



CHRIST THE KING  
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 34

November 25, 2018

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEW BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

### **Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**

Acolytes:	Hannah Fee, Kaylin Foss
Organist:	Gaye Wetzel
Head Usher:	Kay Hestor
Greeters:	JR and Pam Erdley
Lector:	Carole Jacka
Cantor:	Deb Wetzel
Offering:	Chancel Choir
Comm. Assist.:	George Hauck, Carl Scholl Stacy Sauers, Jean Sauers
Altar Guild:	Kay Hestor
Fellowship Hosts:	Red Hatters

### *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Liturgy Music Setting 4*

*"This morning we are led in worship by Mark Giesen, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations."*

### **VISITORS and FRIENDS: WELCOME!**

*We are glad that you are worshipping with us and hope that you will be encouraged and empowered for the coming week. Please fill out a pew card so that we can get to know you better. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher at the end of the worship service. If you are interested in joining our church family, please let the usher know.*

**If you receive Communion today,  
and haven't filled out a Communion Card this year,  
fill one out today and place it in the offering plate.**

## +GATHERING+

### Announcements

### Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness Stand as you are able.  
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the +holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God, our merciful redeemer,  
**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn - "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #855

### The Apostolic 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 - "This is the Feast"

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, **you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**+WORD+**

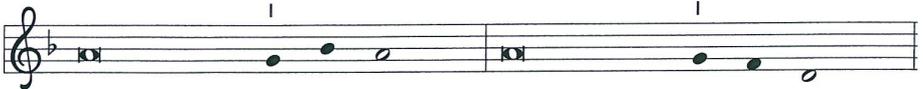
First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

*Psalm 93 Tone 9 Sung responsively*



- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.  
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup>not be moved.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup>been established; you are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting.**
- <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup>up their voice; the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup>pounding waves.
- <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup>of the sea, mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup>dwells on high.**
- <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup>very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup>evermore.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.  
Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.  
'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

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.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

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

*Please be seated.*

The Children’s Message

The Message

Hymn of the Day - “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us” #431

### The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our Christian faith together.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of God's People

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

*(After each petition, we hear the words, "Lord in your mercy," and the people respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")*

... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayer List**

### *Prayers of healing, wholeness, encouragement—Long Term:*

Julia Hauck, Logan Roush, Alicia Saxon, Aimee Erdley, Noah Navickas, Katie Benfer, Bill and Bonnie Pontius, Nancy Pursley, Keith Phelps, Melanie Sanders, Bev Fausey, Kermit Dale Carnahan, Tom and Dana Mitchell, Ruthie Miller, Travis Erb, Christine Koons, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Janet Neidig, Peg Mattern, Lori Haines, John Snook, Baby Nolan Redmond, Vicki DePhillips, Jamie Zeiders, Craig Ritter, Deb Dressler, Gloria Callahan, Gayle Napp, Paul Kratzer, Jr., Paul Treaster, Lois Lark, Nancy Hummel, Mary Hummel, David Hummel, Gary Keister, David Brill, David Kline, Bertie Foust, Jean Smith, Darren Moyer, Dawn Wagner, Loren Miller, Darrell O'Bryant, Rev. David Hauck, Mary Stillman, Pete Dreisbach, Patti Faux, Donnie Ritter, Delilah Worthington

### *Prayers of healing, wholeness, encouragement—Short Term:*

Gaye Wetzel, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Sam Vonada, Marion Fisher, Eric McDonald, Bill Frank

### *Providence and protection for first responders, military service men and women:*

Stanley Miller, Shane Keller, Jonathan Ward, Sean Wagner

### *Prayers of care and help for our homebound:*

Bob Frank, Erma VanHorn, Roberta Hollenbach, Martha Wetzel, Carol McJilton, Ralph Geiswite, Donald Wetzel, Wayne Moyer, Bob Hummel

### *Prayers of consolation and comfort for those who are grieving*

## **We Share God's Peace Together**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### **And also with you.**

*(We greet our brothers and sisters with a kiss, a handshake or a hug as we say, "Peace be with you." They respond, "And also with you.")*

*Please be seated.*

## +MEAL+

The Offering *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. We are encouraged to give cheerfully and freely in response to all that God has first given us through the bounty of creation, the life of the Son, and the work of the Spirit.*

*Please stand as able when the Gifts are brought forward.*

### The Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God,  
**you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer (V)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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

The table is set. This is the table not of the church but of the Lord, and this feast that we celebrate is for you; you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. So come, not because I invite you but because Christ invites you. For here is Christ coming to you in the bread and the wine. For these are the gifts of God, given for all of you, the dearly loved children of God. So come, the feast is ready!

*Please be seated.*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*All are welcome—no exceptions!*

*If you are unable to move forward to receive the sacrament, please inform the usher and the elements will be brought to you.*

*The first chalice is for dipping (intinction) or common cup. This echoes the practices of the Last Supper. The second cup on both sides is a pouring chalice for individual cups.*

**The congregation may join in singing hymns during Communion.**

Communion Hymns

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"        | #430 |
| "Jesus Shall Reign"                   | #434 |
| "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" | #435 |

**Stand and sing:**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Verse 1 #502**

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

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

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

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

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

The most precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Sovereign God,  
**in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

The Blessing

The love of God surround you; the grace of +Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #634

The Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

**All are invited to our Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship this morning.**

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***For Pastoral Emergencies while Pastor White is on vacation  
Nov. 26 through Dec. 2, contact Pastor Stina Schaeffer at  
845-636-9487.***

*For Immediate Prayer Requests, contact Tom Milbrand at 570-966-1352, Diane Walter at 570-966-0333 or Frances Blatchley at 570-966-0288.*

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### **Attendance & Offering for Sunday, November 18, 2018**

Attendance – 78

Offering - \$ 2,558.00

This offering includes:

Weekly Giving	1953.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Building	340.00
Benevolence	55.00
Poinsettia	30.00
Thanksgiving Env.	90.00
Preschool Donation	50.00

### **Please Remember ...**

All offering that is designated to the Building Fund through December 2018 will be placed on the principal of the church mortgage. These contributions will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000, by an anonymous donor.

**Altar Flowers** are placed to the glory and honor of God by Kay Hestor in memory of Lenus Hestor and Andrew and Erma Moyer.

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**TODAY:** Dec. 2018/Jan. 2019 Newsletter Deadline

Wed., Nov. 28                      7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY:**                      8:00am Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast

***Worship Leaders/Assistants for next Sunday, December 2***

Acolytes:                      Amanda Schlegel, Nathan Sauers

Organist:                      Mary Agnes Hackenberg

Head Usher:                      Kay Trick

Greeters:                      Katie and Ross Mitchell family

Lector:                      Katie Williard

Cantor:                      Alicia Saxon

Offering:                      Bob and Jean Sauers

Rob and Audrey Sauers

Comm. Assist.:                      Chuck Ritter, Kay Hestor

Ross Mitchell, Ginny Engel

Altar Guild:                      Betty and John Hollenbach

Fellowship Hosts:                      Knit Wits

Flower Sponsor:                      Betty and John Hollenbach

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There is a list of members on the table downstairs.

Please look over your family's information today.

Make any changes or corrections

on the pages in the binder.

Please add the year to any dates

that don't have the year listed.

**This year's Christmas Musical**, Twas the Night Before: A Christmas Musical by Roland Claire Jr., will be on Sunday, December 23rd. Rehearsals will take place from 10:30am to 11:30am each Sunday through December 16th. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 22nd at a time to be determined.

## 2019 Altar Flowers

For 2019, the cost of honoring or memorializing someone with altar flowers will remain at \$40. If you prefer not to be responsible for fresh flowers, you may request the church's silk flowers be used.

The sign-up chart for flowers for 2019 is now available in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up as you want your name in the bulletin and indicate if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone or a special event. Also, indicate if you are unable to serve on Altar Guild the week you sponsor flowers.

The following lists are 2019 dates that need to be filled for each category.

### Flowers and Altar Guild:

May 26  
July 28  
September 8  
September 22  
November 17  
December 15  
December 29

### Fellowship:

March 3  
July 14  
October 6  
October 13

## Food Pantry Stats:

On November 15th, our food pantry served 28 families or 76 people. Thank you to all of the volunteers who give of their time every month. Please bring **Holiday Desserts (for example: cake mix, cookie mix, pie filling, etc.)** before December 20th. If you wish to contribute monetarily, checks may be made payable to New Berlin Food Pantry. Of course, you may still donate other food items to the pantry if you find good sales on different items. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

**XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest) Luncheon ...** Tuesday, December 18th at 11:30am at Country Cupboard, Lewisburg. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend. If you have a Messiah t-shirt, please wear it for this lunch. These luncheons are open to anyone who wants to join in, regardless of age.

**Quilters need sheets** ... Full-size flat sheets are needed for making quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief. If you have sheets to donate, please give them to Miriam Milbrand.

### **Pill Bottle Collection Has Stopped**

We are no longer collecting prescription pill bottles.  
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this cause.

**A Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale** to benefit Logan Roush is being held. Order forms are available during social time. See Kay Hestor for forms. Subs and sandwiches are being made by R&K Subs.

***The deadline to order is tomorrow, November 26th.***

Pickup will be on Wed., December 5th at 4:00pm at Messiah.

### **2019 Puerto Rico Mission Trip Fundraisers**

Aunt Laura's Famous Sourdough Pancakes will be served on Sunday, December 2nd at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a yummy breakfast. A free will offering will be accepted to support the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. Your continued support is appreciated.

#### **Mission Trip Fundraiser—Grocery Cards**

Madison Styers, Kaylin Foss, Hannah Fee, Jillian Fee, Brian and Janine Fee are planning to go on a Mission Trip to Puerto Rico in June 2019. To help defray costs we are selling \$25 Weis cards and \$25 Wenger cards. The girls will get 5% of the Weis cards sold and 10% of the Wenger's cards sold. The cards will be available for purchase every Sunday during fellowship. Prayerfully consider helping our youth by purchasing these cards.

## Upcoming MACY (Mifflinburg Area Christian Youth) Events

### Friday, November 30: "A Walk through Bethlehem"

This is located near Line Mountain High School. We will carpool. The event is open from 6-9pm and admission is free. MACY group is meeting in the Mifflinburg Lutheran Church parking lot at 5:30pm. This event is open to all ages. Parents are welcome to join the group. If you are interested in going to this event, please let Janine Fee know.

Sunday, December 2: Baking cookies for the Christkindl cookie stand will take place in the basement of the Mifflinburg Methodist Church. Start time is 3:00pm. Plan to Bake - Eat - Devos - Bake again! It is a fun time! See Janine Fee if you have any questions.

Sunday, December 16: Dinner and Devos at Sawyer's home at 6:00pm. If you are interested in going, please let Janine know. We will carpool.

**Logan Roush** is in North Carolina doing 6 weeks of rehabilitation. When he finishes rehab, his name will be placed on a list to receive lungs and possibly a kidney, hopefully within 6 weeks. Logan thanks everyone for their prayers and concerns; he really appreciates the church family. If you would like to continue to support Logan while he is in North Carolina, his address is:

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