



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

PRELUDE.....arr. Berry
The Solid Rock

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE: COME INTO GOD’S PRESENCE WITH SINGING.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with Thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

PEOPLE: GIVE THANKS AND BLESS GOD’S NAME.

Leader: For the LORD is good;

UNISON: GOD’S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

*WORSHIP HYMNCH. 17 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)
O Worship the King

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Lexi Kilburn

*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Almighty and wondrous God. We enter Your courts with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that You have made us, and remembering we are loved. We have come to praise Your mighty acts, to offer our petitions, and celebrate remembrance. Let us know Your guarding presence, as sheep with their shepherd, as we seek to honor You for all Your good works. We also enter with fear and trembling, as we know that You are God, and You alone are good, and we fall short of Your glory every day. Let us hear Your call into radical discipleship again this morning, oh God, as we focus on the person and ministry of Your son Jesus Christ, the King, who taught his disciples how to live and how to pray, saying, *“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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom the power, and the glory forever and ever.”* Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 702).....Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

ANTHEM.....arr. Giardini-Hubble
Come, Thou Mighty King

SECOND READING (pg 807).....Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D
Feeding the Hungry, Clothing the Naked, and Visiting the Sick

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. McLean
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love and God of justice. We come today bringing our gifts, and we dedicate them to Your service. Bless these gifts and use them to serve the needs of the many who need to know Your presence. “Have you fed the hungry, quenched the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoner—today?” You ask us. We do not know how to respond. We know that You call us to become more active and we do want to respond to Your radical call on our lives. As a first step in the direction of radical, practical discipleship, we do bring these tithes and offerings. As we dedicate these gifts, we do dedicate ourselves, anew, to heed Your call to share Your light and Your warmth in a cold and dark world. We bring ourselves and our gifts with thanksgiving in our hearts, with songs of hope and praise on our lips—and in fear and trembling—for You are a God who is a God of love and of justice, a God of mercy and a God of judgment. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528
Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 284 (vs. 3)
Gather Us In

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Sanborn
Now Thank We All Our God

The Lord’s Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 717**

Let All Things Now Living

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Kim Powell, Rosemary Lahy, Rick Lahy, Carey Ward



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!*



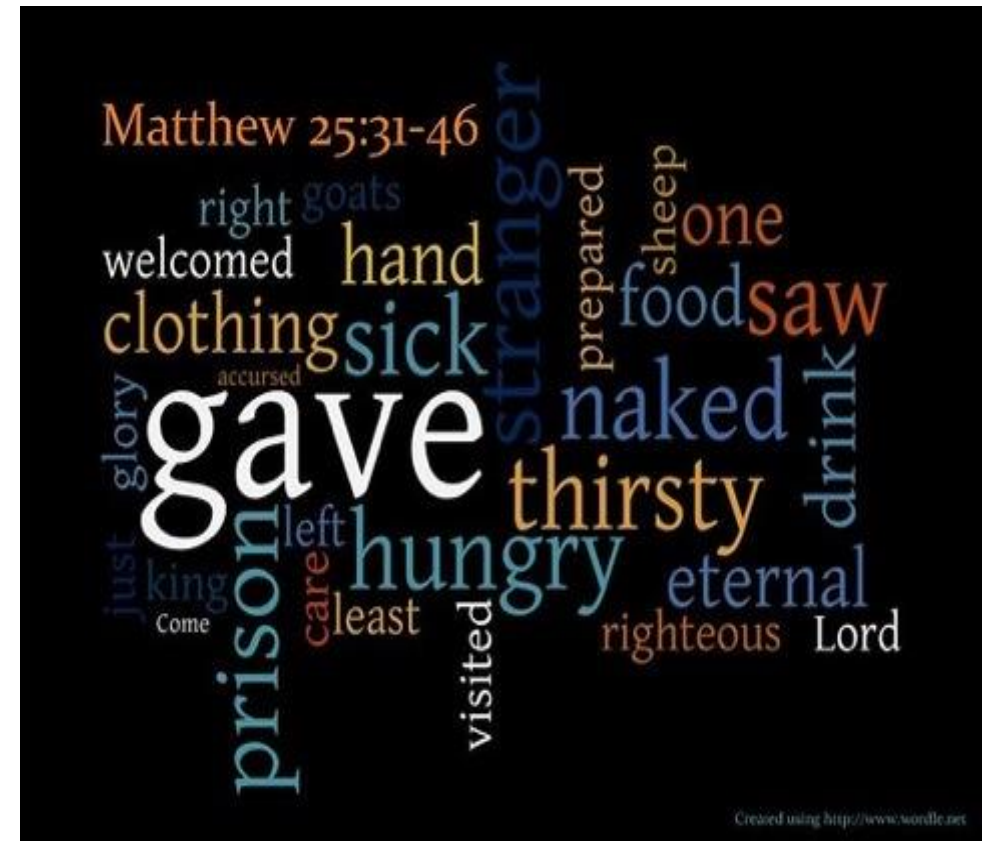
The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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Christ the King Sunday



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