

CHRIST THE KING Sunday

Welcome to Worship and Live-Streaming @10:45am

Welcome to Worship

Christ the King Sunday **November 22, 2026, 10:45am**

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome

Prelude--*No Dark Valley*--arr. Michael J. Glasgow — Chancel Ringers, Kristen Van Dyck-Fiddle

Call to Worship--

Come, let us worship Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords!

We come to celebrate the One whose kingdom is built on love and grace.

Christ reigns over all creation and calls us to live as people of hope and peace.

Let us worship our risen King and share His love with the world!

Opening Hymn**154--*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Invocation *(please be seated)**--***

Gracious and loving God, we gather today to celebrate Jesus Christ, our King. We thank You that His kingdom is not built on fear or force, but on love, mercy, and grace. Open our hearts to Your presence and remind us that no matter what challenges we face, Christ remains faithful. May our worship renew our hope, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to live as people of Your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading--Psalm 100

Gloria Patri (Hymn #70)--

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem--*Happy All the Time/Peace Like a River*--arr. Marie Willis-Guarneri Bethlehem Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples--(congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Anthem--*10,000 Reasons*--arr. Lloyd Larson Epworth Choir
Lucy Benson, Wilbur Chase, Giavanna Fraley, Kennedie Ward-Soloists

Scripture Reading--Colossians 1:11–20
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon--*"The King Who Changes Everything"* Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **327--*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--*Shout to the Lord*--arr. Arnold B. Sherman Epworth Ringers

Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The 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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn **715--*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

***Benediction**666**--Shalom to You*

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude--**Minuet*--Philip Hayes

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Sarah Demeter-Barton's birthday, by her parents Joe and Linda Demeter

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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Prayer Requests/Pastoral Care

The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.

OPENING HYMN
#154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE
#327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

CLOSING HYMN

#715 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
th'archangel's voice; the trump of God
shall sound, rejoice!

BENEDICTION

#666--Shalom to You

Shalom to You now,
shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies
bless you, my friends.
In all your living
and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom.

CHURCH NOTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

THIS WEEK

Community Thanksgiving Service is Tue. evening @7pm. First Christian is hosting this year. The accessible entrance and parking is on Stow Ave.

The Annual Nut Sale for *Work Camp* begins today. $12/bag

NEWS

Birthday Party for Jesus: Formerly the "Santa Brunch," featuring the omlet station, birthday cake, and nativity displays. 12/13 from 9:30a-12:30p in Wesley Hall. Cost: $7/adult, $5/child, $0/under 3. Bring a birthday present for Jesus in the form of canned goods, hats, mittens, gloves, etc.

Silent Quilt Auction Continues Through 12/31: See the quilters on Sunday mornings or call the office to place your bid.

Advent Study: 7pm, Mondays 11/29-12/21. St. Luke's Lutheran is hosting this year. "*The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*," by Matt Rawle, based on Dr. Seuss's beloved book, "*How the Grinch Stole Christmas*" is sure to make your heart swell with the spirit of Christmas.

RSVP via the sign-up at the Welcome Center, the QR code , or church office by 11/25. The book is $10.

RSVP Digitally

Epworth Choir Fundraiser

GARDNER PIES

$15 each

Orders due 12/3, ready 12/20

Find paper forms @Welcome Center

ARTS SERIES CONCERTS & EVENTS

Singer's Companye Concert: 12/2 @7p/Sanctuary. Pre-concert lecture with Dr. Gordon in the Parlor.

Declutter & Organize: 12/3 @11am/Wesley Hall. Thoughtfully working through memories and helping people part with sentimental belongings. Register with Parks & Rec. 330-971-8225

A SEASON OF GIVING

12/1-12/13 **Acts of Grace Circle** will be collecting gift cards for Refuge Host Homes. They are requesting: Uber, Gas Cards, Target and Gift Eagle. If you are interested in participating, there is an envelope in the church office. Refuge Host Homes is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, supportive housing for vulnerable pregnant women in the Greater Akron area.

Open M is collecting $20 donations toward the purchase of turkeys. Place your donations in the offering plate, drop box, or mail to the church by December 7 (please write "turkey" in the memo line). Our goal is 200 turkeys!

NEXT Steps with Pastor Pippin

The King Who Changes Everything - Scripture: Colossians 1:11–20

We Serve a King Who Rescues Us
There is something powerful about being rescued.

We Serve a King Whose Power Is Revealed Through Love
But Jesus demonstrated His power by serving others.
If Christ is King
If Christ is King, then love should have greater authority in our lives than hatred.

Reflection questions: What is one area of your life where you need to surrender fear, worry, or control and allow Christ's love and peace to reign?If we truly believe that Jesus is King and that His kingdom is built on love, grace, and service, how should that change the way our church engages with our community?

Memory verse: Colossians 1:13–14: "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Next week: The Way Home: Waiting - Mark 13:24-37



A SEASON OF GIVING

This congregation has traditionally participated in many programs that help folks during the holidays. Below are some ways you can make the Thanksgiving and Christmas season brighter for those in need. *Please remember to indicate on the memo line of your check which program you are supporting so we can make sure the funds get to the appropriate cause. Thank you!*

Good Neighbors: "Old Fashioned Holiday Collection" Monetary gifts can be placed in the offering plate. Any physical gifts can be dropped off in the box by the church library, or Good Neighbors on T, TH, 8-2pm, 330-928-8057. Holiday items are requested by November 19.

Art Kits	Blocks	Lego	Coloring Books	Ribbon Candy
Cars	Trucks	Baby Dolls	Footballs/Basketballs	Candy Canes
Blocks	Science Kits	Dinosaurs	Throw Blankets	Candy Kisses
Activity Books	Playing Cards	Board Games	Soccer Balls	Chocolates
Trains	Hot Wheels	Barbie Dolls	Stickers	

Toiletries: Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Toothbrushes, Bath Bombs, Lip Gloss, Deodorant, Body Sprays, Brushes, Press on Nails, Dish Soap, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Bar Soap.

Open M: Open M is collecting monetary donations toward the purchase of turkeys this year. They are asking for $20 donations. Donations should be placed in the offering plate, drop box, or mailed to the church by the December 7 deadline (please write "turkey" in the memo line). Our goal is to supply enough funding to supply 200 turkeys! You may also adopt or shop for a family for Christmas. Please register through Open M at www.openm.org/christmas-sponsorships

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Family Promise: FP will be collecting monetary donations to cover holiday meals and gifts. Our goal is to cover $500 worth of holiday meals and $1500 worth of gifts for the families of Glendora house. Please make sure to designate "Family Promise" in any of your monetary gifts. Thank you!

Blessing Box and Clothesline @FirstUMC: Items requested can be donated any time this fall/winter.

Individual "heat & eat" stews, pastas	Mac N' Cheese	Granola bars
Cereal Boxes	Fruit & Veges with tab tops	Pasta & sauce
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Knitted Hats	Gloves of all sizes
Hand warmers	Sample size toiletries	Scarfs

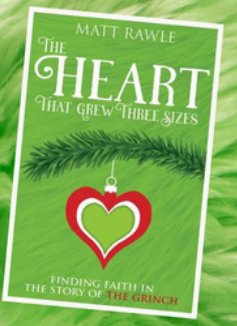
Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.
-John Wesley

2026 Advent Study

RSVP Digitally

Mondays beginning November 30 @7pm
St. Luke's Lutheran is hosting this year.
The study runs for 4 weeks.
Books are $10. Please RSVP by 11/25

The study by Matt Rawle is based on
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



Reserve a book by November 25. Use the QR code or call the church office.

Annual

HOLIDAY NUT SALE

The 2026 Nut Sale will be every Sunday between and after services beginning November 22, or during office hours M-F, 9-3pm.



All proceeds benefit *Work Camp 2027.*

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