

Welcome

Christ the King

November 21, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Lopez

The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able and turn to face the cross.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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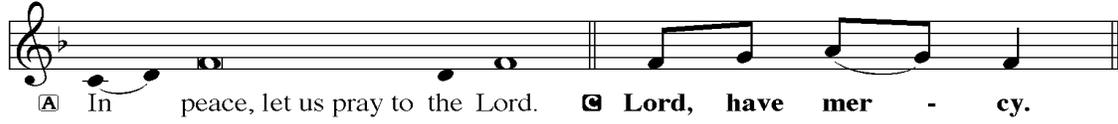
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise (verses 1, 3, and 5)

GREETING

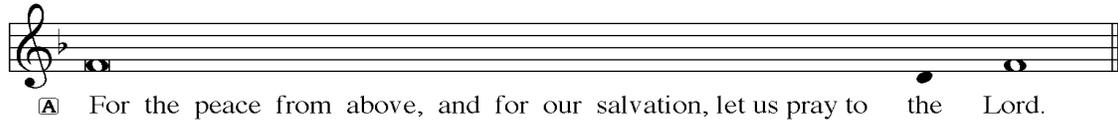
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

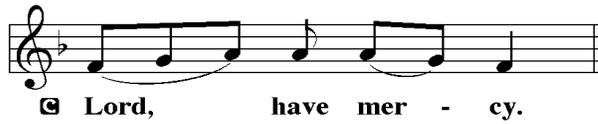
KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



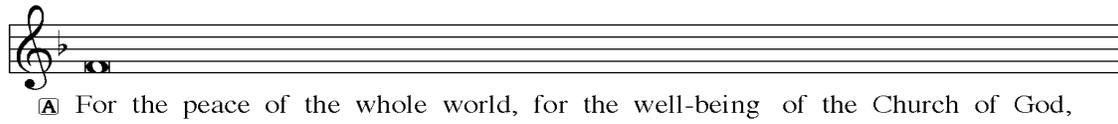
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



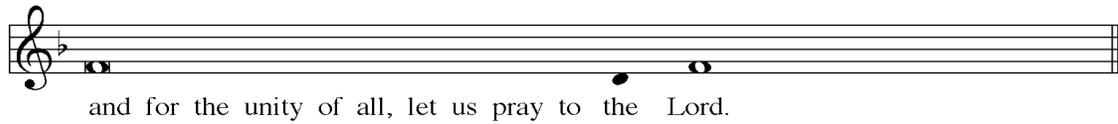
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



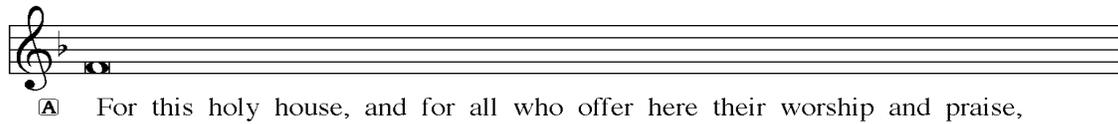
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



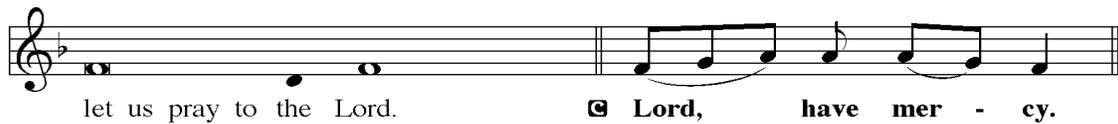
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at

the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 93 *spoken responsively*

- ¹The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
²**He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved;**
³Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.
⁴**The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
⁶**Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

²⁴{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON
Listen, Jesus Reigns

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LBW# 170

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

***Or, the holy Christian Church,*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen**

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

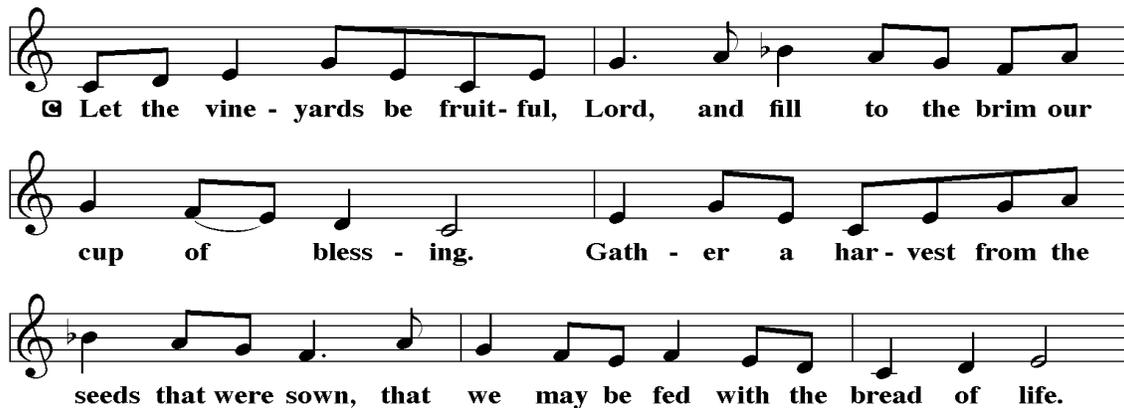
The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Building and Repair Fund. During the month of November, the Benevolence focus is on NALC Seminary and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM
Beautiful Savior (arr. Sandra Eithun)

Belles and Beaus

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



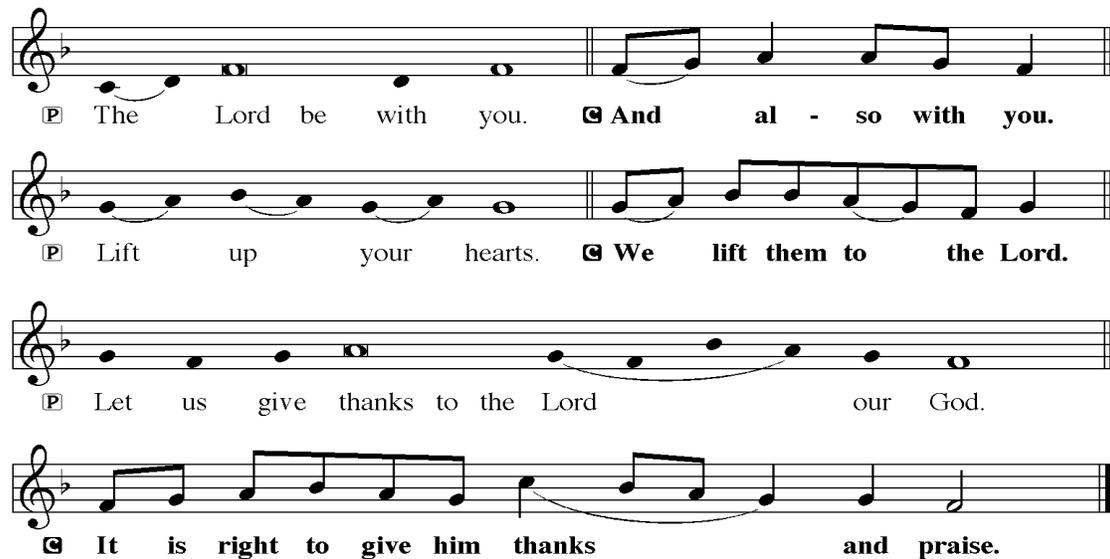
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)



☐ 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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 (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P 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.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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

Please be seated.

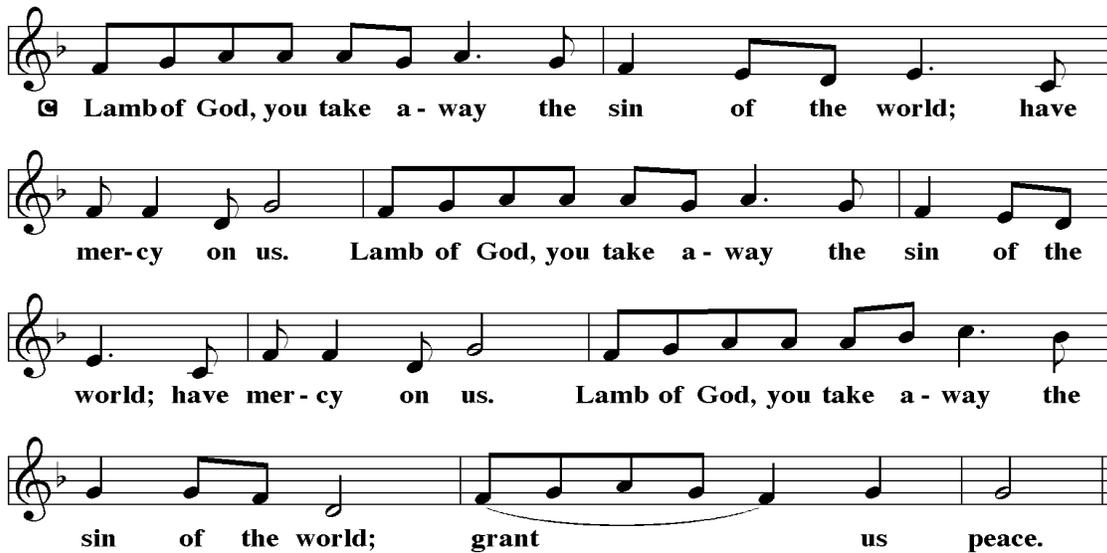
COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



☐ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Silence

LBW# 205

Let Us Break Bread Together

Adam Thompson, pianist

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P 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.

C **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LBW# 333

Please face the cross as it is processed out.

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ANNUAL MEETING *see packet*

Next Week's Readings (November 28):

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

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1 (pages 56-76)

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Those Serving in November

Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton,

Altar Guild: Ashley Deaton

Communion Assistants: Ashley Deaton and Morgan Deaton,

Lay Readers: Ashley and Morgan Deaton

Ushers: Brenda Cauble (HU), Linda Cauble (HU), and Felisaty Morgan

Offering Counting Team: Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ronald Vellines



“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”

Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.

NUGGET #6: Kyrie (...a shortened form of the Greek words *Kyrie eleison*, which mean “Lord, have mercy.”)

The **KYRIE** is the first prayer of the whole congregation as we worship with all the company of heaven. It is a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our needs and troubles.

The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” (Matthew 20:31)

(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 8, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

Christ the King Sunday

The last day of the Church year is a time to celebrate the Kingship of Jesus, a King like no other king. He gave his life for the sake of God’s people and through his sacrificial death he put an end to death for all who believe. There will be no question about his return, as the Scriptures tell us that all will know when he comes on the clouds in power and majesty to gather his elect. As we wait, we continue to serve.



The Benevolence Focus for the month of November is the North American Lutheran Seminary and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

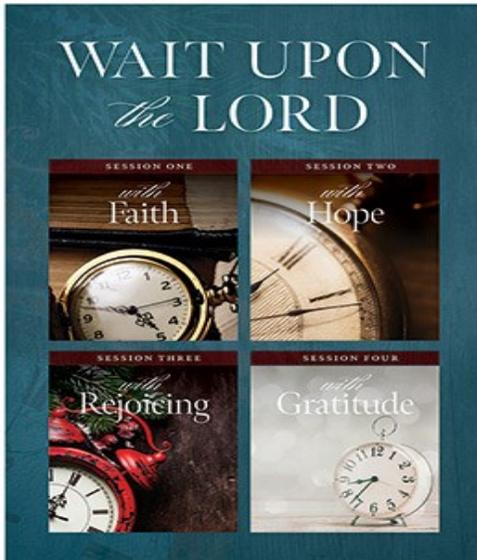


Bolstered by an interdependent network of five campuses, the **North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS)** is part of God's movement in this culture, time and place. Hundreds will be raised over the next decade—formed in the Great Tradition of confessional and evangelical Lutheran Faith. The NALS is singularly focused on forming pastors and church leaders with an education that is at once shaped by Christian tradition and bound by the Holy Scriptures.

Upheld by world-class faculty, students have time and opportunity to reflect on the depth and beauty of their Faith and be formed properly. The NALS is a commitment, not a cookie-cutter, flavor-of-the-moment diploma mill, which fails to truly deliver the foundation and the deep roots necessary for tomorrow's pastors and church leaders to be the stewards of classic, orthodox, biblical theological in preparation for Word and Sacrament ministry in the North American Lutheran Church.

GORDON CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is an educational institution serving the Lord and His Church. Its mission is to prepare men and women for ministry at home and abroad. The seminary undertakes this task as a training partner with the Church so that what is learned on campus may be complemented by the spiritual nurture and the exercise of ministry available through the Church. Gordon-Conwell's mission arises out of God's redemptive work in this world effected in Jesus Christ, understood through the biblical Word and mediated by the Holy Spirit. As a theological seminary, it provides learning, resources and training through which men and women may acquire knowledge, gain skills and develop attitudes needed in Christ's ministry.



Wait Upon the Lord Advent Series

This Advent, on Tuesday evenings, beginning on November 30 at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday mornings, beginning on December 1, at 10:00 a.m. we will look back at those who waited upon the Lord in Scripture for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child, and contemplate how we should wait upon the Lord together as God continues to make himself known to us in his time.

Week 1 Wait Upon the Lord with Faith (Galatians 3:8): *We take a look at the story of Abraham and Sarah who waited in faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, as we wait as a family for the birth of God's Son.*

Week 2 Wait Upon the Lord with Hope (Psalm 130:5): *We read from the book of the prophet*

Isaiah, who told us all to have hope as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Hoping in the Lord helps us to stay strong as a family.

Week 3 Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing (Isaiah 25:9): *We recall the rejoicing of Elizabeth and Mary as they waited for their children to be born. Rejoicing is part of what we do as a family, too, during our waiting in Advent.*

Week 4 Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude (Psalm 9:1): *We remember that Zechariah waited nine months not able to speak until John was born. With gratitude, Zechariah spoke praise to God when John was born. We speak gratefully to God for the birth of his Son.*

Dinner Casseroles will be served on **Tuesday evenings**, beginning November 30, at **5:45 p.m.** and **Breakfast Casseroles** will be served on **Wednesday mornings**, beginning December 1, at **9:15 a.m.** **We need YOUR help!** Please sign up outside of the church office on the bulletin board or in the Narthex if you are able to bring casseroles. Thank you!

*Mark your calendars!! **ALL YOUTH and COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS** are invited to attend an Advent Series just for them beginning on **Wednesday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.***

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