically, Lenten disciplines or faith practices have included alms giving (sharing financial resources), prayer, and fasting. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on returning to God. The color of Lent, symbolizing repentance and royalty, is purple.*

Action:	**(The color purple is brought forward)**	
Reading	**Matthew 4:1-11**	
Song	**The Glory of These Forty Days (Verse 1)**	**ELW 320**

Easter - The Season of Life

Reader*: Easter - The Season of Life. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia! This greeting rang out on Easter Sunday and throughout the next fifty days as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the high point of the Christian Year, with the celebration lasting for an amazing fifty days. One day is not enough, we rejoice at God's triumph over death and evil for a time longer than our somber period of Lent. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the risen Christ. The Paschal Candle stayed lit throughout these fifty days as a reminder to the season we were in. The colors of Easter, symbolizing joy and the light of resurrection, are white and gold.*

Action:	**(The color white/gold is brought forward)**	
Reading	**Matthew 28:1-10**	
Song	***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** **(Verse 1)**	**ELW 365**

Pentecost and the time after– The Season of Growing

Reader: *Pentecost – The Season of Growing. Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a grand culmination of a joyous celebration. The color of the day of Pentecost, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, is red. The season after Pentecost continues through the rest of the Church Year, returning us to Advent. This is sometimes called 'the long green season'. Its official name is 'Ordinary Time' because there are no major events in the life of the Church that are celebrated. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the life and teachings of Jesus. The color of Ordinary Time, symbolizing growing in faith, is green.*

Action:	**(The colors red and green are brought forward)**	
Reading	**John 20:19-23**	
Song	***O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*** **(Verse 1)**	**ELW 399**

Christ the King – Christ is King of All

Reader: *Christ the King—the day which we celebrate today—ends our current Church Year. This celebration began in 1925 after Pope Pius XI decreed that Christians needed to be reminded that their true allegiance needs to be in their spiritual ruler in heaven and not in earthly supremacy. Pius saw the rise of nationalism following War World I as a danger to Christians everywhere. Pius wanted a day that stressed Christ being supreme ruler and head. On this day, our gospel reminds us that Christ obtained his power not through powerful armies, clubs, swords or any violence placed upon another individual, but through violent acts committed by others against Jesus. The crown that our Savior wears is a crown of thorns and through his blood, we are saved. Just as a lamb once saved the people in Egypt, so has this lamb saved us.*

Please rise for the reading of the gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 25:31-46

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***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**

...Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE (℟ And also with you.)**

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.

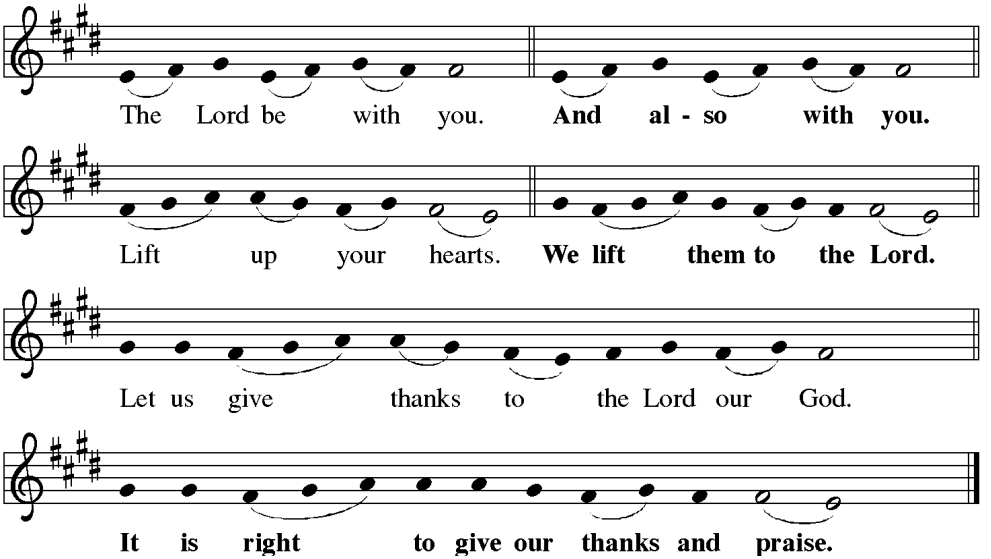
ANTHEM *Jesu, Gentle Savior* Worship Choir

-Sue Farrar

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (℟ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

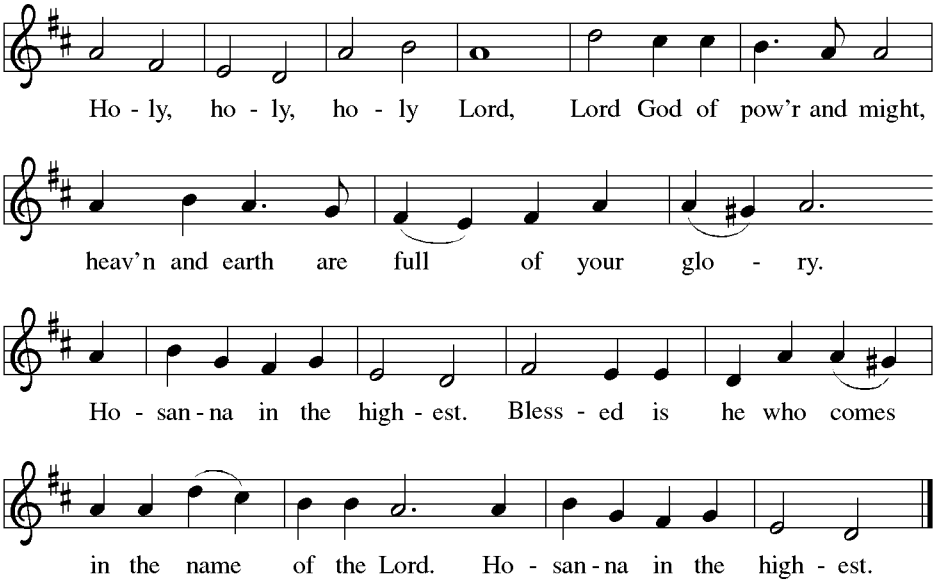
***SURSUM CORDA**



***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



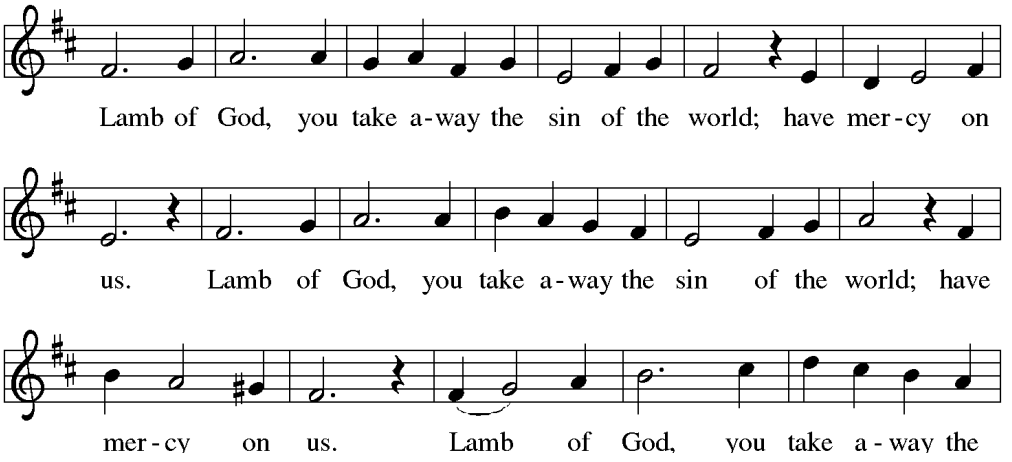
***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (℟ Amen.)**
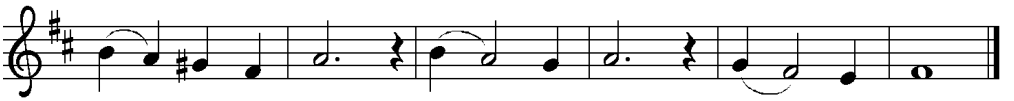
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI





DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Meditation on " Adoro Te Devore"* Kirk Denton, organ
---- Alfred V. Fedak

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (℟ **Amen.**)

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (℟ **Amen.**)

***BENEDICTION** (℟ **Amen.**)

***SENDING HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Christ is king.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Earth and All Stars* Kirk Denton, organ
– Michael Burkhardt

Servants in God's House
November 22, 2026
11 am Traditional Worship
Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Assisting Minister)
Gene Appleby (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Kinna-Engel (Communion Assist)
Doug Davis (Livestream)

Servants in God's House
November 29, 2026
11 am Traditional Worship
Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Clinton Appleby (Assisting Minister)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Wayne Ahalt (Head Usher)
Jim Huckleberry (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Communion Assist)
9 am (Livestream)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God with glad celebration on the occasion of the recent birth of our granddaughter, Phoebe Umi Hetrick, by Kathy and Bob

Coffee and Donuts are sponsored by Sharon Finley



Zion Prayer List 11-22-2026

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Kris, Mary Anne Fox, Addison Hopson, Jill Sagez, Jim Huckleberry, Jim Cartlidge, Christopher Gray, Jim McMorrow, Jennifer Shankle, Tristan Swiney, Susan Dirndorfer, Mike Fath, Bill Blair, Jake Straits, Linda Stottlemyer, Sarah Routzahn, Jim Allen, Sarah Gladhill, Graham Haverfield, Karen Muscolino, Mackenzie Miessau, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Margaret Guyton, Kim Buhrman, Harriett Hahn, Gary Fulmer, Carrie Basler, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Shirley Hyssong, Samn Huffer, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Deb Kahihikolo
Military: Eric Saxton
Deaths: Marlene Banks, Karen Carpenter

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the Prayer List or would like visitation.

Our Mission

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others



Our Vision

Zion aspires to be a church where all are welcomed and loved; God's purpose for each of us is found; and lives are transformed.

OUR VALUES

Zion is a Christian ***community***, imperfect, but brought together by God's ***love*** to be strengthened through worship and study of the Bible in order to be sent out to ***serve*** with ***integrity***.



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