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Christ the King – November 22, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Now Thank We All Our God" "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*
Arr. by Cindy Berry, Johann Cruger and George J. Elvey

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* **ELW #855 vs. 1-4**

Prayer of the Day

Kid's Music: "Now We Thank Thee All Our God" Joann Crucerer,
Tune: NUN DANDER ALLE GOTT, Kids Ensemble - The Firey Tongues

First Reading & Psalm Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?"* **ELW pg. 142**

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Denise Berns

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Shall Reign"* **ELW #434 vs. 1-4**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offerings: *"The Solid Rock"* Arr. by Cindy Berry, William B. Bradbury

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion
Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music: *"We Gather, We Praise"* arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram
Tunes: KREMSER, Dutch melody adapted by Edward Kremser
& WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIN by Johann Steurlein

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* **ELW #634 vs. 1-4**

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"* Jason D. Payne
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH by John Darwall

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. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. 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.

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 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.

Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

Today's worship leaders are:
Pr. Denise Berns & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:
Greeters: Rhonda Salts & Lisa Baker,
Reader: Jana Phillips
Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Rhonda Salts, & Jaci Studer;
Usher: Kent Baker; Fellowship
Host: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt,
Count: Sue Boblit;
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! Hope to see you all there!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available in the narthex. Pick one up today!

LAST CALL POINSETTIAS- We will decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Advent and Christmas. If you'd like to share a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, sign up at the Welcome Center by November 24. Cost is $12.00. Make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and holiday weekend!! The church office is closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

KIDS MUSIC is in full swing with our first performance today during worship! Our next rehearsals will be **Sunday, November 29th and December 13th at 6:30-7:15 pm.** Let me know if you have any questions! sarahbuns16@gmail.com

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE is on Monday November 30th at River's Edge Church at 6:30. This "Candlelight Service of Remembrance" is for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The service is centered on keeping their memories alive offering you comfort and strength.

ADVENT Bethany Wednesday evening Advent suppers and services will begin on *Wednesday, December 2*. Supper will be at 6:15 in the basement and worship at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Let us gather together in fellowship, prayer and worship as we anticipate the coming birth of the Messiah!

SANTA FOR SENIORS Faith in Action is once again taking part in the Santa for Seniors program through Elderbridge and Upper Des Moines. You will notice a tree in the welcome center that has some tags on it. We are providing gifts for four seniors. If you would like to participate, please take the tags off the tree, return a wrapped gift with the white tag attached to the package. Attaching the tag we provide will assure we have received all the gifts. **Please return the wrapped packages, with the tags, to the church by Thursday, December 3rd.** Thank you all in advance for your support for this wonderful cause.

THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story. For more information, visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

BETHANY PLANNING COUNCIL OPENINGS will need to be filled in the soon. If you are interested in running for council talk with a current council member or give your name to the office. Any Bethany member is welcome to join a council meeting to better understand how decisions move forward at Bethany.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Liz Vulk, Donna Jones, Nancy Wick, Lee Youde
Steve Salts, Aaliyah VanAmpting, Laurie Conlon
Carlos Barreda (Rita Storm's grandson-in-law)
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother)
Jerry Faulkner (Tammy Nighswonger's brother)
Tara Nighswonger (Tammy Nighswonger's daughter)
Keith Studer (Matt Studer's uncle)

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by fellowship
6:30 pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal at Grace United Methodist
Wednesday, November 25
9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
Thursday, November 26 - *Happy Thanksgiving!*
Friday, November 27- *Church Office Closed*
Saturday, November 28
7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)
Sunday, November 29 – Advent 1
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
6:30 pm Kid's Music Practice in the sanctuary
6:30 pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal at Grace United Methodist

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE
If you would like to give online to support the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, scan this code for giving page on our website.

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:
Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am
or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)