



Jesus,
remember
me when
you come into
your kingdom

LUKE 23:42



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! arr. Joseph Prentiss

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation. The Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, & Agnus Dei can be found in the settings for Holy Communion located in the front section of the hymnal. Numbering for the miscellaneous service music and hymns begins on page #151 (the page labeled “Service Music” immediately following the psalms).*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,**

**renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.
HYMN #634: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast*

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PRAAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 *(printed on back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 *The psalm is sung responsively.*



¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-| y of God,
the holy habitation of| the Most High.**

- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
 God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
 God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
 what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of | hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43 (*printed on back cover*)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #431: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

NICENE CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

OFFERTORY: Rejoice, The Lord Is King! arr. David Schack

As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN #423: *Shall We Gather at the River*

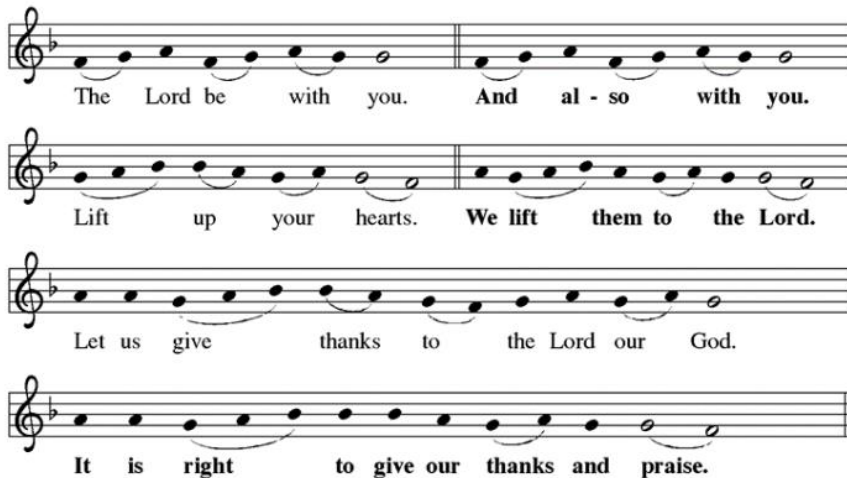
OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Blessed are all those invited to your feast.

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

COMMUNION MUSIC: Jesus Shall Reign arr. Wilbur Held

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

BLESSING



☞ 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.



HYMN #855: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Jonathan Reuss

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Rene Amey.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Vicar	Philip J. Supeck
Supply Organist	Donna Nace
Asst. Minister/Lector	Brenda Fetter
Altar Guild	Jean Slaymaker
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/23/25

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Beth Craley, Janet Craley, Weston Hertzler, Cody Leisey, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Joe Stoyanovich and Toby Sweigart.

Anyone requesting prayers for themselves or for others to contact Vicar Philip Supeck via his cell phone or by email.

Reminder Dates

Fellowship & Adult Forum at 9:00 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 23.
Lunch with the Vicar at Katy's Grill Luther Acres Lititz at 11:30 am on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

COLLECTION

Ushers Charles and Claude will be collecting for staff Christmas gifts starting November 30 to December 21st.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7, 2025, following the worship service in the sanctuary. Copies of the 2026 Budget are available in the narthex. The 2026 Budget was sent via email to church members.

LITITZ WARWICK COMMUNITY CHEST CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

We will be collecting monetary donations to sponsor families for the Christmas season. The LWCC Christmas Basket Program provides monetary gifts to local families so they can purchase food for their holiday meal. Please look for collection baskets at the rear of the church on 11/9, 11/16 and 11/23. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

WARWICK HUB

We received a request from the Warwick HUB for assistance to restock their supply cabinet. The following items will be collected through November 23:

- Toilet paper, preferably in 4-packs
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Laundry detergent(preferably average size, not XL size)

The HUB assists families in need in Lititz and Warwick Township with a variety of services-please see the flyer in the narthex at the drop off basket for more information. The HUB had four new requests for help last week alone.

Thank you for your support of this important resource in our community!

NOVEMBER FOOD BANK SUGGESTIONS:

- *Laundry Detergent**
- *Shampoo and Conditioner (2 in 1 products are fine)**
- *Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes**



Items can be placed in the drop box on the first floor by the elevator - thank you!

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

The Adult Forum group will be discussing the Gospel Readings from Luke. All are welcome to join us at 9:00am!

Here are the chapters we will be looking at:

11/23 – Luke 21:5-19

11/30 – Luke 23:33-43

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT BULC

The annual Christmas Bazaar is on December 6, 2025, from 8 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Brickerville United Lutheran Church.

This year's proceeds benefits: Four Girls on a Mission, LWR International Disaster, BULC Rick Thompson and his guitar will provide music for the event.

Items for the bazaar may be brought to the church during office hours or during set-up times on Thursday, December 4, from 6:00pm until 8:30pm
Friday, December 5, from 1:00pm until 8:30pm.

All craft items and tree trims are to be labeled and priced by the contributor, as he/she knows the cost and time of materials involved to make them. Baked goods should be brought to the church on Friday and are to be labeled with the name of the item. Please note if any nuts or peanut butter are in the item. Baked goods will be priced by the volunteers at the stand. Bring Greens in on Friday.

The tables will be set up after Church on Sunday November 30th. Help is needed on Thursday and Friday evenings to arrange items on the tables. If a morning time or another day is needed to set up contact Gloria Hostetter at 717.940.7847.



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Church Office Hours: Wednesday 10am to 5pm and Friday 10am to 6pm

Philip J. Supeck, Vicar

, Director of Music

Beth Smith, Treasurer

Zachary Fetter, Office Administrator (until Dec. 4, 2025)

Joan C. Dull, Sexton

Congregation, Ministers

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalms 46**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

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