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## Christ the King

November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Union Lutheran Church (ULC) welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. Please fill out the communion/visitor card so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you have questions or are interested in the ministries and life of ULC, please see the pastor, contact the church office, or scan the QR code.

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

*(Please stand when indicated by \*)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal  
 With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal  
 P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 1*

#### Welcome & Announcements

*Please fill out the yellow Make It Simple Discipleship Covenant Card & Financial Commitment form, fold and place in the offering plate during the Offering.*

Prelude: Chorale and Allegro on “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” (Hobby)

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Please turn to face the cross.*

\* Invocation (Matthew 28:19) LBW p. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

\* Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9) LBW p. 56

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.

*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**

\* Absolution (*John 20:22-23*)

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.

C **Amen**

\* Processional Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LBW# 170

*As the Acolytes, Crucifer, Pastor, and Choir process in, please turn to follow the cross.*

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav'nly 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.**
- 2 **Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 **Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**
- 4 **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.**
- 5 **Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**
- 6 **Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;**

## Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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### \* Apostolic Greeting (Romans 1:7)

LBW p. 57

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)

LBW p. 57-58

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

### \* Hymn of Praise

LBW p. 60-61

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

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### \* Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

LBW p. 62

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

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:4-6

The first lesson is from the 51st chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>“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. <sup>5</sup>My 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. <sup>6</sup>Lift 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.”

L Here ends the reading.

#### Psalm 93 *Read Responsively*

L <sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

C <sup>2</sup>**Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

L <sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

C <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!**

L <sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

#### New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:11-13

The second lesson is from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

<sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L Here ends the reading.

Children’s Message

Mary Hutchens

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message.*

*During the noisy offering (NALC Disaster Relief Hurricane Helene), the congregation is invited to sing Jesus Loves Me.*

*Following the Children’s Message, the children are asked to sit with their families.*

\* Hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (stanza 1)

LBW# 549

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!**

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

\* Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup>{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, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And 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. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore 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 — <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* Hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (stanza 2) LBW# 549

**2** **Praise him for his grace and favor To our forebears in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!**

Sermon: *Christ IS King* Pastor Carl Haynes

\* Hymn of the Day: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* LBW# 171

**1** **Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:**

*Refrain:*

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2** **Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above: *Refrain***

**3** **His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n;**

**The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain***

**4 He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit  
And bow to his command And fall beneath his feet: *Refrain***

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\* Creed (*Romans 10:9-10*)

LBW p. 65

**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 is 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,*

\* Prayers of the Church (*1 Timothy 2:1-4*)

LBW p. 65

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

Everlasting God, grant that your church may be faithful to the mission to which you  
have called her. Keep us steadfast in our willingness to lift high the cross and proclaim  
boldly that it is from that symbol of defeat where you rule and reign, King of all  
creation forever.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Another  
cycle of the year has ended, reminding us that our time in the present world will also  
end in you. Teach us to number our days, that we may live in the confidence that you  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever, the King of truth.

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

Lord God, ruler of us all, you desire that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Let your blessing rest on our civic leaders and all whom you have placed in positions of authority, that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives, godly and respectful in every way, free to pray and work in your service.

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

As a sign of your holy reign, grant that this congregation will identify with the suffering, the sorrowing, and the sick in both our local and global communities. By your Spirit empower us to seek ways to serve and reach out to those on the fringes in loving and tangible ways. [We offer prayer this day particularly for ...].

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**

\* Sharing of the Peace (John 20:19)

LBW p. 66

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Offering (Malachi 3:10)

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

*Please place the yellow Make It Simple Discipleship Covenant Card & Financial Commitment form folded in the offering plate.*

*All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund.*

*The monthly benevolence will go towards Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries, Inc.*

Anthem: *Come Thou Almighty King* (Lovelace)

Jan Huffman, Sonya Mulkey, soloists

**MEAL**

*God invites us to His table.*

\* Offertory (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

LBW p. 66

**C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us  
a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\* Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 67

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\* The Great Thanksgiving (2 Timothy 4:22)

LBW p. 68-71

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8-11)

LBW p. 69

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

\* Words of Institution (32)

LBW p. 69

*(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.

\* The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

LBW p. 71

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**

*Those who are assisting with Holy Communion are asked to come forward at this time.*

Agnus Dei (John 1:29) LBW p. 72

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion (Mark 14:23)

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

*All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher as you follow their directions to the communion station.*

*Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.*

\* Blessing (1 Thessalonians 5:23) LBW p. 72

**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) LBW p. 72-73

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* Post-Communion Prayer LBW p. 74

**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**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\* Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26) LBW p. 74

**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: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

LBW# 522

*The Acolytes will lead the way out with light from the Christ candle. The light represents Jesus as the Light of the World. As the light exits the building so do we as we spread the light of Jesus into the world. During the recessional hymn please turn to follow the cross as it exits.*

- 1** Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2** Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless, And give thy word success,  
And let thy righteousness On us descend.
- 3** Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- 4** To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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\* Blessing & Dismissal (Matthew 28:19)

- 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**

Postlude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Reuss)

*The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of all His bountiful blessings.*

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During the period of November 1st -15th, 2024, the Union Lutheran Church General Fund received revenue totaling **\$9,693.00**. During this same period, the General Fund expended **(\$12,884.67)**. The result of this two-week period is a revenue deficit of **(\$3,191.67)**.

It should be noted that during this report period, Sifford’s Oil Company delivered 551.4 gallons of heating fuel at a cost of \$1,587.10. Additionally, Fire Control Systems held their annual extinguisher inspections at a cost of \$551.19.

John Knight, Treasurer; Union Lutheran Church

**Those Serving in November**

**Guest Pastor:** Pastor Carl Haynes

*We welcome Pastor Carl Haynes to worship today!*

**Sr. Acolytes:** Sam Nguyen and Noah Trexler

**Jr. Acolyte:** Jesse Morgan, Jr.

**Crucifer:** Adam Thompson

**Children’s Message:** Mary Hutchens

**Altar Guild:** Jan Huffman and Nikki Nguyen

**Communion Assistants:** Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, and Nikki Nguyen

**Lay Readers:** Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt and Doris Shepherd

**Ushers:** Phil Cauble, Ali Davis, Don Davis and Elbert Kluttz

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis, Doris Shepherd, and Ron Vellines

**Attendance**

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**Union News**

**Greeting Team ~ We need YOU!!**

The Mission Outreach Team is forming a Greeting Team to welcome visitors and we need YOUR help. What is needed? To be available in the Narthex by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, greet our visitors, hand out Welcome bags, etc. Interested? Please contact Cheryl Kluttz for more information 704-754-7752.

**Christ the King Sunday, November 24**

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (5th grade and under) in Choir Room

**9:30 a.m.** *Make It Simple* Small Groups  
Sharing Enough (Philippians 4:11b-13)

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion  
Isaiah 51:4-6; Psalm 93; Philippians 4:11-13; Mark 13:24-37  
Sermon: *Christ IS King*

*Following worship, the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will gather to have a picture taken.*

## ***Bonhoeffer*** at AMC Concord Mills

*As of November 21, 13 seats have been reserved leaving 7 open to watch the movie for only \$8. First come first serve.*

*Please meet at 4:20 p.m. at Concord Mills box office to be seated as a group and for QR tickets to be scanned only once. If you haven't already paid, please bring your \$8 with you and hand to our Treasurer, John Knight.*

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide. Will his shift from preaching peace to plotting murder alter the course of history or cost him everything?

### **This Week's Schedule**

- Tuesday, Nov. 26      Thanksgiving Service has been cancelled.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27      In observance of the Holiday: Catechism Confirmation, Belles & Beaus, and Chancel Choir will not meet.
- Thursday, Nov. 28      Thanksgiving Day  
2:00 p.m. Dusty Morgan Family (small fellowship hall)

*The Church Office is closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday (Nov. 28-Nov. 29).*

### ***Date Change* The Great Rake**

**When:** Saturday, November 30

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Who Can Come:** Everyone is welcome

**What to Bring:** Rakes, Work Gloves, Warm Clothes, Leaf Blower, and any other yard equipment

On Saturday, November 30, we're going to be a blessing to a few in our church body and community who could really use the extra hand. Families are welcome to join us too! This is a great opportunity to be the "hands and feet of Christ" in a practical way.

We will meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m., and load the vehicles, and try to be on the road to head over to the first house by 9:00 a.m.

If you need help with your yard, please contact Thad Mulkey or the church office.

### **Sunday, December 1**

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (5th grade and under) in Choir Room

**9:30 a.m.** Belles & Beaus will rehearse in the Nave

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

The Ten Commandments ~ Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Mark 12:28-31

*"God declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone." (Deuteronomy 4:13)*

Rabbit Hole Adult Sunday School Class  
The Ten Commandments

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class  
Jesus' Ancestry ~ Galatians 4:1-7; Ruth 1-4, 4:9-17; Luke 3:23-38

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion  
LBW Setting 2  
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36  
Sermon: *Ready or Not, Here He Comes!*

**10:30 a.m.** Church Council Installation, Reaffirmation & Recognition

**4:00 p.m.** Christmas Program Practice (for all ages)

*During the season of Advent, the Altar Greenery is given to the glory of God.*

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**2024 Annual Congregational Meeting Results**

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, November 17 2024 following worship in the large fellowship hall. Lunch was served.

The following were elected to serve a three-year term (2025-2027) on the Congregational Council: Karen Barringer, Pete Nguyen, and Brad Trexler.

The following were elected to serve as Union Lutheran Church's representatives for the Carolinas Mission Region & Piedmont-East District from May 2-3, 2025 at Christ's Lutheran Church, Stanley, NC, with Pastor Heidi Punt: Susan Knight (delegate) and Deena Lanning (alternate).

The following were elected to serve as Union Lutheran Church's representatives for the NALC Convocation from August 4-8, 2025 in Pittsburg, PA, with Pastor Heidi Punt: Jan Huffman (delegate), and Nikki Nguyen (alternate).

Six members of the 2025 Nominating Committee were elected as follows: Tara Davis and Frank Merrell (Council Term expiring representatives) and the rest at large: Brad Huffman, Janie Lesley, Karen Morgan and Kay Morgan.

The 2025 Ministry Support Plan was adopted with no amendments.

Further business:

A motion was made to forgive the Narthex Expansion Loan, seconded, and opened for discussion. Motion carried to forgive the Narthex Expansion Loan with 45 yes and 2 no votes.

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**Part 4: Holy Baptism**

The Definition & Command of Baptism



What is Baptism? *Baptism is not merely water; it is water used according to God’s command and connected with God’s Word.*

What is this Word of God? *It is the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition Pocket Version page 23)

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*Please note as of today, Christ the King Sunday, we have refreshed our prayer list and kindly ask that you please resubmit your prayer requests by filling out the prayer request card in the Narthex. If you have a praise report, we are always happy to hear about them too and invite you to share them with the church office to include in our monthly newsletter.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

**Nursing Homes** – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201) & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56)

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members** – Sarah Bame, Rachel Earnhardt, Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Macky Swicegood

**Continual Prayer** – Jeff Matthews (cancer patient), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti), especially for our NC neighbors affected by natural disasters & those affected by political disasters

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**OUR MISSION:** Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~ Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

**OUR 2024 VISION:** “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

**OUR 2024 ACTION PLAN:** “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...” (Matthew 25:35-40)

