

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Christ the King

November 24, 2024

Elders of the Day: Howard Warner and Mark Hanenberger



First Lutheran Church LCMS

Sunday Divine Holy Communion Services

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MEMBERS AND GUESTS

As you attend service this day, please be sure to sign the attendance book in each pew. It is an important way to greet & welcome guests. Members please use this to update information such as address and phone number.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION — COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at First Lutheran in the confession that as He says, our Lord gives not only bread & wine but His very body & blood to eat & to drink for the forgiveness of sins & to strengthen our union with Him & with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, & set aside any refusal to forgive & love as He forgives & loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We do this because as Lutherans we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in I Corinthians 11:28-29, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread & drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats & drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats & drinks judgment on himself." Please note that the cups in the center of the communion tray contain white grape juice.

SELF-EXAMINATION

- I. Do I believe that I am a sinner?
- II. Do I believe & trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord & Savior, redeeming me from sin, death, & the power of the devil?
- III. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body & blood, present in the Sacrament? (real presence of Christ's body & blood)
- IV. Do I promise to amend (change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself & are in full agreement with us, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs, or you are interested in learning how to become a member of First Lutheran Church, please ask

PLEASE!!!

There are many times that we do not find out that you or a loved one has been in the hospital or has gone away until you are home. PLEASE call the church office and let us know. Even if we are not in, the phone is checked frequently and your message will be passed on.

Elders: Howard Warner, Mark Hanenberger, Fred Weng, Luis Marin, Keith Consol, Gus Navarro and Eldon Meyer.

Do Not forget The LJC container in the Narthex. Check your dollar bills for a L, J, or C, in the Circle, place it in the little church in the Narthex. This will help pay ongoing expenses.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES DURING SERVICES

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AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating “apocalyptic” revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil’s madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

GLORIA PATRI by Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end Amen.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 18:37*

Pastor: Jesus said, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator’s clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: **Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.**

Pastor: “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [Vs. 1, 3 & 5]

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.**

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee,
O Israel!***

**3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s
height In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty
and awe. *Refrain:***

**5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly
home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to
misery. *Refrain:***

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 7: 13–14* (The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.) **Reader: Rachelle Hanenberger**

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

BELL CHOIR “We Gather Together”

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b–8 (“I am the Alpha and the Omega.”) **Reader:**
Howard Warner

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

JUBILANT HYMN VERSE LSB 358 “From Heaven Above to Earth I
Come” [Vs. 15]

**15. Glory to God in highest heav’n Who unto us His Son has giv’n!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 18:33–37* (“So You are a king?”)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn
king!”**
- 2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain***
- 3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing
in His wings. Mild He lays his glory by, Born that man no more
may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them
second birth. *Refrain***

MESSAGE OF END TIMES “*EVERY KNEE SHALL BEND...EVERY KNEE!*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Our Nation on it’s knees...

We give you praise LORD for You have heard our cry for mercy—You are our Strength and our Shield. Our hearts are thankful as we trust in You and the wisdom of Your ways. “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Choir sings “Lamb of God”

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

EASTER SANCTUS LSB 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” [Vs. 3 & 4]

3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DOXOLOGY BY THE BELL CHOIR

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

1. **The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks, When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.**
2. **Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.**
3. **Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.**
4. **Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.**
5. **The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty
brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly,
King of kings!**

HYMN LSB 767 “Jesus, Remember Me”

1. **Jesus, remember me When You come into Your kingdom.
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TRINITY HYMN OF JOY LSB 507 “Holy, Holy, Holy” [Vs. 2 & 4]

2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

TRIUMPHANT CLOSING HYMN LSB 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” [Vs. 1, 2 & 4]

- 1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!” Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow’rs, Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

- 2. O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim, Lead their praises: “Alleluia!” Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

- 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing: “Alleluia, alleluia!” To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

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***Musicians: Dana Oldenburg
Trent Urbytes***

Flowers were given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory
of Richard Sovereign, given by Betsy.

Ushers scheduled for today are: Bob & Clyde and Bill & Glenn.
Ushers scheduled for Thanksgiving Eve are: Bob & Larry and Bob & Judy
Ushers scheduled for next week are: Larry & Terry and Dean & Linda

The Men's (on Monday) and the Women's (on Tuesday) Bible Study groups will not meet this coming week. They will resume December 2nd and 3rd.

Chas Davis Funeral Home calendars for 2025 are now available in the Narthex. Please help yourself!!



There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 6 pm. Please join us!



The Theme: Silent Night, Holy Night — Midweek Advent Services will be held on Wednesday's, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 6 pm with a light supper.



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 7th at 12:00 noon. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!

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 * The LWML North Central FL Zone Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, December 7, *
 * 2024 here at First Lutheran. *
 * Registration : 9:00—9:45 am with Continental Breakfast/Coffee \$10 cash or check *
 * RSVP by December 1st: Cinara Navarro, ccn1355@gmail.com or 786-205-6629 or *
 * Cynthia Traver, cbtraver@gmail.com or 434-973-5613 *
 * Recipient of Gifts from the Heart is the Sanctuary of Homosassa. Please see the list *
 * of items needed posted in the Narthex. *
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LifeLine Screening will be here at First Lutheran on Monday,
 December 9th, 2024
 LifeLine Screening goes beyond regular checkup to look inside your arteries for
 signs of plaque build-up
 Screenings are for the following: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease,
 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Atrial Fibrillation
 To register please call toll free: 1-800-679-5191 Online: LLASA.SOCIAL/HC

The Women of First Lutheran will hold a Christmas Breakfast this year at
 Papa J's on December 11th at 9:00 am. All ladies (and gents) are welcome!

TOYS FOR TOTS
 We Need Your Help in collecting new toys and clothes for children in Citrus County who
 have little if anything! Please donate (all unwrapped please):
 Clothes (socks, shoes, underwear), New toys of all ages up to (Ages
 1 – 14), Games, stuffed animals, art supplies, etc...
 Put donations in the TOYS FOR TOTS box in the Narthex. Thank You so much for donating

SAVE THE DATE
 This year's Cookie Exchange is being hosted by Debbie
 and Reggie Letang on December 15, 2024, time TBA, in
 their neighborhood clubhouse. Watch for additional
 details!



On the calendar this week:

Sunday	Free Will Offering for Missions Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Monday	No Men's Bible Study this week HandBell Practice 6 pm
Tuesday	No Women's Bible Study this week Hot Meal Program 4-5 pm
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion 6 pm
Thursday	Happy thanksgiving
Friday	Trustees 8 am

Prayers: Please pray for Judith Bailey; Ryan Beaverson; Jayden Blackburn; Sarah Branch; Jose Calvo; Alayna Capps; Apollo Chvala; Ken Clark; Lane Cobb; Sandy Cobb; Peg Constestible; A. Colman; Sherry Cummings; Darlene Davis; Megan Davis; Tony Davis; Sandy Dex; Derek DiPasquale; Betsy Evans; Virginia Golec; Wyatt Hayes; Sherry Helpap; Melissa Hebl; Michael Hewitt; Sally Hoy; Otto Hoying; Sandy Jackson; April Kline; Karen Kline; Dianna Koza; Deputy Andy Lahera; Jeanette Moore; Michelle Murphy; Richard Nardone; Terri Oberlin; Leroy Pennock; Al Peterson; Linda Powers; Maynard Quast; Roger Reguera; Jan Sanchez; Kathy Schlueter; Debby Schoen; Larry Schreffler; Dan Schultz; Robert Scott; Mike Schulz; Deaconess Lyn Senkarik & family; Leroy Smith; Charles Souhrada, Sr.; Betsy Sovereign; Patty Stevenson; Alyce Stewart; Judy Stubstad; Sulley; Dr Russell Thatcher; Michael Traver; Sammy Varela; Walker; Betty Weng; Lu & Jerry Williquette; Nancy Wilt; Emily Wordworth.

Pray that parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all Christian adults will accept the responsibility of caring for our young people and their minds. Also pray for our Youth Group. Pray for the teachers and the challenges that they face. Pray for the homeless and hurting.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those mentioned at the Altar Sunday; May Your gracious mercy be with them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please pray for our Elders, Deaconess and Church Officers, and our Seminaries.

Continue to pray for all the for all those who are distressed, cold, hungry and fearful; Pray for world conflicts, especially Israel and the Ukraine; Pray that our country will turn from evil and return to the LORD our God and Savior! Pray deeply, pray sincerely for His mercy, grace and loving-kindness. Pray for the victims of recent hurricane's.

May God move in the hearts and minds of us all to live our lives for His glory and honor. Pray for friends and family serving in the Military and Veterans, and those with long-term illnesses and those who are homebound especially Dick and Dot Cornell, Pearl Donaldson, Jim & Diana Meister, Faye Weaver, and Elaine Baker. Pray for all law enforcement agents, firefighters, medical workers, and all who serve as elected officials, local, state and federal, and our borders.

If you have a prayer request please write it in the book in the Narthex. For any additional requests during the week, please call the church office at 342-726-1637 or 1stlutheransecretary@gmail.com.

Birthdays:

Vernice Ufkes (30th)

Anniversaries

Dorothy and Richard Cornell (28th), Linda and Dean Monke (29th)