

November 26, 2023 – Christ the King Sunday



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for the livestream of the worship service.

This morning's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister — Gerry Dehkes
Acolyte — Madisyn Colasurdo
Greeters — Sandy Matsen & Rebecca Melick
Ushers — Jeff & Helen Livingston
Altar Guild — Bonnie Stanski

11:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister — David Blackwood
Acolyte — Nate Brokaw
Greeters — Arlene Martin & John Rustwick
Ushers — Mike Mikitiuk & D. Wintemute
Altar Guild — Lynn Fuller

8:30 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	"Jesus Shall Reign"	ELW 434
Hymn of the Day	"Come Now, You Blessed"	ACS 1059

11:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	"Jesus Shall Reign"	ELW 434
Hymn of the Day	"Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands"	ACS 953
Sending Hymn	"Rejoice, for Christ is King!"	ELW 430



November 19th Attendance

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
31	47



Give to Zion
from your phone!

Scan the QR code to
be directed to Tithely's
electronic giving site.



There will be a **Special Meeting of the Congregation** next Sunday, December 3rd at 9:45 a.m. at the church. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new Council members and to receive a presentation of the 2024 proposed budget.



It's time for **Advent Parish Night!** Join us at the CEB next Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for crafts, caroling, and a bonfire with s'mores and hot chocolate! Please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office.



Join Pastor Kat on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through the season of Advent for a **time of devotion** centered on the angel visitations to Zechariah, to Mary, and to Joseph. We will meet in person at the CEB beginning December 6th. Find your quiet center with us for an hour each week as we listen to timeless stories from scripture.



Join the Women of Zion on Tuesday, December 12th for the annual **Cookie Exchange**. Please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office.

Financial Summary YTD 2023

INCOME

\$296,761

EXPENSES

-\$300,722

DIFFERENCE

-\$3,961



10 a.m.
Worship

December 17th, 24th, 31st



The **Giving Tree** ornaments are available for selection at the church and at the CEB. Please choose a tag and shop for the gift indicated. Return your gift in a gift bag with the tag attached no later than December 3rd.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
- ³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- ^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Alternative Giving

Alternative Giving is back! With each donation you make, you will get a card with the organization's information and small ornament/gift that represents the charity, which you can give to that special person on your list. **Gifts are available for purchase at the CEB and at the church.** Here are the four charities for 2023:



\$5 – Marty's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary

Imagine the relief and gratitude people feel when placing their senior dogs at Marty's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary. Due to their own relocation, or medical/financial troubles, they made the heart-breaking decision that they could no longer care for their dogs. They now have the peace of mind knowing that their dogs will have a lifetime of loving care, companionship with staff and other dogs, and engage in enriching activities in a specially designed facility. Visit their website to view an endearing video about the dogs' daily routines. For more information, visit www.martysplace.org.

\$10 – Pedals for Progress

A man in Rwanda transforms a bicycle into a taxi. Another man in Guatemala transforms his into a produce truck. A third man in Togo uses his as a mobile bike medic. In addition to using a bicycle for basic transportation, there are many ways new or refurbished bicycles can be put to good use thanks to Pedals for Progress, which has been operating since 1991. Nonprofit partner organizations in these and other countries train children and adults in bicycle repair and maintenance and are provided with the necessary parts, tools, lubricants, and accessories. Pedals for Progress also sends sewing machines to developing countries, as in 2022, receiving countries were Cameroon, Somalia, and Uganda. For more information, visit www.p4p.org.



\$15 - Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program recognizes the importance of strengthening and maintaining the bond between an incarcerated parent and their children. This is one of the vital, Christ centered nationwide programs offered to prisoners and their families by the Prison Fellowship Ministries, founded in 1976 by Charles Colson. Through partnership with churches, groups, and other organizations, the Angel Tree programs strive to enhance this bond. The Angel Tree enables churches and other groups to purchase gifts and include a personal message of love on behalf of the parents. Angel Tree Camping provides scholarships for children, partnering with churches, to attend Christ centered camps. The Angel Tree Sports Camp sponsors day camps in a variety of sports. The Angel Tree Everyday encourages congregations to integrate the Angel Tree families into their churches' year-round programs. For more information, visit www.prisonfellowship.org.

\$20 - ELCA Good Gifts – School Fees & Uniforms for Girls

The ELCA hopes to make a difference in the lives of girls whose educational opportunities are impacted by poverty. Worldwide, struggling families find the associated costs of educating children, paying school fees and buying uniforms, a burden. Often, their sons whose earning potential is thought to be greater may be chosen over their daughters to continue their education. The daughters from these impoverished families who drop out of school are more likely to be forced into child labor, marry at a young age and become pregnant with complications, be victims of domestic violence, and suffer with malnourishment. The future for girls who remain in school is brighter with employment opportunities, with health, safety, and prosperity for their families, and an ability to contribute to the welfare of their community. For more information, visit www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

