

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 23, 2025

## **WELCOME!**

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

**Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## **THEME: WELS 175TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK 3: CHRIST WITH US CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

Today, the final Sunday of the Church Year is called Christ the King Sunday a festival celebrating how Jesus is our Savior King. Today is also the third week of a three-week series celebrating with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod. A survey of our Synod's history and a look at today will reveal the types of troubles and challenges that have faced Christ's Church in every age. Yet, in every age, Christ the Lord, the King of kings has rescued, upheld and worked through His believing people. We take comfort as we look back at this truth and go forward with confidence knowing Christ our Savior King keeps His promise to be present with us in Word and sacrament.

## **PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”**

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Three ..... pg. 188 in the blue hymnal

## Hymns

Opening Hymn	<b>681</b>	<i>Christ Is with Me</i>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 2</b>	page 2 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	<b>521</b>	<i>Christ the Eternal Lord</i>
Communion Hymns	<b>856</b>	<i>Built on the Rock</i>
	<b>582</b>	<i>Not unto Us</i>
Closing Hymn	<b>524</b>	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>

## Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Joshua 4:1-9
Second Lesson	Colossians 1:13-20
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28:18-20

## Sermon

**Joshua 4:1-9**

*Christ the King is WITH US*

1. As we look back with thanksgiving
2. As we look forward with confidence

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard .....	Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides .....	Kayla Frank

## RESOURCES FOR LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Find many examples how Christ has been with His people in the WELS at:

<https://welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th-resources>

The 2025 synod convention adopted a new WELS long range plan: “Christ Through Us.” The plan focuses on ‘cultivating gospel driven culture, strengthening congregations, bringing Christ to the nations and producing called workers for a growing harvest. Read about the plan and how you can participate at:

<https://christthroughus.net>

**FIRST READING****Joshua 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD told Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, <sup>3</sup>and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’”

<sup>4</sup>So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup>Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, <sup>6</sup>so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ <sup>7</sup>Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the LORD had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. <sup>9</sup>Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY****Psalm 2A**

## SECOND READING

## Colossians 1:13-20

<sup>13</sup>The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, <sup>16</sup>for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.

<sup>18</sup>He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by establishing peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Tone*

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

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**GOSPEL****Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ the Eternal Lord | CW 521*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God, the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from sin, and the work of your Spirit in our hearts has brought us to faith. According to your promise, preserve us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have brought us together as a church body that we may proclaim your praise. Inspire us by your grace to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you. Forgive us when we fall short of living and working together as your people. Renew in us godly determination to serve you and one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you have preserved our synod and blessed its ministry for the past 175 years. We thank you for the faithful ministers of the gospel throughout our history who have taught your truth and proclaimed your Word. Bless us in the future as you have in the past so that our synod, its congregations, and each of us may boldly confess your name for the salvation of precious souls. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Special intercessions*

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us that in all our service your saving name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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