## Last Sunday of the Church Year November 24, 2024

**As We Gather -** The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating "apocalyptic" revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil's madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

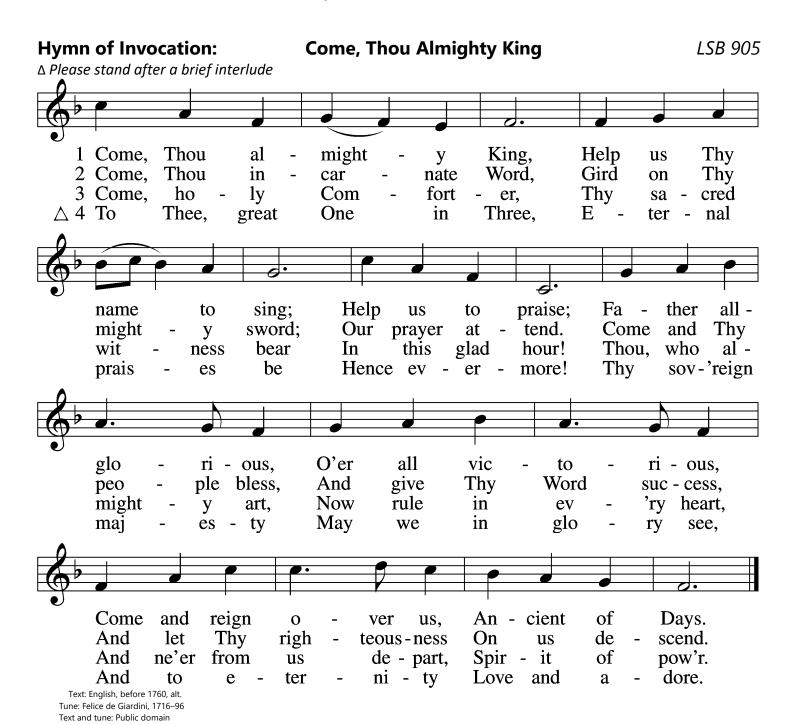
## GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

#### **Prelude:**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

## **Confession and Absolution**



- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

## Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV



- P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\* the home of | righteousness.
- O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;\*

  let me know how fleeting I am!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\* and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
- And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

  My hope | is in you.
- P Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

  Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;\*
  hold not your peace | at my tears!
  Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
  as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
  We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*
  the home of | righteousness.

Kyrie LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



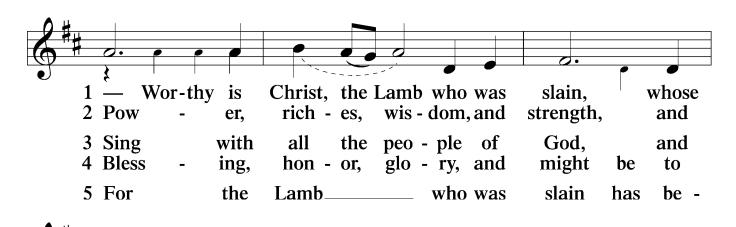
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

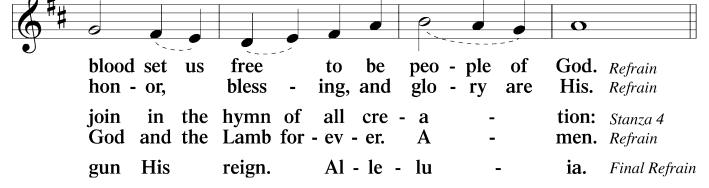


This Is the Feast LSB 155













## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



## **P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4–6

<sup>4</sup>"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

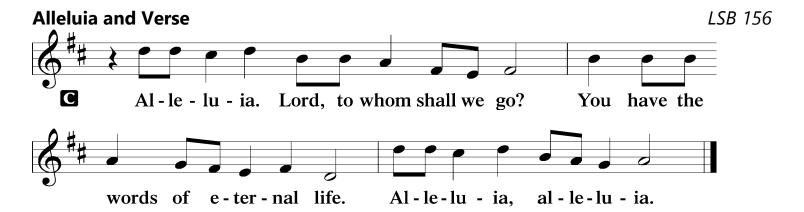
Epistle Jude 20–25

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel John 18:33–37

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



<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have

been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

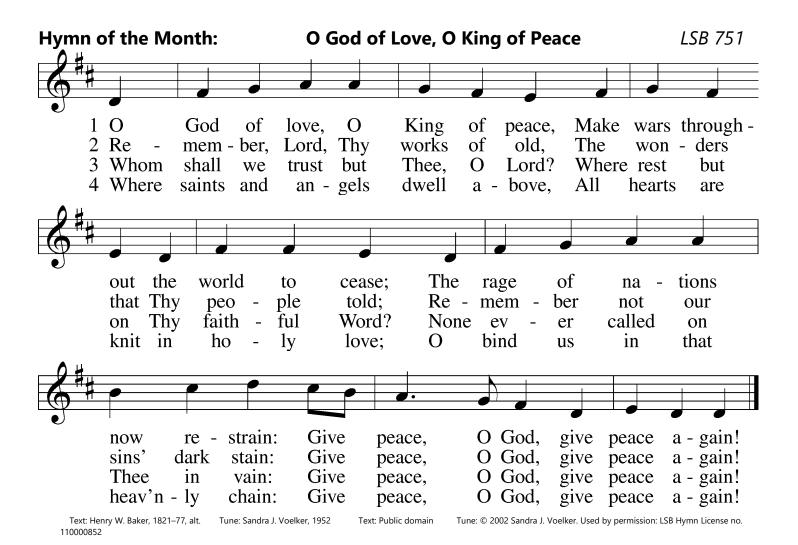
## **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### **Children's Sermon**





**Sermon:** 

"Thy Kingdom Come" John 18:33-37

Stand

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "O Worship The King Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)**– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

Stand

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



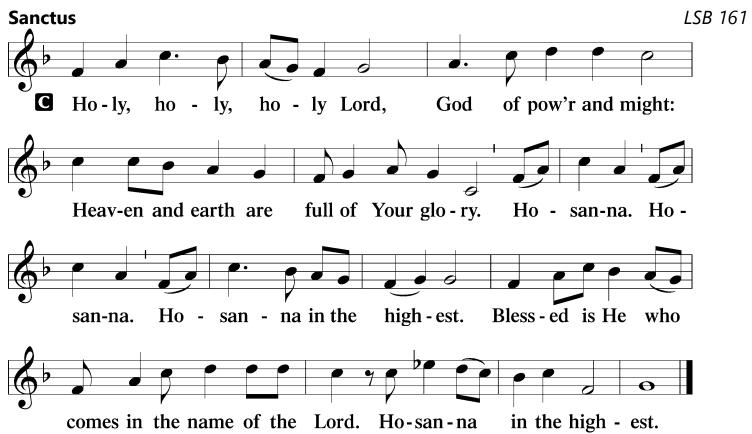
P Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

#### **Distribution**

# Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only) LSB 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Stand



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

## (Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray together.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## (Sunday)

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



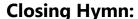
Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





## **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

LSB 525



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns,
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n.

The Lamb His throne; up - on The God in - car - nate born. Be - hold His hands and side.

Who tri-umphed o'er En-throned in worlds a - bove.



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 those He came to save. strife For Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of the mys-tic rose, Fruit an - gels in the sky No glo - ries now we sing, Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee. And Yet of that rose the stem. The ful - ly bear Can that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



Him thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni hail as root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At e - ter - nal life to bring And died ye kings, with man - y crowns, For

babe of Beth - le - hem. mys - ter - ies SO bright. lives that death may die. He king is all.

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#### **Postlude:**

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Elder	Lee Crano
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Sunday	
Elder	Keith Kallstrom
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Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Pentecost XXVII** – The Scriptural Ancient of Days has gray hair (Daniel 7:9). The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the Bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. "Elder" is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The Gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide.

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – No Flower Sponsor this week. **BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** *(SUNDAY)* – Team 1 is serving today; team 2 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. November freewill offerings will go to the Gideons.

**COMMUNICATIONS MEETING –** The Communications Board will meet today, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** – The Stewardship Committee will meet today, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**NO ADOPT-A-BLOCK THIS WEEK** – No Adopt-a-Block this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. It will resume next Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** - Everyone is invited to come help decorate the church on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. It usually only takes a couple of hours so please mark your calendars and come join us in the effort. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** – Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service with communion this Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY AND NEXT WEEK** – The church office will be closed this Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and next week. It will reopen Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ELDERS MEETING** – The Elders will meet next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, after service.

**ADVENT - MIDWEEK SERVICES –** Join us for the mid-week Advent Services at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MARY MARTHA MEETING** – The Mary Martha will meet Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall before our Luncheon at Huntington Hills.

MARY MARTHA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Mary Martha would like to invite all ladies of our congregation to our Christmas Luncheon at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club @ 2626 Duff Road at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The entrée selections are on the Mary Martha board in the narthex. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet and make your selection. Please contact Charlotte Mantz @ 863-409-6270 for more information!

**ALTAR GUILD- HELP NEEDED -** We are looking for two to four individuals willing to serve on a Communion service team -- men and couples also welcome! This is a low time-commitment role of roughly an hour combined each weekend for one month each year and a wonderful opportunity to serve God and church. Full training will be provided and completing a year of membership at Christ Lutheran Church is not a requirement. Please see Dawn Peters for more information.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY'S -**The Mary Martha Quilters meet on Wednesday's each week at 10 AM. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

**HELP WANTED-** The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED–** To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

**TRUSTEE WORKDAY -** The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**USED HEARING AIDS:** Used hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at <a href="mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org">stewardship@clclakeland.org</a>.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Isaiah 51:6 – "For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment."** The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

#### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Church Christmas Decorating @ 9am
	NO Adopt-A-Block
	NO Dream Center
Wednesday	NO Dream Center
	NO Trustee Workday
	NO Quilters
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 6:30 pm
Thursday	NO Bible Study
	Church Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am
	Elders Meeting