

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

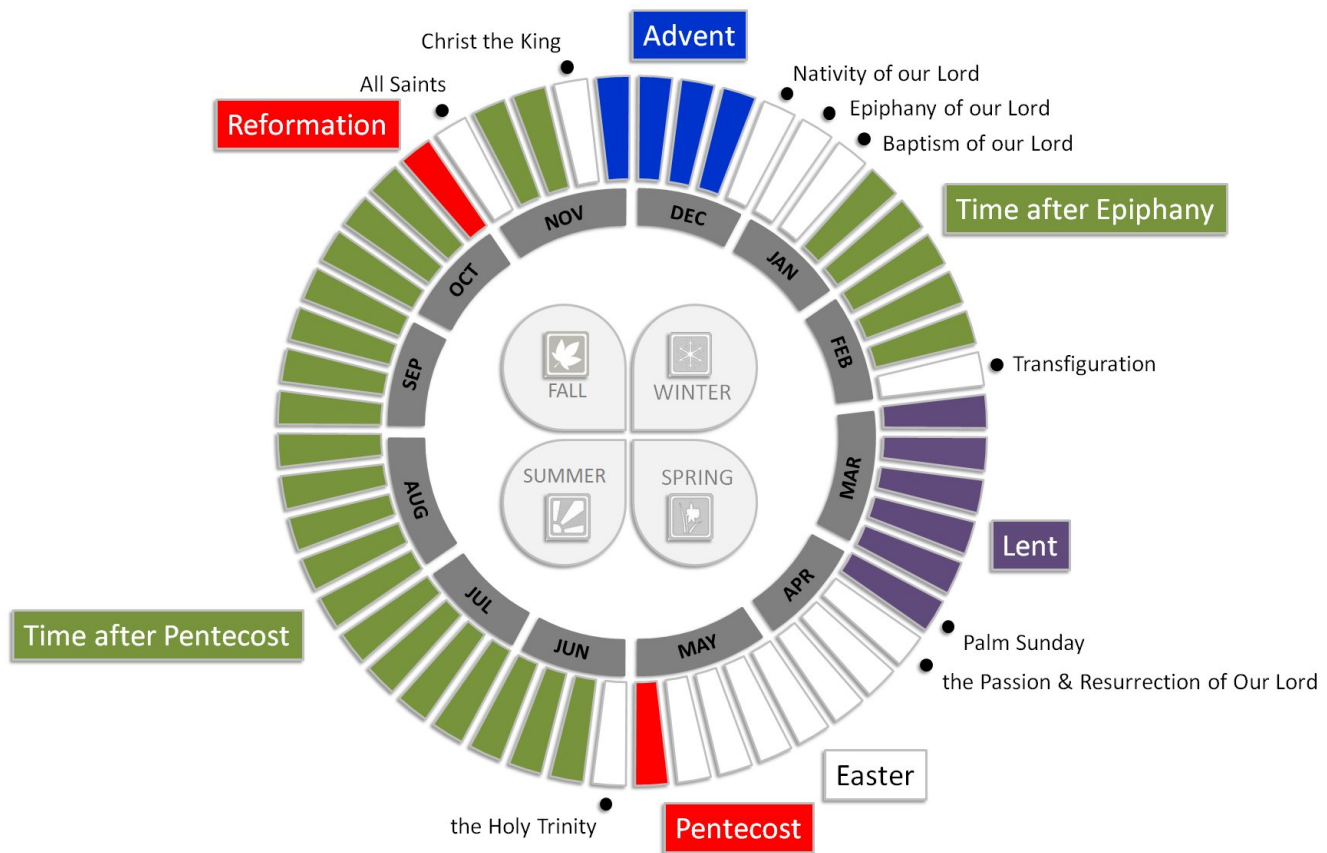
## A Celebration of Christ's Reign in the Seasons of the Church Year

### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH YEAR

For centuries, the Christian Church has worshiped according to the Church Year. The Church Year begins in December with the season of Advent. The first half of the church year (December through May) follow the life of Christ from his birth through His suffering, death, and resurrection on Easter Sunday and His Ascension 40 days later. The second half of the church year (June through November) follow the teachings of Christ and their effect in the daily lives of Christians.

We have now come to the close of the Church Year and next Sunday another year will begin.

Many Christian churches observe **Christ the King Sunday** on the last Sunday of the Church Year. This morning a special service helps us retrace and remember that the entire Church Year celebrates the rule of Christ over our hearts now and forever.



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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
  - \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
  - \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
  - \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.
- Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!
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## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

*The congregation sings:*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark how the heav'nly 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.**

**Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his won'dring eye at mysteries so bright.**

**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.**

*Hymn 511, st. 1-3*

## RESPONSORY

*Revelation 1:4-6*

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

*The congregation sings:*

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.**

*Hymn 511, st. 4*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth

will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## ADVENT

*“Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.”*

**Luke 1:26-35** In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lowly exile here  
Until the Son of God - appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.**

**Oh, come, O key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav’nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to  
you O Israel.**

*Hymn 327, st. 1+4*

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## CHRISTMAS

*“Crown Him the virgin’s son, the God incarnate born.”*

**Isaiah 9:6-7a** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Hymn 353, st. 1+4*

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## EPIPHANY

*"Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways."*

**Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore your foll'wers be.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At your cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.**

*Hymn 372, st. 1+3*

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## LENT

*"Crown Him the Lord of Love – behold His hands and sides."*

**Luke 23:25-43** The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded,  
With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory  
Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call you mine.**

**Lord, be my consolation,  
My shield when I must die;  
Remind me of your passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
My eyes will then behold you,  
Upon your cross will dwell;  
My heart will then enfold you-  
Who dies in faith dies well!**

*Hymn 429, st. 1+7*

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## EASTER

*“Crown Him the Lord of Life – who triumphed o’er the grave.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:17-25** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

*Hymn 438, st. 1-3*

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## PENTECOST

*“Crown Him the Lord of Heaven – enthroned in worlds above.”*

**Ephesians 1:15-23** For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Here-after Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to you let earth accord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Hymn 472, st. 4+6*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**Help us live as royal priests.**

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may

spread and grow.

**Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!**

**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.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

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**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says

in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

## **+ THE SACRAMENT +**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

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### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN | *O Savior, Precious Savior***

1. O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom, yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.

2. O Bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.

3. In thee all fullness dwelleth,  
All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our glorious Lord and King.

4. Oh, grant the consummation  
Of this our song above  
In endless adoration  
And everlasting love!  
Then shall we praise and bless thee  
Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess thee,  
Our Savior and our King.

*After the distribution, the pastor speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you to life everlasting. Amen.

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

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## **ENDTIMES**

*“Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns for He is King of all.”*

### **Revelation 1:4-18**

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it 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."

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation sings:*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine.**

*Hymn 522, st. 1+4*