

Christ United

27th Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2024



Opening Song (Stand)

Prayer of the Day:

P: Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshiping the one who comes as savior and Sovereign, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God.

C: Amen

A: The First Bible Reading: Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 (Sit)

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Psalm 93

A: The Second Bible Reading: Revelation 1:4b–8

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Holy Gospel: John 18:33–37 (Stand)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel lesson is read

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Kids Time and the Sermon (Sit)

Welcome!

(Stand)

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.

P: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

P: Our mission statement guides us so that:

C: we welcome all people to experience the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

A: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Song of the Day (Stand)

Apostles' Creed (Stand)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

The Prayers

- P:** God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost in our day, receiving these petitions and thanksgivings with your unending compassion.
- A:** Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- A:** Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- A:** Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- A:** Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- A:** Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- A:** In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**
- Other intercessions may be offered by anyone at this time.*
- P:** Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. **C: Amen.**

The Peace is shared at this time

- P:** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **C: And also with you.**
People may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Offering –

November Noisy Offerings to: ELCA Good Gifts (**Stand**)

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of food and drink and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

C: **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit) The Bread is broken

P: All who are hungry and thirsty, come. The table is ready.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion today is open to all. The Episcopal and Lutheran Churches believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

Communion is either wafer and individual cup, or celebrated as spiritual communion. You will receive a wafer from the pastor (gluten-free wafers are available upon request). You will then take a cup from the tray the assistant is holding (wine in the outer rings, grape juice in the center). Eat the wafer and drink from the cup. You will not be ushered but ask that you come forward when ready and return to your seat when you have received communion.

(Stand)

P Let us pray.

C **Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

P: May the Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, and the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song (stand)

Generosity Campaign Testimonial

Announcements

Faith Word for the Week

Last week's word: Generosity

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: And next week.

C: **Bring a friend!**

P: Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation