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J • E • S • U • S ,
REMEMBER ME
WHEN YOU
COME INTO
YOUR KINGDOM

LUKE 23:42

"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

November 23, 2025

Christ the King

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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Festival Prelude on "Coronation" - Gilbert M. Martin*

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (ELW 634)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!
to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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***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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior - David Allen*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

- ¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**
- ¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

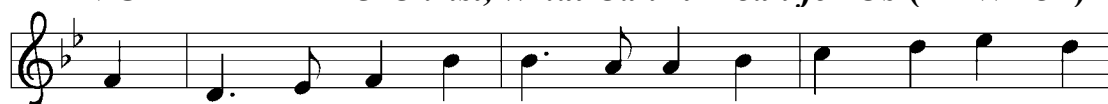
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Julia Brown

***Please stand as you are able for the final verse**

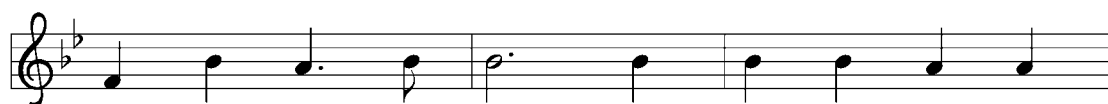
HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* (ELW 431)



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring: a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Please respond)

P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

***PEACE**

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

***OFFERTORY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Schubert) (ELW 190)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of the musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' by Franz Schubert. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' are written below the staves.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' are written below the staves.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system of the musical score. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' are written below the staves.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of the musical score. The melody in the treble staff features a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staves.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system of the musical score. The melody in the treble staff includes a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' are written below the staves.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system of the musical score, which concludes the piece. The melody in the treble staff features a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staves.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in song as Jesus taught us.

**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**

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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COMMUNION HYMN *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)



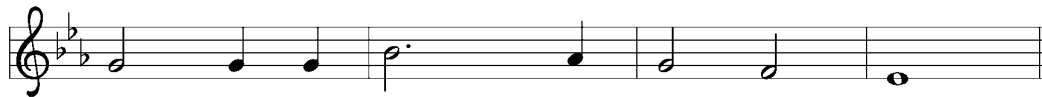
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
 you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
 that gives life to the world.
 Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
 send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
 hunger and thirst,
 and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

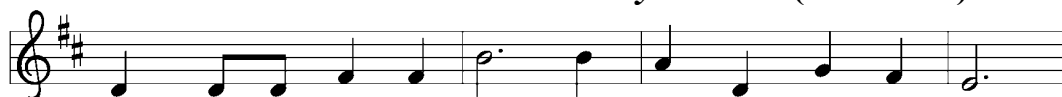
*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)



- 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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

***EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER**

***POSTLUDE** *He Shall Reign* - Robert J. Hughes

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SERVING TODAY

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Communion Set-Up..... Becky Pecha
Communion Clean-Up Becky Pecha
Communion Bread
Communion Assist
Securing Offering.....Janice McEntire & Brian Coldsmith
Attendance last Sunday.....30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God in honor of my family given by Kathy Bowen.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Communion will be served on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in addition to all church holidays.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

November 29 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Butcher Shoppe) 8am-2pm

Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown by email jlouisebrown@msn.com or phone 703-434-9220.

Prayer requests for the following: *Family & friends of Evelyn Gomez, Family & friends of Marjorie McMullin, William Brindle, Patricia Yetter, Kaitlyn Dovey, Norm Kuykendall, Phil Johnson, Nancy Deardorff, Susie Bingaman, Patsy Wildeson, Glenn Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Charles Carl, Marty Wenger, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

Can you believe the season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 30? As we prepare our hearts during this season, we often hear people ask, when will we sing Christmas carols? Although carols do not follow the Advent scriptures and worship format, we generally do not use them until the end of the service on Advent 4. However, starting next Sunday and each of the four Sundays of Advent, we will have a "carols sing" prior to worship, beginning around 10:35 AM. Come prepared with your favorite carol from our ELW hymnal in the pew racks and we will take requests. Christmas carols are found from #267 through #300.

Weekends of Wonder: Weekends of Wonder is a children's Christian education program offered by Solomon's UCC. On the second Saturday of every month, children ages 3 years and older can join Solomon's from 9:30 AM until noon for stories, songs, and activities designed to teach about God and God's love. Meanwhile, our hope is that guardians are enjoying a well-deserved sabbath! For more information and to download the registration form, visit <https://www.mysolomonsucc.org/childrens-ministry.html>. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Julia to get connected.**

Community Thanksgiving Dinner TODAY at The Ruritan at 5:00pm along with Solomons UCC. Everyone is encouraged to bring a Main dish and/or Side dish. Beverages will be provided, or you may bring your own.

The 35th annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination will take place on Saturday, December 6. This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later than 9:00 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. For further information please contact Bonney Coldsmith.

Choir rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. The choir continues to look for additional voices to help lead our worship services. Experience is not necessary!

During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door.

SpiritTrust Lutheran has discount cards for sale, \$5 each good through August 2026. If interested, they can be purchased from Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Becky Pecha, and Frances Reichard.

Power Pack Meals: We are once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2025-2026 school year. Please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Our opening hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," is a declaration of praise, but it's also much more than that. The words both declare the majesty of Christ and task us with making that majesty known to all. This hymn references Philippians 2:9-11: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We long for this day and declare our hope in its arrival in the text of this hymn. But are we willing to declare that hope to those who have not heard it? When originally written, the hymn was greatly used by missionaries in India. One particular story is of a Rev. Scott trying to reach a savage tribe in the Indian subcontinent. He set off into dangerous territory where he met a large party of warriors who surrounded him with spears pointed at his heart. Convinced he was going to die, he took out his violin,

prayed, closed his eyes, and began singing this hymn. When he reached the words, “let every kindred, every tribe,” he opened his eyes and the warriors had lowered their spears, many with tears in their eyes. Knowing he had somehow reached them, he spent the next two years evangelizing this particular tribe. The final stanza of this great hymn declares, “We’ll join the everlasting throng and crown him Lord of all!” Are we willing to lift our voices together to sing more than a hymn, and truly crown our God Lord of all? (Wikipedia; hymnary.org; and Then Sings My Soul; Robert Morgan).

Schonster, Herr Jesu, known to us as *Beautiful Savior*, our communion hymn this morning, dates back to the Roman Catholic Jesuits in a hymnal dated 1677, although it was also found in a manuscript dated 1662. The actual translator remains a mystery. The hymn emphasizes “the beauty and wonder of Christ, and it alludes to His dual nature, that He was both human and divine, God made flesh,” *Son of God and Son of Man.*” (Then Sings My Soul, p.25). It is interesting to note that according to some accounts, this hymn was called “Crusader’s Hymn” because it was sung by German Crusaders as they made their way to the Holy Land. But William Jensen Reynolds dismisses as “completely erroneous” any association of this hymn with the Crusades. Regardless of its exact origins, the hymn is truly a beautiful one, and a favorite of many. (Wikipedia). You will hear the hymn in two different forms this morning: first as the choir anthem with a new melody but with hints of the original woven in; and secondly, as our communion hymn.

Our sending hymn this morning, “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” was written by two separate authors, Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), each version with six verses. Most hymnals make a selection from the twelve stanzas. The tune used is “Diademata,” suggesting diadems or crowns, and matches the striking first line of poetry with an equally memorable first line of music. “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” is a hymn that declares we are to crown our Lord with many crowns. Christ was not simply a prophet, He was not simply the carpenter’s son, and He was not simply human, nor simply divine. Rather, this call to “crown him with many crowns” is a simple and yet profound declaration that Christ is many things, and everything. He is Lord of all. Each crown represents a different aspect of who Christ is – Lord of life, Lord of love, Lord of years, Lord of heaven, the Lamb upon the throne. Christ is King, Servant, Lamb, Shepherd, and we celebrate this all-encompassing nature of our Savior by crowning Him the Lord of all. (hymnary.org; and Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins, Austin C. Lovelace, pg 27).