**November 15, 2026**

**God's Story -- Our Story**
**A Liturgical Year**
**Christ the King Sunday**

***Welcome***
Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

***Guests***
We would love to connect with you and share how our church is sharing God's love in our community and around the world. Please consider signing our guestbook and providing your email if you would like more information. There are information cards for you at the ushers table to help guide you through worship.

***Children*** are welcome in worship!

***Messiah Vision***
We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God,
striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.

***Messiah Mission***
***Embrace:*** create a culture where everyone feels welcome
***Engage:*** develop quality relationships with partners
in a changing community
***Enhance:*** provide numerous ways to live into God's call
***Explore:*** cultivate abundant opportunities to grow in faith

***Messiah Verse***
What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

**PRELUDE** **Katie Walda**
*A time of quiet centering*

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG** ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** **ELW 634**
**vs. 1, 2, 5, 6**

**CONFESSIONG 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 not trusted your invitation to live among the Beloved community. We allow distractions to overcome care for the vulnerable. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, rather than embracing the courage and strength you provide. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may follow the Way of Jesus.**
**Amen.**
God is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Find rest in the forgiveness that our gracious God bestows.
**Amen.**

**GREETING**
May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God,
and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray. Gracious God, your mercy is ever-present in our lives. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the many ways you care for humanity. Enliven our ministries with your compassion as we seek to follow the Way of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

**A READING FROM ISAIAH 40:3-5**
**ADVENT REFLECTION** **Pr. Bridget Misare**

**A READING FROM LUKE 2:1-7**
**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION** **Pr. Susan Kirlin-Hackett**

**A READING FROM MATTHEW 2:10-12**
**EPIPHANY REFLECTION** **Pr. Bridget Misare**

**A READING FROM EZEKIEL 16:62-63 AND ISAIAH 55:6-7**
**LENT REFLECTION** **Pr. Susan Kirlin-Hackett**

**A READING FROM PSALM 118:17-24**
**EASTER REFLECTION** **Pr. Bridget Misare**

**A READING FROM ACTS 2:1-4**
**PENTECOST REFLECTION** **Pr. Susan Kirlin-Hackett**

**SONG OF THE DAY** ***Rejoice for Christ is King*** **ELW 430**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 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.**

**CENTERING FOR PRAYERS** ***Hear our Prayer*** **ELW 178**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**
*The Intercessor invites the assembly into prayer. After each petition:*
God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*You may use this QR code with your mobile device to give an offering to our church mission.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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 bread and wine**
**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.
**Amen.**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUION**

Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All are welcome to communion. As the ushers direct you, please come forward to receive. The cups are filled with red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free option available. Those not receiving communion may come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

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| **COMMUNION SONG I** | ***All Who are Thirsty*** | **Brenton Brown** |
| **COMMUNION SONG II** | ***Crown Him With Many Crowns*** | **ELW 855** |

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING BLESSING**

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

**SENDING SONG** ***How Great is Our God*** **Chris Tomlin**

**DISMISSAL**
Go out in peace. Encourage one another.
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Debbie Bengeult in memory of her parents, Bill and Grace Bretthollе.**

## *Assisting in Worship*

**Senior Pastor**
Reverend Bridget Misare

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Reverend Susan Kirlin-Hackett

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