

***Christ the King – Eternity Sunday***  
***November 26, 2023, at 11:30am***

**Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!**

*On this final Sunday of the church year, we gather to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death. Trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled today we remember all those who died last year and all those we lost the last years.*

*The flowers on the altar have been donated in memory of Carol Gerber by her family.*

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Church Bells  
Organ Prelude

Organist: Shannon Mattson

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 423, 1 & 3: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

**Call to Worship with words from Psalm 95:**

P: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

P: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

P: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**C: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**C: O that today you would listen to his voice!**

**Call to Confession:**

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Reading; Ephesians 1: 15 - 23

**Please insert # 168 (Gospel Acclamation) Thank You!**

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day # 439: Soon and Very Soon**


P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

***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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

Reading of the names of those deceased in the last year 

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer**

Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer – Blessing

Announcements

**Sending Hymn # 257, 1 – 2: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**Announcements:**

November 28.-29. ,2023, 10 am – wreath binding/bazaar preparations

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- Please sign up for food donations

Dezember 2nd, 2023 – 10 am – 4 pm – Christmas bazaar



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