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CHRIST THE KING – November 23, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* Arranged by H. Robert James,
Tune: MADRID by C.H. Bateman

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"Jesus Shall Reign"* vv. 1, 3, 5 ELW #434

Kyrie: *"Have Mercy on Us, Lord"* ELW pg. 203

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm Psalm 46

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord and Savior"* ELW pg. 205

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* vv. 1-3 ELW #855

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace

Offerings Received: *"Let All Things Now Living"* Darcy Stanley,
Tune: ASH GROVE, Welsh Folk Song

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving **ELW pg. 206**, *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* **ELW pg. 207**,
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer **ELW pg. 208**, Communion Song -
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" **ELW pg. 208**

Communion Music: *"Jesus Remember Me"* (repeat 4 times) ELW #616

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

vv. 4-5 ELW #855

Postlude: *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* Arranged by Mary McDonald,
Tune: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR by George J. Elvey

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. All who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others in your pew and they can help us to keep in touch with you! Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad! Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

Today's worship leaders are:

Pastor Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeters: Kirk & Sue Andersen,

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Jaci Schreier, Twila Henning,
& Mary Marske

Reader: Mary Marske

Usher: Kent Baker,

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt,

Acolyte: Aleyah Falline;

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. *Thank you to Lois for making the last delivery! Not sure what to get/give? Pickup a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - the weekly Kidz Time - continues today after worship! A team from Lutheran Lakeside is leading Kidz Time.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

Confirmation class is a time for students to learn more about the Bible, Small Catechism, and about their own faith life. This week students will discuss global missions.

THE SPENCER MESSIAH BOARD will be presenting "Selections from Handel's Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer. *Rehearsals for Handel's "Messiah" are on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.*

CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY A reminder to those who are preparing items for the bake sale or salads for the pulled pork lunch, please drop them off before 4:00 pm on Friday, December 12th or Saturday morning by 10:00 am. *Thank you to all Bethany members who volunteer their time or talents to make this event come together so beautifully. We couldn't do it without each of you!* All proceeds from this year's Christmas at Bethany Celebration will go to the Lutheran Lakeside "For Every Season" Campaign. Questions, please email Sue Boblit at sdboblit@gmail.com or call 712-260-2258.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING will take place December 6th at 9:00 am. Christmas trees will be set up throughout the church and decorations will be provided. Your participation will create a warm and joyful atmosphere for the season! **Everyone is encouraged to gather for a meal of chili and cinnamon rolls once the trees are decorated!** The more people who participate, the quicker the work will be accomplished & the merrier the celebration will be!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING The church office is closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and holiday weekend!!

GRAND MEANDER Join us in the parlor Sunday, November 30th at 1 PM to fill bags with Pebernoddors, or “pepper nuts” as they are sometimes called. They are a small spice cookie; a beloved Danish Christmas treat. We will fill bags and add a tag that tells people about Christmas at Bethany. If you would like to join us, we will be handing them out downtown on Monday, December 1st from 5-6:30 PM or until the cookies are all gone. Please let Sue Boblit know if you want to help hand out the bags.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Donna Jones, Jill Meyer, Steve McAllister, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk

Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme’s sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen’s mother), LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker’s sister), Bill Boblit (brother of Tom Boblit), Dean Mechler (Deb Mechler’s husband), Lois Sanchez (sister of Deb Mechler), and Rebecca Wolf (daughter of Revs. Erma & John Wolf)

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time

10:15 am Sunday Kidz Time

6:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, November 26

No evening activities due to the Thanksgiving break

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Thursday-Friday, November 27-28

Church Office and Building Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Saturday, November 29

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

Sunday, November 30 Advent 1 - NO Sunday Kidz Time

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time

6:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal at Sacred Heart



ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

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Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)