# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Anchored in His Word**

**Christ the King Sunday**

Order of Worship November 22, 2026

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** ELW 855

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie *(ELW pp. 138-141)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**
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. **Lord have mercy.**
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

This is the Feast

**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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
**Amen.**

[Sit]

## Youth Message

## Choral Anthem

***We Bow Down*** Paris/Larson
The Luther Singers

## First Lesson **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

[11]Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12]As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20]Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm **Psalm 95:1-7a**

(*Congregation speaks together.)*

**[1]Come, let us sing to the LORD;**
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**
**[2]Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
**and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
**[3]For you, LORD, are a great God,**
**and a great ruler above all gods.**
**[4]In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
**the heights of the hills are also yours.**
**[5]The sea is yours, for you made it,**
**and your hands have molded the dry land.**
**[6]Come, let us worship and bow down,**
**let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
**[7a]For the LORD is our God,**
**and we are the people of God's pasture**
**and the sheep of God's hand.**

## Second Lesson **Ephesians 1:15-23**

[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse [Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



**Matthew 25:31-46**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31]"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will

separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40]And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' [45]Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

## Sermon

[Stand]

## Hymn of the Day ***Jesus Shall Reign*** ELW 434

## Nicene Creed [Stand]

**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**

## Prayers

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Hear our prayer.**]

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or in need. We pray especially for these we name today:
(See attached sheet)

Hear us, O God.

**Hear our prayer**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## The Peace

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

*(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")*

## Offering [Sit]

## Offertory [Stand]

**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 filled 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

Let us pray together. **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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

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

**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**

## Lamb of God

**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.**

[Sit]

## Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*
*We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.*

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| Communion Hymns | ***As We Gather at Your Table*** | ELW 522 |
| | ***Praise and Thanksgiving*** | ELW 689 |
| | ***O Savior, Precious Savior*** | ELW 820 |

## Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.**
**Let ev'ry one who seeks 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

Let us pray together**.** Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

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| Sending Hymn | ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** | ELW 693 |

## Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

## "The Peace of God"

**Whatsoever things are honest,**
**whatsoever things are true,**
**Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,**
**think on these things.**
**Whatsoever things are wholesome,**
**whatsoever things are good,**
**If there be any virtue, be any praise,**
**think on these things.**
**And the peace of God**
**that passes all understanding**
**Shall keep your hearts,**
**shall keep your minds**
**on Jesus Christ.**

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

***"Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!"***

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***Serving Today***

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| * Assisting Minister | 10:45 service | John Hanson |
| * Director of Music | | Sandy Hunter |
| * Lector | 10:45 service | Mike Hoover |
| * Greeters | 10:45 service | Joe & Kathy Orlando |
| * Ushers | 10:45 service | Steven & Amy Freese |
| * Communion Assistant | 10:45 service | Mike Hoover |
| * Counters | | Sylvia Negri & Steven Freese |

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 104

**Calendar of Events for This Week**

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| Monday | - Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM |
| Tuesday | - Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant |
| | - Ladies Bible Study, 12:15 |
| Wednesday | - Food Pantry, 8 AM-1 PM |
| | - Choir rehearsal, 5:30 PM |
| Thursday | - Quilters, 10 AM |
| | - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM |
| Saturday | - Decorate for Advent, 10 AM |

**Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...**

**First Reading** – Isaiah 64:1-9
**Psalm** – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
**Gospel** – Mark 13:24-37

**Mid-Week Altar Guild** – Ann Buehler 11/29

**Next Week's Worship Assistants Are…**

8:15 **Lector** – No Early Service
10:45 **Lector** – Karen Baker
**Greeters** – Maureen & Ted Grener
**Ushers** – June & Leon Edgemon
**Communion Asst**. – Karen Baker
**Counters** – Sylvia Negri & Karen Baker

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Week**

The church will be closed Tuesday through Friday, November 23rd-27th. The office **will** be open on Monday, November 30th. If you have a pastoral need while the office is closed, please call Pastor Paula directly at 865-719-1292

**Looking Ahead to December**

-- We will decorate for Advent on Saturday, November 28th at 10 AM
-- Luther Singers Christmas Cantata, Sunday December 13th, during combined worship at 10 AM

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