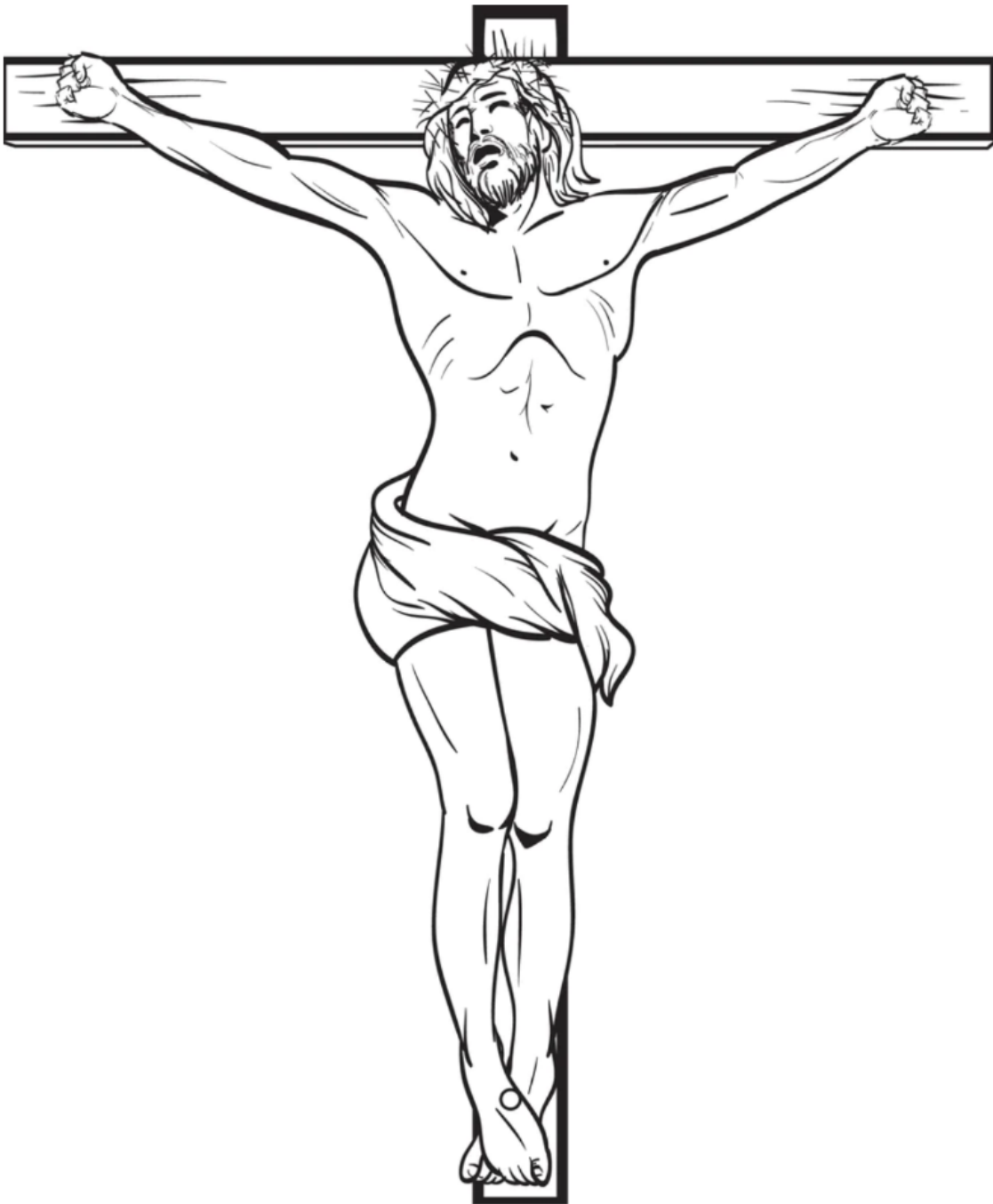


† Christ the King †

“Jesus Is Lord of Lords”



“The Gospel”

Mark 1—16

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠

“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”
Saint Luke Lutheran Church | November 26, 2023

Invocation

Father, Creator of all heaven and earth, ✠ **you save us from our selfishness and make us your children through Baptism, Repentance, and Communion.** ✠ Through your Son Jesus, who is your Word embodied in flesh, ✠ **we die to Civilization's Way of arrogance, fear, and violence.** ✠ Through your Holy Spirit, who dwells among us and within us, ✠ **we are reborn in Jesus's Way of faith, hope, and love.**

Processional Song ✠ “Seek Above All Else” (tune: LSB 712)

- ♫ *Seek above all else the kingdom of the Lord, and his Way of life, and all you need will be given unto you. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪
- ♫ *Do not store up any treasures on the earth, they will rot and die. Store up the heavenly fruit of the Spirit. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪
- ♫ *Do not worry about life or tomorrow, for God will provide. Sell your possessions and give them to the poor. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪
- ♫ *Do unto others as you want done to you, love your enemies. For what you do will be returned upon you. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪
- ♫ *Forgive and you will be forgiven as well, give and you will receive. For God will give you his heavenly reward. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪
- ♫ *Man does not live on the bread of earth alone, but on every word, that is spoken from the mouth of our Lord God. Do not fear, God is ruling.* ♪

Christ the King Litany

- O Jesus, king of all heaven and earth, ✠ **rule in our hearts and lives.**
- O Jesus, king over all nations, ✠ **we are here to serve you alone.**
- O Jesus, servant of all, ✠ **we thank you for your care and provision.**

† Baptism — The Way of Faith †

Surrendering to the Creator

Jesus says, “You must be born again through water and the Spirit ✠ **to enter the Creator's Kingdom.**” ✠ Father, Son, & Holy Spirit ✠ **I surrender to you all of my mind, all of my heart, and all of my body and soul.**

(we make the sign of the cross—touching forehead, heart, and shoulders)

Jesus says, “If you love your self, family, or nation more than me, ✠ **you cannot be my disciple.** ✠ If you hold onto your life, you will destroy it, ✠ **but if you let go of your life, you will save it.**” ✠ Father, into your hands ✠ **I commit my spirit.** ✠ Father, not my will, ✠ **but your will be done.** ♪ *Take my life and all my heart, take my whole soul ev'ry part. Take my mouth and let it be, filled with your truth and mercy.* ♪ *Take my hands and let them love, with compassion from above. Take my feet and let them go, on the Way that Jesus showed.* ♪ *Take my money and fam'ly, give me faith and set me free. Take my life and teach me how to love all creation now.* ♪ (LSB 783)

Prayer of the Day

Jesus says, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.”

(the Christ candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is coming among us)

♩ *We are filled with the Spirit, and we follow the Lord, We are filled with the Spirit, and we follow the Lord, And we pray that all creation may one day be restored. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.* ♪ (GC2 728)

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray. Heavenly Father, help us to listen to the Gospel and submit to Jesus as the only Lord of all creation. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

Listening to the Creator

Jesus says, “Come to me, all of you who are tired and burdened. Learn from me and practice my teachings and you will find rest for your souls. Those who listen will live.” ♪ *Listen to what Jesus teaches, listen to him every day. Listen as you walk and follow, listen also as you pray. Listen to him every moment, listen with an open mind. Listen to find peace and patience, listen so you will be kind.* ♪ (LSB 770)

✠ Holy Gospel ✠ Mark 1:1—3:6

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

Remembering the Saints & Martyrs ✠ Felicity of Rome

Father, we give you thanks for the great cloud of saints and witnesses who have gone before us and have embodied the Way of Jesus. Today we remember Felicity, the mother of seven sons, who was brought before a Roman official for refusing to renounce her faith in Jesus. Rome threatened to kill her sons if she did not comply, but she remained steadfast and stood by as each of her sons was killed. She was given the chance to recant after each death but she stayed steadfast even through her own execution in 165 AD. Help us learn from her faith and example, ✠ **Amen.**

✠ Holy Gospel ✠ Mark 3:7—5:20

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

Chanted Psalm ✠ *Psalm 55*



♩ *My heart is in anguish | within me,*

** the terrors of death | fall on me.*

Oh, that I had the wings | of a bird

** so I could fly away and | be at rest.*

Destructive forces are at work in | the city,

** violence and lies never | leave its streets.*

So cast your cares | on the Lord

** he will always | sustain you.* ♪

† Holy Gospel † Mark 5:21—8:26

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

† Repentance — The Way of Hope †

Confronting Our Past

Jesus says, “I know everything you do. Pay attention and remove the log from your own eye. I have called you out of Civilization. Repent, for the Creator’s Rule is at hand!”

(silence for reflection)

For not loving you with our whole hearts and instead placing our self, family, and nation above you, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ For not loving our neighbors and enemies as ourselves, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠ Father, turn us back to walking in your Spirit. ♪ **Lord Father we have wandered and hidden from your face. Rescue your whole creation with your almighty grace. From trust in wealth and weapons and blindness to your Way, save us and all creation with your own hands, we pray.** ♪ (LSB 449)

Jesus says, “I discipline those I love. Come out of Civilization, my people, so you will not share in its sins and plagues. Not one stone will be left standing, it will all be torn down.” Will you turn away from Civilization’s Way of arrogance, fear, and violence and reaffirm your Baptism into Jesus’s Way of faith, hope, and love? ✠ **Yes, I renounce Civilization’s Way and pledge to follow Jesus.** ✠ Jesus says, “Put your sword away. If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword. But if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will forgive you.” Will you release all debts and grudges that you hold against anyone—including yourself and every member of this church? ✠ **Yes, I forgive all those who have hurt me, frustrated me, or owe me anything.** ✠ Jesus says, “Your sins are forgiven. Get up and walk. Go and sin no more.” ✠ **Amen.**

† Holy Gospel † Mark 8:27—10:52

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

Song of the Day ✠ *LSB 512 “At the Name of Jesus”*

♪ *At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee will bow, ev’ry tongue confess him King of earth right now. It’s the Father’s desire we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.* ♪

♪ *At this voice creation sprang at once into sight. All the seas and forests, all the stars of light, all plants and animals, rivers on their way, creatures all big and small, in their great array.* ♪

♪ *In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue, all that is not holy, all that is not true. Look to him your Savior, in temptations’ hour, let his will embrace you, in its light and power.* ♪

♪ *Christians this Lord Jesus has not come in vain, through his Father’s Spirit he does truly reign. For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of mercy now.* ♪

† Holy Gospel † Mark 11:1—13:37

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

Waiting on the Creator

♫ *Our Father, bring your Rule and will to earth. Give what we need for worry-free rebirth. Bring peace among us and forgive us too, as we forgive and love in all we do.*

♫ *Protect us from all things that will mislead. Keep us from selfishness, violence, and greed. We place our lives into your hands this day. Teach us to listen and to walk your Way. Amen.* ♫ (LSB 637)

(incense is lit to symbolize our prayers ascending to God and as its smell fills this space we are reminded of his presence among us)

Jesus says, “Learn from the birds. They do not store up for tomorrow and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do not fear or worry about tomorrow. Not a hair from your head will be destroyed. Seek only your Father’s Rule and he will give you everything you need.” *In peace, let us pray to the Lord,* ♫ **Lord have mercy.** ♫

Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us. Do not abandon us in temptation, but rescue us from evil. For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever. Amen. ✠ Father, provide for us, protect us, and be with us always. Especially this day we remember Charlene Sargent, Jan & Paul Zugelder, Yvonne Brown, John Espino, Kathy Polzkill, Carolyn Davis’s birthday, and those we name in our hearts... Father, give us exactly what we need this day and teach us to be content with that. Help us to trust that you are working all things for our good. *In peace, let us pray to the Lord,* ♫ **Lord have mercy.** ♫

† Holy Gospel † Mark 14:1—16:8

The holy Gospel comes from Mark. ✠ **Blessed are those who listen to Jesus.**

If you have ears to hear, then listen! ✠ **Lord Jesus, help us to practice your Word.**

† Communion — The Way of Love †

Sharing the Lord’s Peace

Jesus says, “Make peace with each other ✠ **before you come to the Lord’s altar.**

By this all people will know that you are my disciples: ✠ **if you love each other.**”

Offering

Jesus says, “Do not store up things on earth. To be my disciple you must give up everything you own. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.” We offer all we have to the Lord, while also offering gifts to support this communion.

Musical Offering

Pledge of Allegiance

♫ *We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always*

love us! ♪ (LSB 816) Jesus says, “If you pledge your allegiance to me before others, then I will pledge my allegiance to you before my heavenly Father.”

I pledge allegiance to one God, the all-powerful Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I pledge allegiance to one Lord, Jesus Christ, who is God’s only Son. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He loved and he suffered. Under Pontius Pilate, he was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he was raised from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He is coming to judge the living and the dead. His Kingdom will not end.

I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the baptism for forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life in the age to come. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ☩ **And also with you.** ☩ Lift up your hearts! ☩ **We lift them to the Lord!** ☩ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise!** ☩ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ☩ **for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation!** ☩ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus’s love for all creation!

♪ *Joyful, joyful we adore you, Creator of all that lives! Earth and heaven praise and thank you, for your love and all you give! Fields and forests, fruit trees and birds, thunderstorms and starry skies, seas and mountains, and grazing herds, praising you who never dies!* ♪ (LSB 803)

† Words of Our Lord Jesus †

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. Jesus said, ☩ **“Follow my example. Love each other, even your enemies, in the same way I have loved you.”** ☩ During supper, Jesus then took the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory.” After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, “This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory.”

♪ *Oh come Lord Jesus come and dine and give yourself through bread and wine. Feed us so we may have new birth, and bring your rule ov'r all the earth. Come now, come now! Our Lord Jesus and bring your healing love to us!* ♪ (LSB 357)

Invitation to the Table

Jesus says, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood is united with me and will be raised from the dead.” We gather around Jesus’s table, ☩ **trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion.** ☩ As we receive the Lord’s gifts, ☩ **we commit to laying down our lives for each member of this church in the Way that Jesus has laid down his life for us.** ☩ We invite all Baptized members of the holy universal Church, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this

mysterious communion between the Creator and his creation. ♪ *We fall down now before you, Jesus you are the Lord. We lay our crowns before you, by all the earth adored. We give you all of our lives, we will hold nothing back. For you gave us everything, there is nothing we lack. You are the true Lamb of God, you gave your life for all. Teach us now to live like lambs, to trust you as we fall.* ♪ (LSB 941)

Sharing the Bread & Wine

Sent to “Do the Same in My Memory”

Christ Jesus, as we feed on you ☩ **we are made members of your Body.** ☩ We no longer live for ourselves ☩ **but you, Lord Christ, live within us.** ☩ As you have laid down your body and blood for us, ☩ **help us to do the same for each other in your memory.** ☩ Jesus says, “Go and live this truth: ☩ **The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!** ☩ Heal the sick, raise the dead, ☩ **cleanse the unclean, and cast out evil spirits.** ☩ Freely you have received from the Lord, ☩ **now freely you must give.** ☩ I am sending you like sheep among wolves, ☩ **but do not fear, take up your cross and follow me.”**

♪ *Give us mouths to sing your glory, hearts your teachings to obey, hands that live your love that fills us, feet to walk your holy Way. Holy Spirit, light-creator, may the truth which you do send, fill our lives with loving mercy and trusting peace without end!* ♪ (LSB 578)

Blessing

Jesus says, “Blessed are you in your poverty and suffering, for you are in the Creator’s Kingdom. Blessed are you in your humility, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you when you are merciful and peaceful, for you will find mercy and peace.” ☩ **Amen.**

Recessional Song ☩ *LSB 549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

- ♪ *All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let all before him fall. Lay down to him all pow’r and fame, and crown him Lord of all. Lay down to him all pow’r and fame, and crown him Lord of all!* ♪
- ♪ *All people who had lost your place, now rescued from your fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!* ♪
- ♪ *Let ev’ry tribe and ev’ry throne, respond now to his call, let go of ev’rything you own, and crown him Lord of all. Let go of ev’rything you own, and crown him Lord of all!* ♪
- ♪ *Oh that with all his foll’wers strong, we at his feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting son, and crown him Lord of all. We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!* ♪

Saint Luke's Mission Focus

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| Fasting | Communing |
| Observing | Healing |
| Listening | Resting |
| Letting-go | Imitating |
| Obeying | Sharing |
| Working | Thanksgiving |

Christ the King Sunday — Nov 26, 2.5 hour worship to read through the Gospel of Mark
2024 Budget Meeting — Sun, Dec 3

* Faith & Film: “Women Talking” Nov 27, Dec 4 @ DG
 “To the Wonder” Dec 11, 18 @ DG

* Scripture Study: “Ecclesiastes” Wed, 6 pm

| Weekly Calendar November 26 - December 3, 2023 | | |
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| Sun, Nov 26 | 9:30 am | Divine Liturgy “The Gospel” Mark 1—16 |
| Mon, Nov 27 | 6:00 pm | Faith & Film: “Women Talking” @ DG |
| Wed, Nov 29 | 6:00 pm | Scripture Study: “Ecclesiastes” |
| Thurs, Nov 30 | 4:30 pm | Jesus Time |
| | 6:00 pm | Choir |
| Sat, Dec 2 | 7-9 am | Breakfast & Devotion |
| Sun, Dec 3 | 9:30 am | Divine Liturgy “All Flesh Is Grass” Isaiah 40—41 |
| | 10:45 am | Food & Fellowship Text-of-the-Day Study |

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