

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

*We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger
located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available,
please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **November 26 – December 3**

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Worship – Christ the King Sunday
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers Choir
Sunday	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Donuts and Coffee Sunday School Worship w/ Holy Communion

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming.
Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor.
Open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Text & Music: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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,

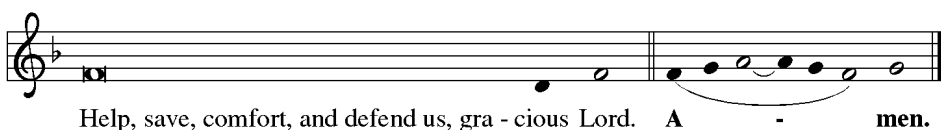
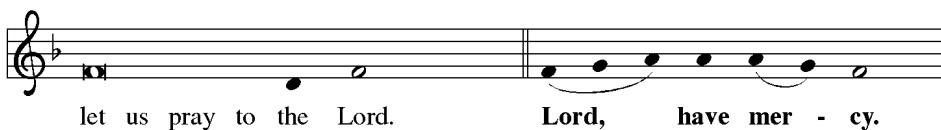
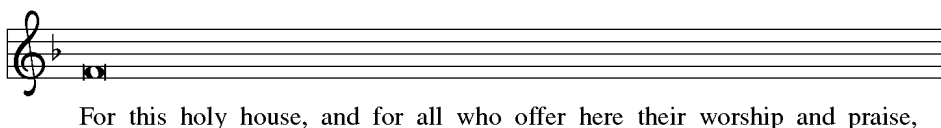
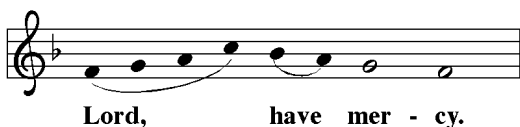
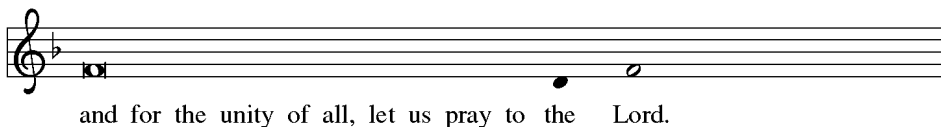
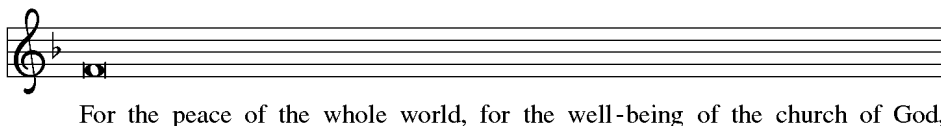
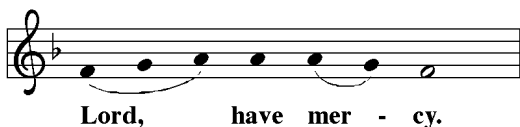
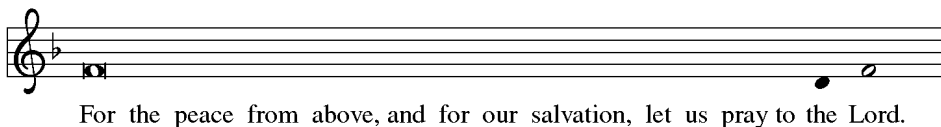
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the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

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.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed

them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Rejoice, for Christ is King!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

OUR RESPONSE

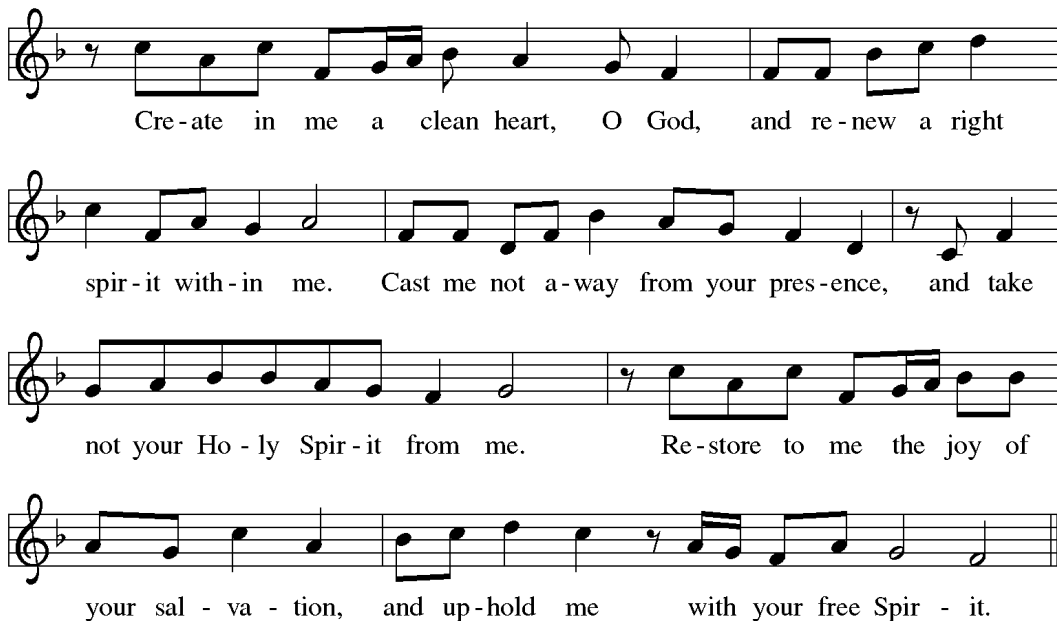
GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at www.felcc.org*

ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

**O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name.
Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—
that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen**

APOSTLE 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 INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

BLESSING

Our God calls us to do justice.
May you find strength in God's grace. **Amen.**

Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness.
May you find comfort in Christ's gentleness. **Amen.**

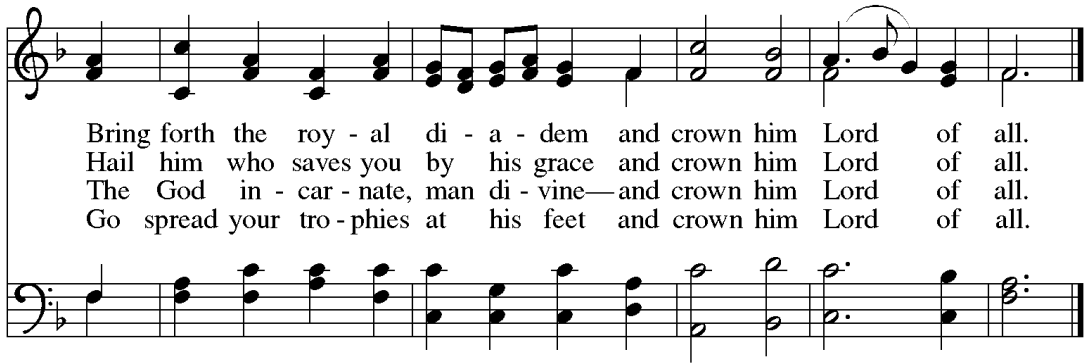
The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with God.
May you always find joy in God's love and justice. **Amen.**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, 1787, sts. Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

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.



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Bonnie (12/7),
Celena Casseday (11/23),
Joanne Fisher (12/4),
Trudy Gearhart (11/28), Sarah Haschak
Denise Heinbaugh (11/28), Charles & Gertrude Kampmeyer (12/3),
Kathy McCrae (12/6), Sam Mull (12/14), Joyce Ray (12/14),
Paul Stockhousen (12/6), Amber Stopyra (12/15).



Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Joe Pine and Garry Shatzer

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan

ATTENDANCE

November 19

68 in person

25 on line



A special welcome to The Rev. Herb Spoomer.
We are thankful to have you with us today,
sharing God's message of hope.

PASTORAL CARE Pastor Nicholson will be out of the office from Tuesday, November 21 through Monday, November 27. Pastor Warren Heintzelman will be available for pastoral emergencies. 717-830-5690. Pastor Herb Spomer will be leading worship on November 26.



POINSETTIAS FOR WORSHIP If you would like to donate a red poinsettia for Christmas worship, please return a Poinsettia form with money to the church office by today.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Solomon's Lutheran, Solomon's United Church of Christ, and New Franklin Assembly of God have invited our congregation to join them for Thanksgiving worship this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. The service will be held at New Franklin Assembly of God Church, 2355 New Franklin Road, Chambersburg. Please bring a finger food to share afterward.

NTT FALL COLLECTION accepting sheets, sleeping bags, blankets and winter coats for men, women and children. New or gently used are welcome. Please launder used items. Please place donations in bins in Memorial Hall today.

NTT WILL BE COLLECTING hats, scarves and mittens/gloves to be hung on the fence in front of First for our neighbors over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. As you are getting those items out for the season, please donate unwanted items to this outreach. We need items for men, women and children. There is a collection bin in Memorial Hall for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and concern.



NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designed for Lutheran Disaster Relief. With the current conflict in Israel, there is no question of the need for funding for relief supplies for people on both sides of the Gaza Strip. Thank you for being as generous as you are able.

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3. With December 24 falling on Sunday, we will have a very short fourth week of advent since Christmas Eve services are also on Sunday. It is our hope that you will be able to participate in these ministries of preparation.



THE ADVENT WREATH will be lit at worship each Sunday leading up to Christmas. In our congregation we traditionally use blue candles as that is the color of hope. Our Confirmation Students will be leading this portion of our worship.

ADVENT STUDY AND PRAYER TIME This new group is forming for 3 weeks on Monday afternoons at 1:30 during Advent (December 4, 11, and 18). We will spend about 30 minutes with an advent devotion and scripture reading and then spend 30 minutes in prayer with one another. The weight of the world feels heavy right now as the pressures of life in our world, in our society, in our family, in our friendships, grow heavy. We pray for the Lord Jesus to come into our dark world and give us renewed hope. Join us in the parlor.



WELCA CHRISTMAS TEA will be held December 14 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a gift exchange and singing. All women of the church are invited for an afternoon of socialization.

CANTATA A Noel Celebration created by Lloyd Larson will be presented by the Choir and musicians of First Lutheran as our main message at worship on Sunday, December 17. Our bell choir and children's choir will also be providing music. Please invite your neighbors.

CHAMBERBELLFEST You are invited to attend the ChamberBellFest at St. John UCC, 1811 East Lincoln Highway. First Lutheran Bells will be ringing in the season for us on Sunday evening, December 10. The concert begins at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH The Ladies' Breakfast Group will be having lunch together this month. We will gather together on Wednesday December 20 at Bob Evans Restaurant at noon. Contact Janet Friend for details and to reserve your seat! This lunch is open to all women.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP— will be at 7:00 on Sunday, December 24. We will have Holy Communion and Special Music as we come together to hear the story of the Birth of our Lord in a stable and light our candles while singing glorious Christmas Carols of worship and praise. We hope you will be able to join us.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP Join us on Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The time of worship is 9:30 a.m. and Holy Communion will be served. Come and praise the Lord!



48th ANNUAL LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE bring in the Christmas season with beautiful lights and the true story of Christmas! Newburg First Church of God, 260 Newburg Road, Newburg on November 30/December 1, 2 at 7 p.m. and December 3 at 3:30 p.m. Presented by Newburg area community voices. Please call 717-423-6279 with any questions.

MERCERSBURG AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS & ORCHESTRA concerts, Saturday December 2 at 3:00 p.m., Sunday December 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Irvine Memorial Chapel at the Mercersburg Academy.



COREY ROTZ IN A CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at Memorial Lutheran Church in Shippensburg on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at 34 E Orange St., Shippensburg. For information please call 717-532-4614.

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS will present a recital of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. There will be no admission charge, but free will donations to the Organ Guild will be gladly accepted. All are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music on St. Paul's spectacular pipe organ!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>November 26</u>	<u>December 3</u>	<u>December 10</u>
Lector:	Dia Schumacher	Jane Love	Nancy Fricke
Soundboard:	Rose Wilson	Bob Lawyer	Mark Nicholson
Communion Assistants:		Karen Maclay Marlin Maclay Karen Sloan	
Greeters:	Bev Rebok Peggy Stout	Nancy Hamilton Kathy Shoop	Nancy Hamilton Kathy Shoop
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Rick Gates Gary Kennedy Mary Ann Kennedy Bill McCoy Carol McCoy	Gary Fleegal Rick Gates Tudy Gates Dennis Love Mark Nicholson	Gary Fleegal Rick Gates Tudy Gates Dennis Love Mark Nicholson



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.