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November 24, 2024

Christ the King (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

**Crown**  **Sim...**



**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

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✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 98 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 525 *Crown Him with Many Crowns***

LSB 525

## Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

**We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

## “Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB 829 v. 5

5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

O Jesus, our King of Kings, we pray that You would rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit and always keep us mindful of the end of all things and Your Day of Judgment so that we may be stirred up to godly living here, and, in the end, dwell with You forever in heaven. We pray this in Your name, Lord Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

## *Psalm 98 (RESPONSIVE - NKJV)*

**P** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

**C** His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

**P** The LORD has made known His salvation;

**C** His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

**P** He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- P** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
**C** **Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**
- P** Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,  
**C** **With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.**
- P** Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,  
**C** **The world and those who dwell in it;**
- P** Let the rivers clap their hands;  
**C** **Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,**
- P** For He is coming to judge the earth.  
**C** **With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.**

## Second Reading

*Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)*

- P** The second reading is from Daniel 7:13-14.  
**C** **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

<sup>13</sup> "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

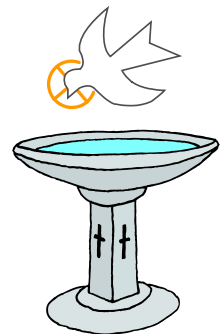
## ***Baptism of Daniel James Blue***

Born: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Parents: Ben & Lauren Blue

Sponsors: Joshua & Kelsey Rodebaugh



**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Baptism Hymn: 593 *See This Wonder in the Making***

LSB 593

**Sermon Text: John 18:33-37 (NKJV)**

**<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."**

**Sermon Theme: Jesus is the King of Truth**

✚ The world around us doesn't seem to put much of a premium on the **truth**.

- Why? Because oftentimes the **truth** \_\_\_\_\_!

✝ Why do we still put a premium on the **truth**?

- Because the **truth** \_\_\_\_\_!
- Because Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_! (see **John 14:6**)

Application: How does the **truth** of Jesus and His kingdom help with your focus and perspective when life isn't going the way you hoped or planned?

## Offertory

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## Sermon Hymn: 554 **O Jesus, King Most Wonderful**

LSB 554

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

## Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

### Lord's Prayer

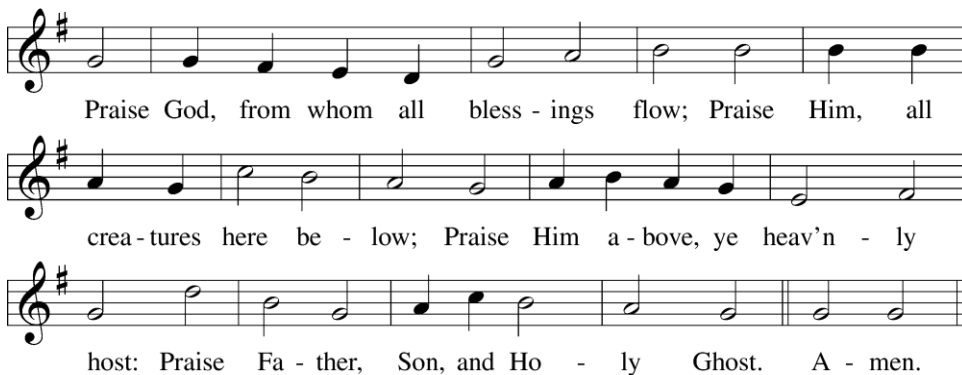
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

### The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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### Closing Hymn: 537 Beautiful Savior *(please stand for last verse)*

LSB 537

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## Announcements



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
11/24/24

**Choir Practice – 8am**  
**Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

This Week:



Wed. – Fri. – **No School at MLS** (Thanksgiving Break)  
Thursday – **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service – 9am**  
Church Cleaning: Team #3 (11/23-11/30); Team #4 (11/30-12/7)

Next Sunday:  
12/1/24

**Choir – 8am**  
**Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**  
**Christmas Decorating – 11am** (Activity Group 4 & any and all volunteers!)



**Reminder:** Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!

**Thanksgiving Day Worship Service – Thurs. 11/28 @ 9am**

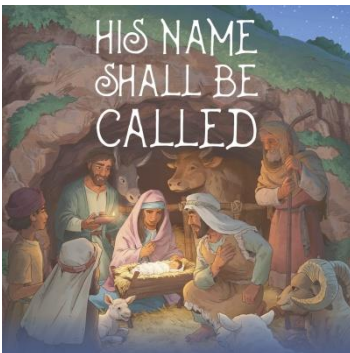
Please make plans to join us for our

**Thanksgiving Day Worship Service this Thursday 11/28 @ 9am.**  
***“Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!” – Psalm 107:1 NKJV***



**Church Christmas Decorating – Next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11am** – Activity Group 4 will be decorating the church for Christmas after Bible Class and Sunday School next Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am. The congregation is invited to help with the decorating. The more the merrier!

**Wed. Advent Worship Begins 12/4 @ 6:30pm** – Make plans to join us for our 3 Wed.



Advent Worship Services beginning on **Wed. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**. Our series this year will be entitled: “His Name Shall Be Called.” During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means “Jehovah saves.” In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year’s Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Everlasting Father,”

and “Prince of Peace.” We will learn how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.



**Christmas Caroling – Saturday, Dec. 7th – Meet at Church @ 4pm** – This year our Christmas Caroling will be held on **Saturday evening, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**. We'll plan to meet at church at 4pm and will be singing at Villa in Greenfield (4:30pm) and New Perspectives in Franklin (approx. 5:30pm). We plan to meet back at church afterwards for a chili supper. Please come and join us spread some Christmas cheer as we sing of our Savior, who is the reason for the season! (Note: Lord willing, next year we will go back to doing our Christmas Caroling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December.)

**Slide Show Operator Volunteers Needed** - The Board of Elders is looking for additional volunteers willing to serve as Slide Show Operators for church services. We're looking for at least 2 more individuals—men or women—who are willing to serve as volunteers for this role. If you are interested, please contact Eric Williams via email ([eandhwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:eandhwilliams@hotmail.com)) or text (**414-587-5062**). Thank you!



**Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info** – I would like to have a “face to face” visit, which would include a short devotion, with each family and/or individual in the congregation over the next few months. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

**Pastor’s Contact Info**

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**ILC Tour Choir Dates and Locations – See Poster in Entryway** – The projected route for this year’s Immanuel Lutheran High School and College Spring Choir Tour is posted on the entryway bulletin board. Actual concert times are yet to be finalized. The theme will be “Beautiful Savior” and the concert will feature anthems, hymns, and Scripture.



**Voters Meeting Highlights from Quarterly Meeting on Nov. 3rd**

**Membership –**

Transfers In: -Levi and Nicole Schaller from Berea, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.  
 -Pastor Luke and Julia Bernthal from St. Stephen, Mountain View, California.

Transfers Out: -Pastor Emeritus Michael and Sue Eichstadt to Holy Cross, Phoenix, Arizona.

Membership terminations: - Vauhn Morris due to inactivity and lack of using the means of grace.  
 - Isabelle Morris due to inactivity and lack of using the means of grace.  
 - Catherine Santori and son Nolan due to inactivity and lack of using the means of grace.

The Elders will send final notifications of termination to the individuals.

Excommunication: Hunter Davis was excommunicated due to living in sin and lack of repentance.

Release from Membership: Karl Braun was released from membership at his request.

New Voting Members: Pastor Luke Bernthal was accepted as a new voting member.

**Treasurer Report –**

**1. Quarter-End and Year-to-Date General Fund Financials**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.</b>	<b>FY 2024–25</b>
General Fund Offerings	\$101,003	\$101,003
Budgeted General Fund Offerings	\$111,427	\$111,427
Offerings Over/(Under) Budget	(\$10,423)	(\$10,423)
General Fund Expenses	\$90,117	\$90,117
Budgeted General Fund Expenses	\$111,431	\$111,431
Expenses Over/(Under) Budget	(\$21,413)	(\$21,413)
General Fund Over/(Under) Budget	\$10,990	\$10,990

**2. Account Balances**

	<b>Sept. 2024</b>	<b>June 2024</b>
Checking Balance	\$21,923	\$95,312
Savings Balance	\$85,312	\$1,452
Balance Across All Accounts	\$107,235	\$96,765
Gain/(Loss) Across All Accounts	\$10,470	—

-Treasurer Caleb Gerbitz advised that the current report shows a surplus of \$11,000, but this will mostly disappear in the next report due to reimbursement of Pastor's moving costs, parsonage repairs, and other expenses.

### **Board of Property Report –**

-BoP Chairman James Schaser reported that the board has created the internal position of Facilities Manager to coordinate maintenance items, and that Jordan Albrecht is serving in this role.

-The Board of Property has set up a new centralized email address for use in bringing issues to the board's attention: [Property@messiahhc.org](mailto:Property@messiahhc.org)

-Those who assisted with projects at the parsonage during the six weeks of vacancy were thanked.

-The next report will include the total cost of parsonage updates.

-Parsonage well issues - James clarified that the school is already using city water, but the parsonage is not. The initial connection cost for the parsonage would be around \$2,000 plus distribution plumbing from the existing lateral. A rough estimate is \$6,000 for the connection versus \$10,000 to \$15,000 for a replacement well system. James advised that the well is as old as the house (installed in 1968) but the pump was replaced more recently. The existing particulate filter has been observed to be badly rusted.

-James advised that the congregation wait to make a decision on the parsonage water until the costs of other parsonage updates are reflected in the major project fund. Replacement of the school's rooftop units is another large potential cost item that may come up in the next several years.

### **Unfinished Business –**

An audit of financial records for Fiscal Year 23/24 was completed by Sam Lisak and John Mueller. Records were found to be in order and accurate.

### **New Business –**

-Financial Secretary-Carol Gescheidle was approved as Financial Secretary for calendar year 2025.

-2025 Church Calendar was approved as presented.

-Video Streaming Honorarium – It was suggested by one of the voters involved with streaming the services that the \$20 weekly honorarium provided for running service livestreams, while appreciated, is no longer necessary. The church secretary now creates the slideshows for services, significantly reducing the amount of work done by videographers. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to eliminate the \$20 videography honorarium.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2025.

## Bible Readings:

11/24	Ezekiel 34-35; 1 Peter 2
11/25	Ezekiel 36-37; 1 Peter 3
11/26	Ezekiel 38-39; 1 Peter 4
11/27	Ezekiel 40; 1 Peter 5
11/28	Ezekiel 41-42; 2 Peter 1
11/29	Ezekiel 43-44; 2 Peter 2
11/30	Ezekiel 45-46; 2 Peter 3



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## November Ushers

M. Traub/M. Cutler/  
M. Kuehne  
**Thanksgiving: M.  
Gescheidle/M. Mueller**

## November Slideshow

Alex Saunders  
**Thanksgiving: K. Winters**

## Cleaning Team 11/29-12/6

J/B Albrecht  
J/L Marita  
T/G Quade  
P. Gurath  
P. Reim

## Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,874.35	\$148,758.53
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$171,425.80
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$1,696.94)	(\$22,667.27)
MDF:	\$200.00	\$470.00
Kinship:	\$200.00	\$1,911.96
ILC Building Fund:	\$100.00	\$750.00

**Attendance Last Sunday: 129**

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