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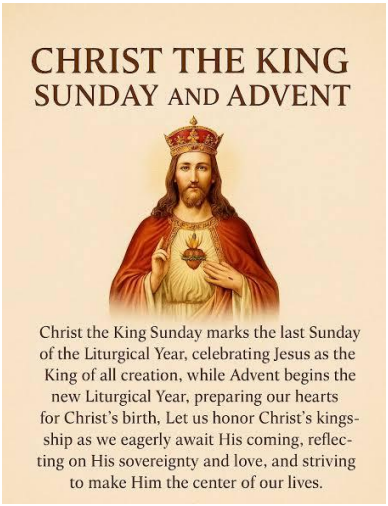


Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.
(Ephesians 4:1)

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Liturgist:

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Please stand as you are able where marked*

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*****The Confession and Absolution***

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)
Pastor: Most merciful God.
People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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
Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

******Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymnal #431***

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love, Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified,
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

******Psalm:*** **Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively)**
Liturgist: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Liturgist: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
People: and extol him with music and song.
Liturgist: For the Lord is the great God,
People: the great King above all gods.
Liturgist: In his hand are the depths of the earth,
People: and the mountain peaks belong to him.
Liturgist: The sea is his, for he made it,
People: and his hands formed the dry land.
Liturgist: Come, let us bow down in worship,
People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
Liturgist: for he is our God
People: and we are the people of his pasture.

******The Gloria Patri: (sung)*** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

******The Kyrie:*** (**responses are sung**)
Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.
People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

******Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)*** *And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Collect:
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Liturgist: Let us pray.
People: Almighty God, we beseech thee, show thy mercy unto thy humble servants; that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of thy judgment, but according to thy mercy; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 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. 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.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits 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 firstfruits, 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.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia: (sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Saint Matthew beginning with the thirty-first verse.
*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

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, 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."

Liturgist: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People:** ***(sung)*** *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

Children's Sermon: ***Jeane Flesch***

Sheep & Goats



Pulpit Hymn: ***Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us***

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you:?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you;
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay,
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you:
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

Sermon: ***Pastor Irvin Stapf***

The Kingdom



The Sermon Response: ***(sung)*** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

******Passing of the Peace***

******The Apostles' Creed:***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

******The General Prayer: (after each petition)***

Liturgist: Lord in your mercy.
People: Hear our prayer.

******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, For ever and ever. Amen.

******The Prayer Response: (sung)***

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

******The Benediction****:*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
People: ***(sung)*** *A-men, A-men, A----men.*

******Closing Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People Hymn #363***

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come, to God's own temple come, Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day All offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified, In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest-home.

******The Postlude***

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: Rev. Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev. Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev. Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev. Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Dorothy Foster	Rev. Joe Christina
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Norita Shipley	Jimmy Beall	The Shriver family
Ben Flynn	Carolyn Kelly	The Gray family	Paul Beall
Sharon Fraley	The Stapf family	The Fry family	

For those that have suffered loss due to hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters
For the President and the leaders of our nation
For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Bethany Hueter, Ethan Stone, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson
For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson
For a Region congregation: Pastor Joe Christina, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, NC
For our missionary work: Care Net Frederick
For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ
For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: St. Anne's Episcopal Church
For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches
For our college students: Maddie Day, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf, Jenna Perini, Gianna Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Monday – 11 AM at Joe's home.**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday – Will resume on December 2nd.**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday – Sunday morning at 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: clcmd.org or christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **We will be collecting sugar and flour for Damascus HELP during the month of November. There is a collection bin in the Narthex.**
- **Thank you to everyone that filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child!**
- **We will be decorating our Church for Christmas after service today.**