

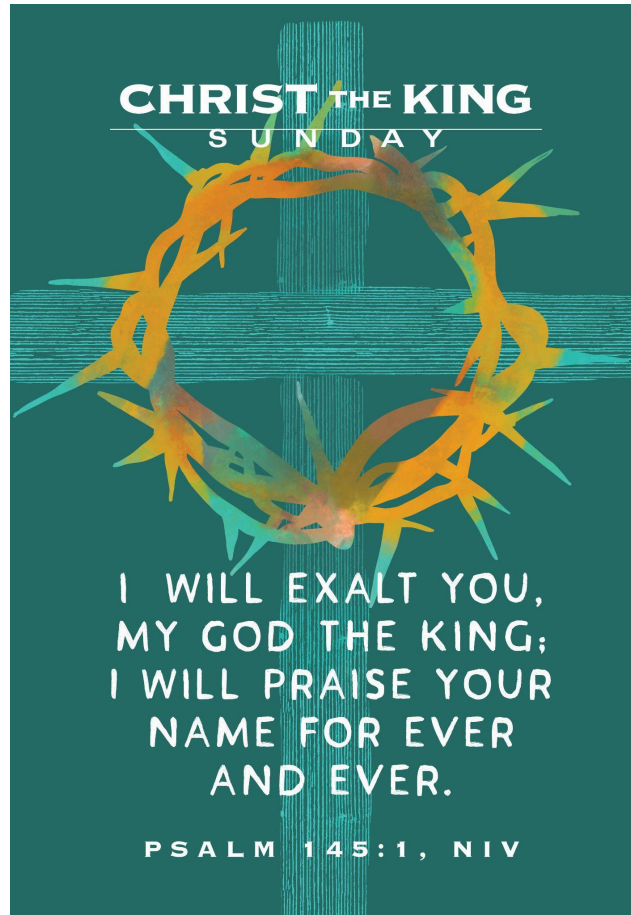
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# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***“The Reign of Christ in All Seasons”***



## **Today's Worship Theme**

Our service today is a special treat. Today is Christ the King, or Reign of Christ, Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the church year. In celebration of our whole liturgical calendar, we will take a few moments to recall each season in a “lessons and carols” format. Each season of the church year will provide a lesson, reflection and hymn: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The service will end with a triumphant note of celebration as we point toward a day when Jesus’ reign on earth will fully merge the heaven plus earth reality that was God’s intention from creation.

## **Welcome & Worship Notes**

- We're glad you are here! Please know children can join us for worship too.
- Congregation responses are in **bold** print. "ELW" is the red hymnal. The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Our ushers can provide devices for those with hearing impairment.
- Need the internet? *GraceGuests Network* Password: *GraceGuests1234*
- Please turn off all cell phones or place them in silent mode.
- Restrooms and water fountain are down the hall from the Sanctuary.
- A quiet, comfortable room is available to anyone needing it; it is located around the corner from the restrooms.
- **Got kids?** Children are welcome in worship. Grab an activity bag and children's bulletin located at the entrance. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message and may continue upstairs for Children's Church & Music (about 20 minutes), during the sermon. Children will return for Holy Communion and are welcome to receive the sacrament. Nursery is available for children 6 weeks–4 years old.

## **Grace Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome**

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

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*Greeter: Robin King*  
*Altar Guild: Carolyn Witt*

*Usher: TBA*  
*Coffee Host: Beverly DeBenedictis*

***A special note about today:*** *As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we look to the banners which hang in our worship space throughout the year. To the right of the lectern is the Season of Advent banner which begins our liturgical church year. Turning to the right, the Advent banner is followed by the Season of Christmas and the Season of Epiphany banners. In the rear of the nave and hanging on the balcony wall are those representing the Seasons of Lent and Easter. Also on the balcony wall are the Day of Pentecost and Holy Trinity. Turning to the right once again are Reformation and the All Saints banners, not as seasons of the church year, but as significant celebrations in our worship cycle. As we arrive at the banner hanging to the left of the pulpit, we find the banner of the day, Christ the King, completing the cycle of our liturgical year. Please note the two banners on either side of the chancel wall. They are the "Wheat and Wine" banners, representing Christ's presence promised through the bread and wine we receive during Holy Communion.*

✠ **GATHER** ✠

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Scan the QR code for our "Grace Happenings" weekly e-newsletter.



**PRELUDE** "Blessed Assurance with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Cynthia Dobrinski  
Ringers of Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** *Please turn to page 234 in the ELW.*

*Today we welcome new members: Peter Ejidike and Mike & Anna Wilder.*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace, then remain standing for the hymn.*

**GATHERING HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW 634

**GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Assisting Minister: Roger Bodo*

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.**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

✠ **WORD** ✠

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then are invited upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and will return before Communion.*

**ADVENT READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5** *Lector: Dana Holden*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

*Pastor Steve Troisi*

## **ANTHEM**

*“Processional from Canticles of Candlelight”* Joseph M. Martin

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And Ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descending,  
Our full homage to demand  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to you O Israel!

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By His coming, strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **CHRISTMAS READING: Isaiah 9: 2-7**

*Lector: Dana Holden*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTION**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*ELW 289*

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **EPIPHANY READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

*Lector: Kelly Rucker*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTION**

### **HYMN**

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come”*

*ELW 314*

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you drought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



**LENTEN READING: Mark 1: 12-15**

*Lector: Kelly Rucker*

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

**HYMN**

*"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"*

*ELW 319*

**PRAYER**

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**EASTER READING: Matthew 28: 1-10**

*Lector: JoAnn Wright*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

Please stand as you are able.

**HYMN**

*"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"*

*ELW 384*

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PENTECOST READING: Acts 2: 1-8, 14-21**

*Lector: JoAnn Wright*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTION**

### **HYMN**

*"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

*ELW 400*





## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **CHRIST THE KING READING: Colossians 1: 13-20**

*Lector: Dana Holden*

<sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **REFLECTION**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **HYMN**

*“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”*

*ELW 431*

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitat for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. , one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**





Please be seated.

✠ MEAL ✠

**OFFERING SONG**

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenburg

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.  
O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

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Please stand as you are able.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

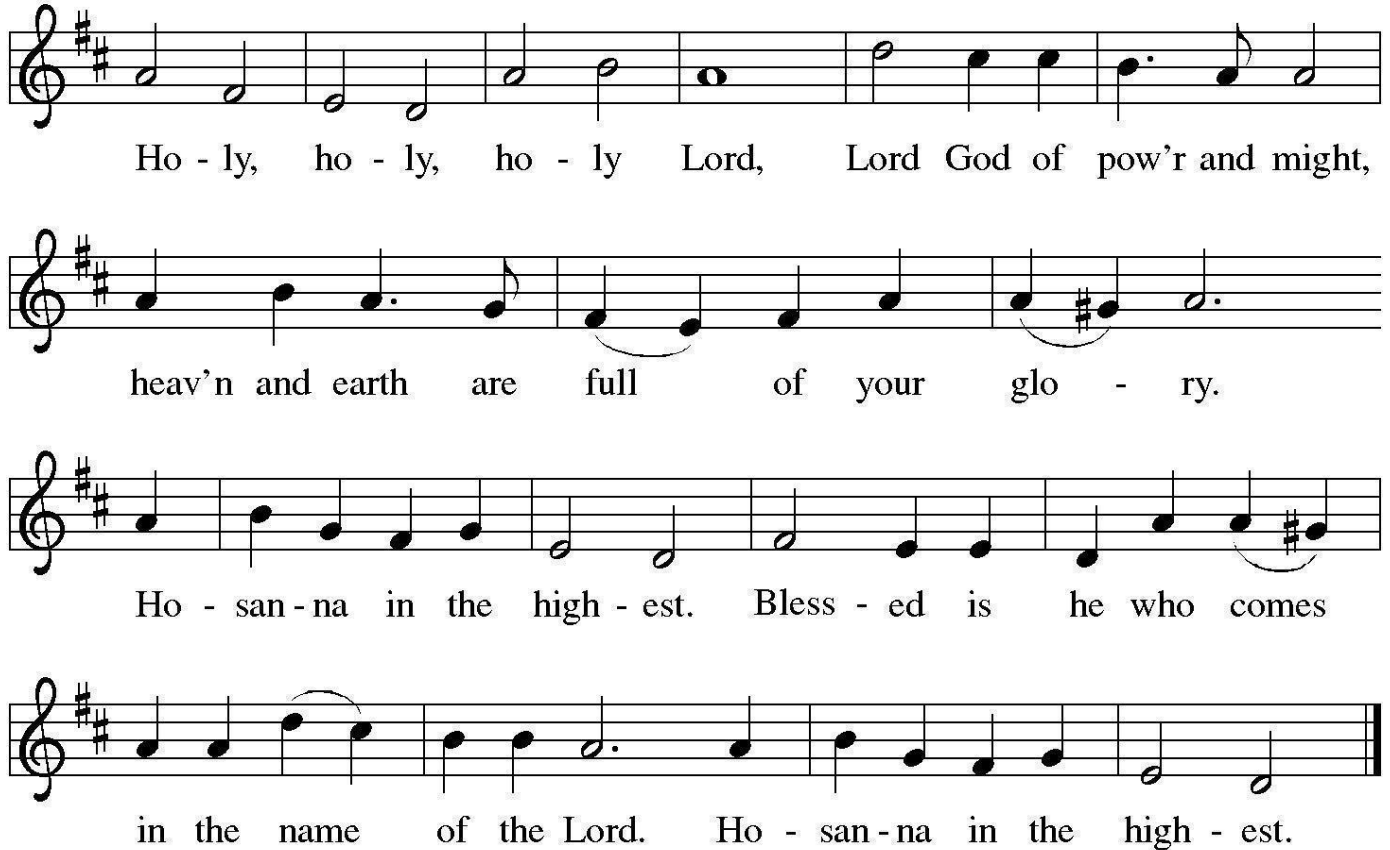
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion Assistant: Amy Atkins

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

### **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you.*

*Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)*

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"O Christ the Same"  
"Before You, Lord We Bow"

ELW 760  
ELW 893

## GRADUATE BLESSING

LSA Senior: Hannah Rose

### ✠ **SENDING** ✠

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

*Rick Seaton*

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our  
New & Old Member November Potluck!*

*Special Thanks*

*The Reign of Christ the King hymnfest was adapted with permission from  
St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC (Eric Childress, Senior Pastor)  
and St. Michael Lutheran Church, Greenville, SC (Pastors Andrea & Kyle Bates).*

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Are given to the glory of God  
and in memory Bob’s mom,  
Gertrude’s November birthday  
by Bob & Joan Streightiff.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Is burning to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for  
our many blessings  
by Ron & Gail Schuette.

**READINGS FOR December 1**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:1-10 | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Luke 21:25-36

**GIVING REPORT**

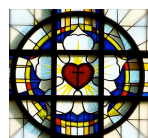
Giving September 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

| October Giving | October Budgeted Giving | Year to Date Giving | Year to Date Budgeted Giving |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| \$37,936.88    | \$31,666.67             | \$58,892.88         | \$63,333.34                  |

**HERE’S A GLANCE OF THIS COMING WEEK AT GRACE!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:30-5pm Family Adve</li> <li>CHRIST THE KING SUN</li> <li>Church Meal after wo</li> <li>LSA Dec. Grad Sunday</li> <li>• Sunday School (C)</li> <li>• LSA Sunday School (</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AA Mtg.(LLFH)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood Lot work day</li> <li>• LSA meet at App St.</li> <li>• PIKA (FH)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRACE office closed</li> <li>• LSA (CH)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan recording</li> </ul> |    |    |

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so that all are served and supported.

