



Central Lutheran Church

**Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024**

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1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

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This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MUSICAL MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us...

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW pg. 149)

Sung by the congregation

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb Forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As 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. ¹⁰A 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. ¹³As 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. ¹⁴To 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.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 93

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

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting.**

³The 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.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for- | evermore.

SECOND LESSON: 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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

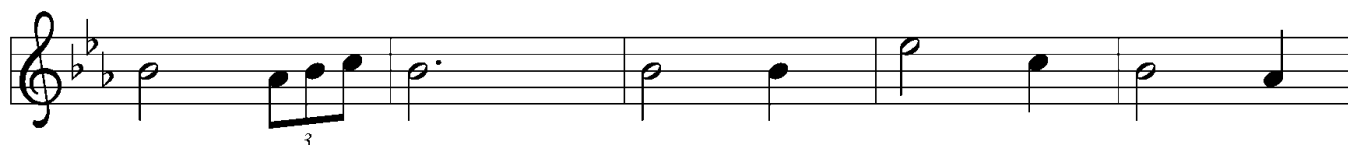
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Veronika

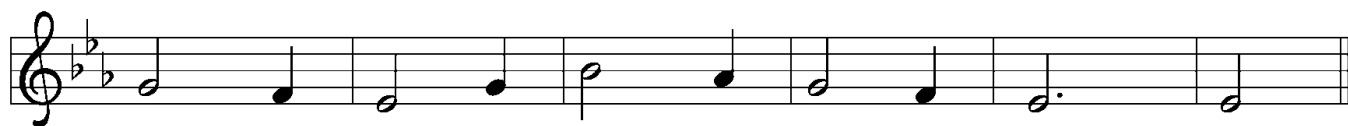
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please sit or kneel for prayer. The response to each spoken petition is:

P Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Linda** Gourley, **Byron** Myrick, **Paul** Chambers, **Gail** Oehler, **Sylvia** Chadwick, **Bonnie** Sato, and **Charlene** Zimmermann.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through **Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Sung by the Choir

*To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King, Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.
Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and
Redeemer!*

*Your reign extend, O King benign, to ev'ry land and nation;
For in your kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and
Redeemer!*

*To you and to your church, great King, we pledge our hearts oblation
Until before your throne we sing in endless jubilation.
Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and
Redeemer!*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

C 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed... (*Pr Veronika continues prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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

C Thanks be to God

COMMUNION

As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, and you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please fold your arms across your chest. Please note that grape juice is not available at this time.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.

LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray... 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.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 356

Sing, My Tongue



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the tri - umph
2 God in mer - cy saw us fall - en, sunk in shame and
3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap - point - ed
4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus went from
5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re - lax - ing



far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous sto - ry
mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's gar - den,
time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient rig - or



of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied; tell how Christ, the
where in pride we claimed the tree; then an - oth - er
left for us the heav'n - ly home, blazed the path of
did his work, and met his death; like a lamb he
that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the Lord of



world's re - deem - er, van - quished death the day he died.
tree was cho - sen, which the world from death would free.
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly on your arms ex - tend.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
be for all the noblest tree;
none in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit your equal be;
symbol of the world's redemption,
for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;
to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal Spirit honor
now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest,
while the timeless ages run.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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Gathering Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

Hymn of the Day: *King of Love, My Shepherd is*

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

Musical Offering: *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King*

Music: Martin B. Hellriegel, 1890-1981, alt., © 1941, Irene C. Mueller

Tune: ICH GLAUB GOTT, 8787, with refrain; *Mainz Gesangbuch*, 1870;

harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010, © 1986, GIA Publications

Sending Hymn: *Sing, My Tongue*

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530-609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl. F. Schalk, b. 1929

Music © 1967 Concordia Publishing House

Other Music: *Gospel Acclamation; Holy; Lamb of God*

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications

Church Council

The council is our group of lay leaders who represent different ministry fields. They meet on the second Sunday of every month after worship in the Parish Hall. All church members can attend any council meeting. If you would like to get in touch with the council, contact the church's administrative assistant and she will help you.

President- Ted Steinke

Vice President- Jan Moody

Secretary- Linnea Castillo

Education/ Youth/ Activities- Carrie Enocksen

Evangelism/ Mission & Outreach- Anne Monson

Treasurer- Janis Farrow

Administration- Mark Buie

Worship- Mary Glenn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Pastor Veronika's Office Hours: By appointment.

Church Admin Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Serving in Worship Today: Usher – Anne Monson & David Hopson; Lector – Alesia Pearson; Assistant Minister – Jeff Lowry

Thanksgiving Potluck: We will gather for a potluck lunch and Christmas cookie sale in the Parish Hall **today after worship.**

Return to Communion Cups: We will return to using individual communion cups during worship each Sunday, starting in Advent (December 1st). If you would like to receive communion in the pew, let an usher know and Pr. Veronika will administer you communion in your seat. We are also looking for volunteers to help with worship preparations and clean up. If you are able to volunteer, please let Rachel in the church office know.

Midweek Advent Vespers: Come join us at Central Lutheran (on **December 4, 11, and 18**) for a **midweek Advent vespers and soup supper**, where we'll gather with our siblings from Emanuel Lutheran to prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival. This Advent, we journey through the theme of Mary's Song—a song of deep faith, prophetic hope, and boundless love. In Mary's song, we hear her dreams, her call for justice, and her faith that God is with us. Let her words invite us into a season of expectant hope and a peace that stirs our spirits. Come be renewed as we draw near to the mystery and promise of Christ.

Angel Tree: Have you seen our Angel Tree at the back of the sanctuary? Each ornament represents a holiday wish from a refugee or immigrant child through Emanuel Community Center. **Pick an ornament, shop for their wish, and return your gift (unwrapped and tagged with their name and number) by December 8.** Let's make the season brighter—one wish at a time!

Brain Health Talk: Want to learn more about how to stay healthy as you age? Want to keep your brain active for as long as possible? Join us in the **Parish Hall on Sunday, December 15 at noon.** We will have a lunch followed by a talk titled

"Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body". The talk will be led by Jane, a volunteer from the Alzheimer's Association. All will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Advent & Christmas Schedule:

- **December 1-** Advent begins
- **December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:00 pm-** Wednesday Advent Vespers and Soup Suppers (in partnership with Emanuel Lutheran Church)
- **December 16 from 9am-Noon-** Gift wrapping at Cesar Chavez Learning Center
- **December 21 at 6:00 pm-** Las Posadas at Emanuel Lutheran Church
- **December 22-** Last Day to Order Poinsettias
- **December 24 at 7:00 pm-** Christmas Eve Worship Service
- **December 29 at 10:30 am-** Service of Lessons and Carols

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Visitation: If you or someone you know is in need of visitation from Pastor Veronika or one of our visitation team, please contact the church office at central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com or at 214-327-2222.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via phone (214-327-2222) or via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Irisz Gonda
 Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
 Linda Gourley
 Maribeth Kilday
 Charlene Zimmermann
 Ed Andrewson
 Robin Friedrich
 Jover Veraguas
 Byron Myrick
 Aba Desilus
 Gail Oehler
 Asher Parmley
 Proctor Family
 Sylvia Chadwick
 Elizabeth Cardenas
 Maggie Lund
 Karen Spitzer
 Bonnie Knight Sato
 Elizabeth Brownsted

Relationship

Friend of Pastor Veronika
 Friends of Janis Farrow
 Sister of Julie Atkins
 Friend of Myke Riley
 Aunt of Jan Moody
 Friend of Anne Monson
 Friend of Mary Glenn
 Brother of Ruth Chambers
 Father of Alesia Pearson
 Friend of Victor Chacon Montero
 Friend of Beth Garcia
 Friend of Julie Atkins
 Friends of Julie Atkins
 Mother of Mary Glenn
 Daughter of Irene Hallmon
 Friend of Janet Rashbaum
 Mother of Kristy Hamlin
 Sister of Harold Knight
 Friend of Janis Farrow

Church Members

Don Smith	Yuvonne Muirhead
Mario Montejo	Lydia Landfair
Kris McDowell	Mary Swenson
Nancy Nulisch	Judy Christiansen
Carol Paschetag	Suzanne Schwenn
Paul Chambers	Marilyn Gillett

Newly Married: Francisca Celina Gomez & Argenis Rios Arango