



**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Christ the King Sunday | The Lord's Day | Communion

**Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Tim Valentino

**Organ Voluntary & O Worship the King** – Haydn/ Whitworth Pat Shroff  
**Quiet Reflection** **God Is So Good** – Sewell

**Call to Worship** **Psalm 97:1, 12** Pastor Tim Valentino/  
Pat Strain  
(Responsive)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;  
**let the distant shores rejoice.**  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,  
**and praise his holy name.**

**Opening Hymn** **165: Rejoice, the Lord is King** Congregation

**Prayer of Adoration** Pastor Tim Valentino

**Hospital Visitor This Week:** Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

<b>Lector</b>	Kaye Focht	<b>Children's Church Leader</b>	Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith
<b>Responder</b>	Pat Strain	<b>Narthex Greeters</b>	Dave & Kaye Focht
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<b>Preacher, Vocalist</b>	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino	<b>Director of Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	Will Robertson

**Communion Assistants:**

Rev. Tim Valentino (Bread) • Rev. Kirby Keller (Cup) • Pat Strain (Cup)

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# 165 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The  
 4. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, And

joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more: Lift up your  
 He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove: Lift up your  
 keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: Lift up your  
 take his serv' - ants up To their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
 heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
 heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
 heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce! A - men.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1746  
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770

DARWALL  
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**The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16** Kaye Focht

<sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup>I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup>I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**The Response:**

**Psalm 95:1-7**

Kaye Focht/Pat Strain

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
 let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
 and extol him with music and song.**  
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God,  
 the great King above all gods.  
<sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
 and the mountain peaks belong to him.**  
<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
 and his hands formed the dry land.  
<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us bow down in worship,  
 let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**  
<sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
**and we are the people of his pasture,  
 the flock under his care.**

**The New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**

Kaye Focht

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> I pray 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 his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**Worship in Giving:**

**Philippians 4:18b-19**

**Tim Valentino**

<sup>18b</sup> They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

**The Apostles Creed**

Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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.

**Doxology 556**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Congregation

**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. A-men.**

**Praise & Worship**

**Goodness of God / King of Kings**

Congregation

**Goodness of God**

I love You, Lord  
 For Your mercy never failed me  
 All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
 From the moment that I wake up  
 Until I lay my head  
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God  
**[CHORUS]**  
**And all my life You have been faithful**  
**And all my life You have been so, so good**  
**With every breath that I am able**  
**Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**[REPEAT CHORUS]**

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now  
 I give You everything  
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-oh  
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now  
 I give You everything  
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

**[REPEAT CHORUS]**

I love Your voice  
 You have led me through the fire  
 And in darkest night You are close like no other  
 I've known You as a Father  
 I've known You as a Friend  
 And I have lived in the goodness of God

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing  
**'Cause all my life You have been faithful**  
**And all my life You have been so, so good**  
**With every breath that I am able**  
**Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God**  
**Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God**

**King Of Kings**

In the darkness  
 We were waiting  
 Without hope  
 Without light  
 Till from heaven  
 You came running  
 There was mercy in Your eyes  
 To fulfill the law and prophets  
 To a virgin came the Word  
 From a throne of endless glory  
 To a cradle in the dirt  
**[CHORUS]**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
 And to reconcile the lost  
 To redeem the whole creation  
 You did not despise the cross  
 For even in your suffering  
 You saw to the other side  
 Knowing this was our salvation  
 Jesus for our sake you died  
**[REPEAT CHORUS]**

And the dead rose from their tombs  
 And the angels stood in awe  
 For the souls of all who'd come  
 To the Father are restored  
 And the church of Christ was born  
 Then the Spirit lit the flame  
 Now this gospel truth of old  
 Shall not kneel  
 Shall not faint  
 By His blood and in His name  
 In His freedom I am free  
 For the love of Jesus Christ  
 Who has resurrected me

**[REPEAT CHORUS]**

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son**  
**Praise the Spirit, Three in one**  
**God of glory, Majesty**  
**Praise forever to the King of Kings**

And the morning that You rose  
 All of heaven held its breath  
 Till that stone was moved for good  
 For the Lamb had conquered death

**Sermon**

**Worship the God Who Is Good**

(Psalm 100:1-5)

Pastor Tim Valentino

**Prayer led by Pastor**

Pastor Tim Valentino

**MINISTRY OF THE TABLE**

Pastor Tim Valentino

*Sursum Corda*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise,**

Pastor: For he has given us his Son. Hallelujah!

**VERSE**  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;

Heav'n and earth are filled with Your glo - ry! Ho -

**CHORUS**  
san - na, ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho -

REPEAT to Verse to Chorus

1 - REPEAT to Chorus

*Sanctus (sung)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might;  
 Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might;  
 Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!  
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

*Memorial Acclamation*

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,  
 Christ is risen,  
 Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring*

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

And when Jesus 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."

**People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

Pastor: And after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

**People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Eucharistic Prayer*

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Prayer Led by Pastor**

Pastor Tim Valentino

**People: 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 debts,  
 As we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**



Invitation to Commune

- The Bread of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

Prayer Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

Closing Hymn

7: All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Pat Shroff

-Darwall / Mansfield

# 7 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;  
 2. The Lord, ye know, is God in - deed; With - out our aid He did us make;  
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;  
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;

Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
 We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
 Praise, laud, and bless His name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure. A - men.

WORDS: William Kethe, 1560; based on Psalm 100  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDRETH L.M.

Thank you to everyone who collected boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. We collected 55 boxes, 1 more than last year.

*Pray for the children who receive our gifts, that they would receive the gift of salvation from Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday:** MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 26:** FINAL DAY TO PLACE POINSETTIA ORDERS with Carol Keller  
(Order form attached on back page & available in narthex)

**Saturday, December 2:** CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
in Zinn Commons @ 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, December 11:** MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING  
7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

**Thursday, December 14:**

WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • Snack food  
• Chips • Pretzels • Cookies  
• Crackers • Toiletries  
• Other Regular Items

**Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at [pastortim@christcomm.church](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

Invite your friends and family to our Christmas Eve Service:  
**Christmas Eve invitation cards** have been printed and are in narthex.  
You can also print them out from church website.

**Sharing Christmas Cards with Church family:** the Christmas card box is now in the narthex. Drop your cards there, and they will be sorted on December 17<sup>th</sup> and available for pick up.

We are looking to start an active **Intercessory Prayer Team** rotation during our morning worship service. If you would like more info on this way to serve, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Francy Lindenmuth will contact you.