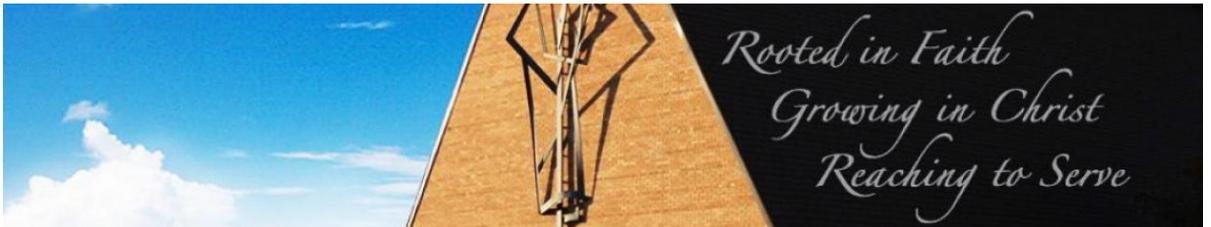
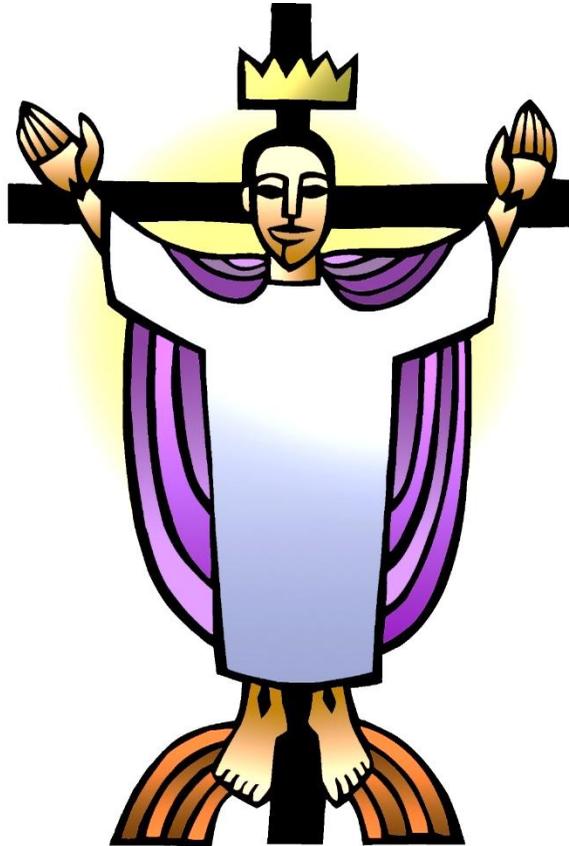


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2025

Christ the King Sunday



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

CHRIST THE KING HYMN FESTIVAL

Lessons, Symbols and Songs of the Church Year

As we gather . . . The festival of Christ the King was first celebrated in 1925, in the midst of the European political turmoil of the 1920s and 1930s. It was intended to proclaim God's reign over a world wracked by one world war and facing another. That truth can still be proclaimed today. No human system is forever. None can claim absolute allegiance. Only Christ is sovereign.

PRELUDE

Anna De Foe, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING NARRATION

Often in our lives the celebration of a new year – a birthday, an anniversary, a new school term, a new calendar – provides a natural time of reflection. We see ways that we are not the same as we were a year ago, and we think about how the events of the past year have shaped us.

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The wheel of our church year has come full circle, and we are poised on the eve of a new year. Today we are invited to look back – to recall the stories of the seasons we have shared – and to turn with anticipation toward the year to come. Today we are invited to reflect on how our encounter with the Word of the living God has shaped us. For as we worship, we do more than remember: we enter into God's story of redemption and new life. We experience God's saving action, and we are changed.

And so on this day, we are invited *not* to sit back and relax as we begin our worship; rather, we are invited to *enter in* to the presence of the living Lord. Through word and symbol, song and prayer, we join with the whole church - gathered here in this place and throughout all times and places – to worship and adore Jesus, our risen and exalted King!

INVOCATION

We begin our worship as we are called to begin each day of our life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



ADVENT

Reading (Jim Fisher) - Isaiah 11:1-10

Symbol – Advent wreath

Narration

Hymn – “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 (v. 1 & 2)



CHRISTMAS

Reading (Judy Peliska) – **Luke 2:1-20**

Symbol – manger

Narration

Hymn – “Joy to the World” #267 (v. 1)



EPIPHANY

Reading (Ron Hindt) – **Isaiah 60:1-3**

Symbol – star

Narration

Hymn – “Christ, Be Our Light” #715 (v. 1, 2 and 5)

The Baptism of Our Lord

Symbol – pitcher of water

Narration

Hymn: “Baptized and Set Free” #453

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Symbol – white cloth

Narration

Hymn – “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671 (refrain, v. 2, refrain)



LENT

Ash Wednesday

Responsive Reading (Jim Fisher) – Psalm 51:1-13

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Symbol – cross

Narration

Hymn – “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” #351 (v. 1 & 2)

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Symbol – palm branch

Narration

Hymn– “Lamb of God” #336 (v.1 & 3)



THE THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday

Reading (Anna De Foe) – **John 13:1-5, 12-17**

Symbol – basin and towel

Narration

Hymn – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #708 (v. 1 & 2)

Good Friday

Reading (Judy Peliska) – **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

Symbol – black cloth

Narration

Hymn – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335 (v. 1 & 3)



EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Reading (Jim Fisher) – **Matthew 28:1-10**

Symbol – rock

Narration

Hymn – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” #619 (v. 1, 7 & 8)

The Ascension of our Lord

Symbol – chalice and paten

Narration

Hymn – “You Are Holy” #525



PENTECOST

Reading (Butch Panula) – **Acts 2:1-4**

Symbol – red cloth

Narration

Hymn – “**Spirit of Gentleness**” #396 (refrain, v. 3 & 4)

Time after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Reading (Anna De Foe) – **John 15:1-5**

Symbol – plant

Narration

THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

The work of the Spirit among us leads us to offer our gifts, a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God’s gifts to us.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior’s depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering



OFFERTORY PRAYER Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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

**CHRIST THE KING**

Reading (Jim Fisher) – Luke 23:33-43

Narration

Choir Anthem “Soon and Very Soon”

BLESSING The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL My siblings in Christ, go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Anna De Foe, Organist

This hymn festival had been prepared by members of the ELCIC's Synod of Alberta and the Territories Worship and the Arts Committee.

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Joann, Jim, Wendy, Kathy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Pete, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Matthew C, Mark O., Marge, Dana, Doug, Matthew, Bill, Mark, Dena, Jeff & family, community members with cancer: Dan, Gary, Steve. Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross (post-transplant surgery), Doug J, Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla-heart, Sarah, Brandy, Rick, Janet, Tom, Lynn M., Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, John W., Luddy, Gerilyn, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue.

Call the church office if you have a prayer need and we will send it to the prayer chain if you desire.

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS.

OPEN TUESDAY- FRIDAY, 9AM - 5PM. There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Christ the King Sunday
November 23rd, 2025

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Look for the sign-up sheets on 2 SIDES OF THE KIOK! There is a shorter list of food items this year so we can add a \$25 Super One giftcard to each basket (for children with food allergies etc). You can give toward the giftcards by writing a check to OSLC with “food baskets” in the memo, place it in the offering, or bring to the office during the week. **Monday, Nov. 24th at 10am** you are welcome to join the team to pack and/or deliver the baskets. THANK YOU!

DECORATING Join us after worship next Sunday, Nov. 30th as we create a warm & inviting Advent and Christmas atmosphere throughout the church! A light lunch will be served.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE \$25/wreath, the sign-up sheet will be by the coffee in the Fellowship Hall - **today is the last day to order** and funds have to be turned paid. Make checks out to Our Savior’s and put “youth wreath” in the memo. Pick up is **Dec. 7th**. *Thank you for supporting our Youth ministries!*

ADVENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY We are seeking art works to be displayed in our worship space for our service on **Wed., Dec. 10 at 6:30pm**. This will be a contemplative hour for folks to get away from the rush of Christmas planning and shopping to pray and meditate to the accompaniment of visual art and music. If you have paintings, photographs, or other visual art that you believe would enhance our worship space in this hour, **please contact Anna De Foe at amdefoe@msn.com**. We hope to hear from you! Join us for all three Advent Services with our neighbors: The **Advent Spiral Worship Service** will be at Messiah Lutheran on **Wed., Dec. 3rd at 6:30pm**, and the **Blue Remembrance Service** will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran on **Wed., Dec. 17th at 6:30pm**.

ADULT FORUM After worship we will have a presentation with AEOA Services on what is offered to residents in the area. *We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall as Choralaires build their risers for the concert.*

CHORALAIRE’S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS The Friday eve concert will be at **Gethsemane Dec. 5th at 6pm**, and here at **OSLC on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2pm**. We are asking for volunteers to serve coffee and for donations of Christmas Cookies for the event (label them for the concert & leave in the kitchen). Let Marcia Aluni know if you can help!

WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WELCA is hosting this lunch **Dec. 9th 11:30am @ Grandma’s Restaurant**. This is for **ALL women** of our congregation! *If possible, but not required, let Marcia Aluni know if you plan on coming so we can have an idea for tables.*

SING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE Join us **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th at 5pm** for a potluck dinner & after, we will be singing our favorite Christmas Hymns together around the Christmas Tree! Invite family and friends to this Christmas tradition!

FURNACE/PIPE PROJECT: Many Thanks to all who helped us get to our first payment for the project, we are on our way to the next payment! Work has begun. All gifts - *big or small*- are appreciated. If you would like to give to the project specifically, we have included a new QR code below for your conience

WANT TO GIVE SPECIFICALLY TO OUR HEATING & PIPE PROJECT?

We've created a new QR code to give electronically toward this project through our giving app. It's a quick way to give & makes a big difference. Every gift helps - together, we can do this!

Check out the 'update board' in the narthex to see where we're currently at.



THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

11/24	6PM BOY SCOUTS
11/26	9AM QUILTING
11/26	12-3PM 9AM QUILTING
11/27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
	OFFICE CLOSED
11/28	OFFICE CLOSED
11/30	9AM WORSHIP
	DECORATING CHURCH AFTER WORSHIP

Join us for the Annual Choralaire's Christmas Concert

Friday Dec. 5 TH 6pm Gethsemane Lutheran Church		Sunday Dec. 7 TH 2pm Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Join us  

Grab a coffee & join us for this year's Adult Forums after worship - first Sunday of the month:

DEC 7th: AEOA Local Services

Sing Around the Christmas Tree
with potluck dinner

Sunday, Dec. 14th 5pm

Join us for dinner at 5pm.

We will then gather around the Christmas Tree to sing our favorite Christmas Hymns together



Women's Christmas Lunch

TUESDAY, DEC. 9TH AT 11:30AM

WELCA is inviting all women of OSLC to a lunch at Grandma's Restaurant to start the Christmas season together. Hope to see you there!



Abundant Worship opportunities:

Wed., Dec. 3rd 6:30pm Spiral Worship Service
Messiah Lutheran

Wed., Dec. 10th 6:30pm Visual Arts Worship
Our Savior's Lutheran

Wed., Dec. 17th 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service
Gethsemane Lutheran

GOD PAUSE FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

LUKE 23:33-43 (NRSV)

[Read Luke 23:33-43 on biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

³³When 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."

Devotion

As Jesus hangs on the cross dying, the thought of him as "Savior" fades away. The leaders, soldiers, and others mock him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" (Luke 23:37). They even scoffed at him with an inscription over his head, "This is the King of the Jews." (Luke 23.38). To tell you the truth, most days, my voice joins theirs. *Why offer my trust and hope to someone who refuses to fight back? What trustworthy leader will cave to false accusations and then offer forgiveness? A crucified Christ makes a lousy role model...* But Jesus is no "role model." He is God enfleshed in human love. He saves us from the power of death so that we can be alive in the present. While we count the cost of people's lives by the dollars it costs to offer health care, Christ refuses to accept the limitations we place on serving, loving, and giving.

Prayer

Christ Jesus, even in death you call us to increase the reach of your love, to live with more generosity, forgiveness, and grace for the people we least expect to love. Please Jesus, make us more of you. Amen.

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