



Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting three

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are + forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” **ELW 634**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established;**

you are from | everlasting.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,**

mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are | very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for-
| evermore.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 18th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to

the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Shall Reign” **ELW 434**

Please be seated

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation’s praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (local officials may be named). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (worship ministries may be named).
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your eternal presence the saints (recently deceased members of the congregation may be named) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

HYMN

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” **ELW 494**

“Lord God, We Praise You” **ELW 558**

Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” **ELW 435**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Michelle Schneider - Lector
Michelle Schneider - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Pauline Neumann - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



Flowers on the Altar Today
Are in Memory of
Alan and Joan Anderson
Edward and Olive Marlow
For Birthdays and Anniversary's



Today

The **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this year is Sunday, **November 24 at 2:00 p.m.** at **Trinity Church**, 345 Main Street, Portland.

Collection/Offering for Middlesex Land Trust and Non-Perishable Food Collection for the Portland Food Pantry.



Please Recycle Ink Cartridges Here

Starting next week there will be a container to leave your used ink cartridges for us to recycle. When we recycle them, we get some money to use toward office supplies for Zion's and Sunny Hill's offices.

Prayer List

For Health:	Matthew A	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Bud J	Neri families	Erik S
Joyce G	Marjorie F	Joan A	Andrew C
Bill B	Jessica A	Shirley C	Todd S
Cathy L	Charlotte D	Diane E	Michael C
Marion B	Jonathan A	Family of	Tyler G
Lily V	Pauline N	Marion W	Erik B
Holly N	Curt R	Family of	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Matthew S	Ivar Jozus	Evan G
Lisa A	Lloyd P	Family of	David P
Aiden J	Phil O	Debbie G	
Helen A	Peter W		
Allen H	Sandra C		



Zion Lutheran Church, 183 William St. will be hosting a **Coat Drive** on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 AM to noon** in their upper fellowship hall. New or gently used coats, jackets, gloves and hats for adults and children will be donated to Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown. Amazing Grace serves Middletown and 8 surrounding towns, including Portland. If you are unable to drop off your donations on December 14, please call the church office at 860-342-2860 to make arrangements.



At the Altar

Death

November 18, 2024

Funeral

November 25, 2024

Ivar Jozus

During Advent we will be collecting personal care items for the Portland Food Bank.

December 1 - Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Bodywash, nail files

December 8 - Deodorant, Feminine products, shaving cream, hand lotion, body lotion, Lip Balm

December 15 - Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins, Razors, Diapers size 5 and 6

December 22 - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss

Please place items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Just a reminder - the church library has been transformed into a unique history room of Zion. We hope that you will take a few minutes out of your busy day and check it out.

We have over 200 pictures on display along with Bibles going back into the 1800's, several binders filled with memorabilia, artifacts, artwork and much more. Something for everyone to enjoy. The museum will be open until the end of the year.

Sincerely, The History Committee



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for January, February and March** are available in the Narthex and the Box outside the door with the doorbell.



RaiseRight

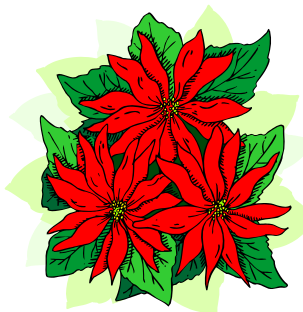
RaiseRight Gift Cards

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.

A RaiseRight Gift Cards order will be sent in soon.
Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) cards!
See Rick Borg for details.

Christmas Poinsettia



Anyone who would like to order a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one may do so by completing this form and returning it by **December 15th** with a check for \$10.00 per plant to:

Attention: **Valerie**
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
P.O. Box 202
Portland, CT 06480

Please make the checks payable to:
Zion Lutheran Church Flower Fund

In order to beautify Zion's sanctuary, I would like to order (____)
Poinsettia Plant(s) in memory of:

Given by:

- I will pick up my Poinsettia after the Service
- Please deliver my Poinsettia to a shut-in member.
- I will deliver my Poinsettia to a shut-in

Today: November 24, 2024

Christ the King

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

2:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
at **Trinity Church**

This Week:

Monday: **10:00 a.m.** Funeral

6:00 p.m. N/A

Tuesday: **Preschool Thanksgiving Break** Nov 26-29

Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day** Office closed Thurs-Fri

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday: December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 56, Last year - 76

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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