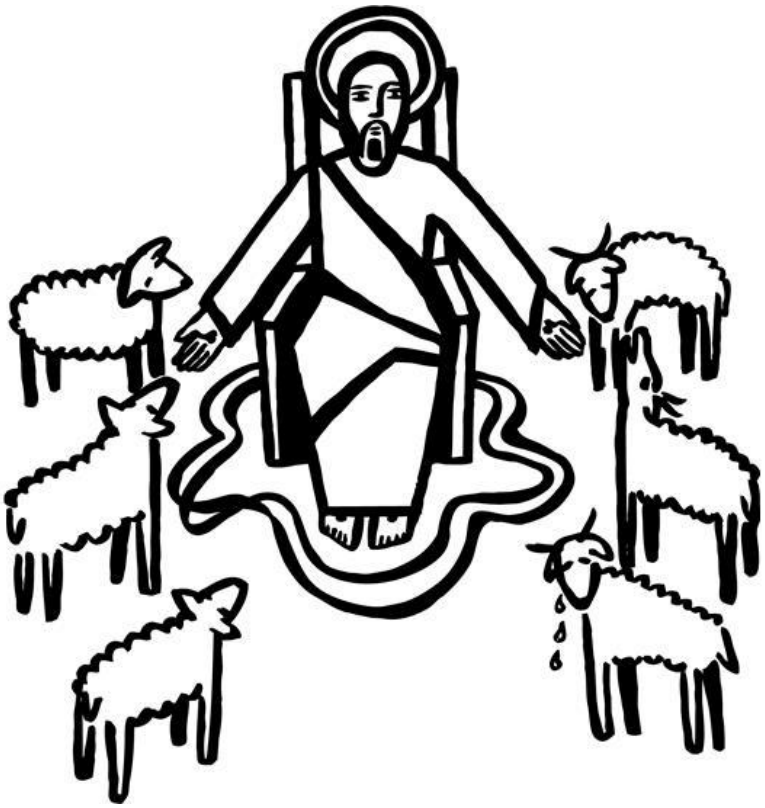
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Building Faith by Praying for God's Guidance, Hearing God's Word, Sharing God's Grace, Serving God's Children

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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026

In Our Prayers: Michaela Johnson, Coleen Green, Marty Jacobson, Norma Jean Vincent, Clemencia Thmomasettti, Jerry Botkin Sr., Bob Thomasetti, Steven Williamson, Helen Raudebaugh, Fred Gilbert, Margarite Wise, Nancy Wise, Catrina Dotson, Mark Ewing, Lea Ewing, Diane Cook, Grady Cronick, Lois Phillips, Debra Sears, Alyssa Parish, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, David Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Chet Molzen, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, family of Gene Lifer.

Altar Flowers are provided by members of the congregation. See the last page of this bulletin for the full listing. Many thanks to all who have donated.

Welcome Visitors! Your presence is a blessing to us. Please pick up an information brochure, complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

Parents with small children: We welcome you and your children to worship this morning. There are activity bags in the Narthex. The nursery is available (with speaker system) should you have need of it.

Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month; we practice open table fellowship: All baptized Christians who share our belief that Jesus Christ is truly present with his body and blood along with the bread and wine, are invited to participate. Register using the card in the back of the pews.

P Pastor A Assisting minister **C** Congregation **L** Lector

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Prelude
Bell
Call to Worship
Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: **Amen**
A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
A: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: **Amen.**

We Praise God

Gathering Hymn *Blessing and Honor* **Red Hymnal #854**

Greeting

A: 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.

Kyrie **Page 98**

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God* **Page 99**

Prayer of the Day

A: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and
will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they
are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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. 13 I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries and 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. 14 I 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the
lost, and I will bring back the strays, 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.
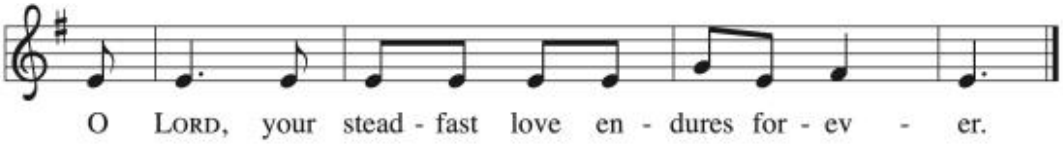
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed

with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

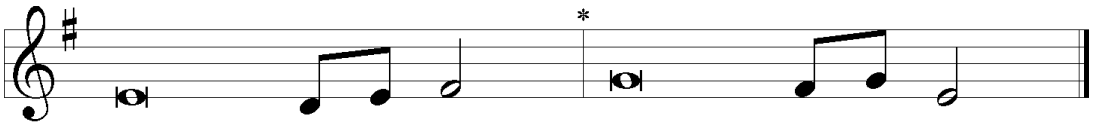
L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Refrain



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Psalm tone



Psalm 95:1-7a

A: 1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

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

A: 3 For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

C: [4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

A: [5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

C: [6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

A: [7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23**

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] 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, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God 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, [21] far 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. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* Red Hymnal Page 102

Please stand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he
will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for
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, 36 I
was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care
of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then 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? 38 And
when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or
naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you
sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say
to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave
me nothing to drink, 43 I 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.' 44 Then 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?' 45 Then 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Tim Barrage**

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day *O Christ What can it Mean for Us* **Red Hymnal #431**

Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

C #744 Be Glorified
(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)

A Prayers continue… As we lift up our prayers,

C #744 Be Glorified
(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)

A Prayers continue… As we lift up our prayers,

C #744 Be Glorified
(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)

A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

Peace

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

WE OFFER GOD OUR GIFTS

Offering of Gifts
Offertory **Amanda Herbert & Sandy Smith**

Please stand.

Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **Red Hymnal #185**

Offertory Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Canticle of Thanksgiving Red Hymnal page 219

A: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,

and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

A Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come
they 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

Please be seated.

WE ARE BLESSED AND SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand.

Blessing

A: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Thine the Amen* **Red Hymnal #826**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Sandy Smith**

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom/Livestream)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting / Pot-Luck Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Avenue Worship
5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

Monday, November 23

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving (office closed)

Friday, November 27

7:00 p.m. Cover to Cover Bible Study (via ZOOM)

NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 29

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

Monday, November 30

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Friday, December 04

7:00 p.m. Cover to Cover Bible Study (via ZOOM)

Poinsettia's Orders Now Being Taken

4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

If you wish to give one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The price of the plants is **$15.00 each**. Your order must be turned in to the Church office on or before **Sunday, November 15th, 2026.**

In Honor of: _____ **In Honor of:** _____

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4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

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4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

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Poinsettia's Orders Now Being Taken

4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

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Poinsettia's Orders Now Being Taken

4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

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Poinsettia's Orders Now Being Taken

4.5 inch pots $15.00 **Color options**: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

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Pastoral Concerns – Tim Barrage is available to the members of Salem in times of Pastoral concerns or emergencies. He can be reached at 330-465-5763.

Nursing Home Worship:
December 13 2:30 p.m. Brookdale Senior Living, Wooster. Services are held on the second Sunday of the month.

TODAY, 2:00 p.m. Avenue at Wooster Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month.
If you would be willing to help with these services, please contact Barbara Buchwalter @ 330-317-7906.

Women of Faith has a Facebook group called "Women of Salem." If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler's Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Saturday of the month, please let us know. http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem

ELCA World Hunger - All loose change in the offering plate will go toward this special social ministry project.

Worship Lay Assistants Needed: As we return to services in the sanctuary, we will need help in continuing our online as well as our in-house service. Consider being a part of this ministry. If you have never performed any of these duties before, we will be happy to show you the ropes. If you have a beautiful voice or are musically inclined, please let us know.

NFL Monday Night Free Community Meal: 6:00 p.m. Come for a hot meal, stay for a bible study. This meal is open to any all who hunger.

200th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Formed: Planning has begun, history being reviewed, invite lists being put together, activities being planned, dignitaries being contacted, programming and activities being created. We need your involvement and participation in this massive endeavor. Your ideas, your expertise, your funding, your presence. 2027 will be here before we realize and this is the year, 200 years ago that Salem Lutheran Church first held services as a congregation. Join us as we celebrate this amazing accomplishment! Next meeting December 6.

The Chosen – Monday nights*: Monday evenings 7:00 p.m.. We continue to show a new episode of "The Chosen" series. Join us as we watch the series together and discuss the episodes in detail.
*Invite friends or neighbors to one of our special events with the provided post card invites. Fill out their name, add a personal note, and drop in the mail. We can mail it if you drop them in the offering plate.

