

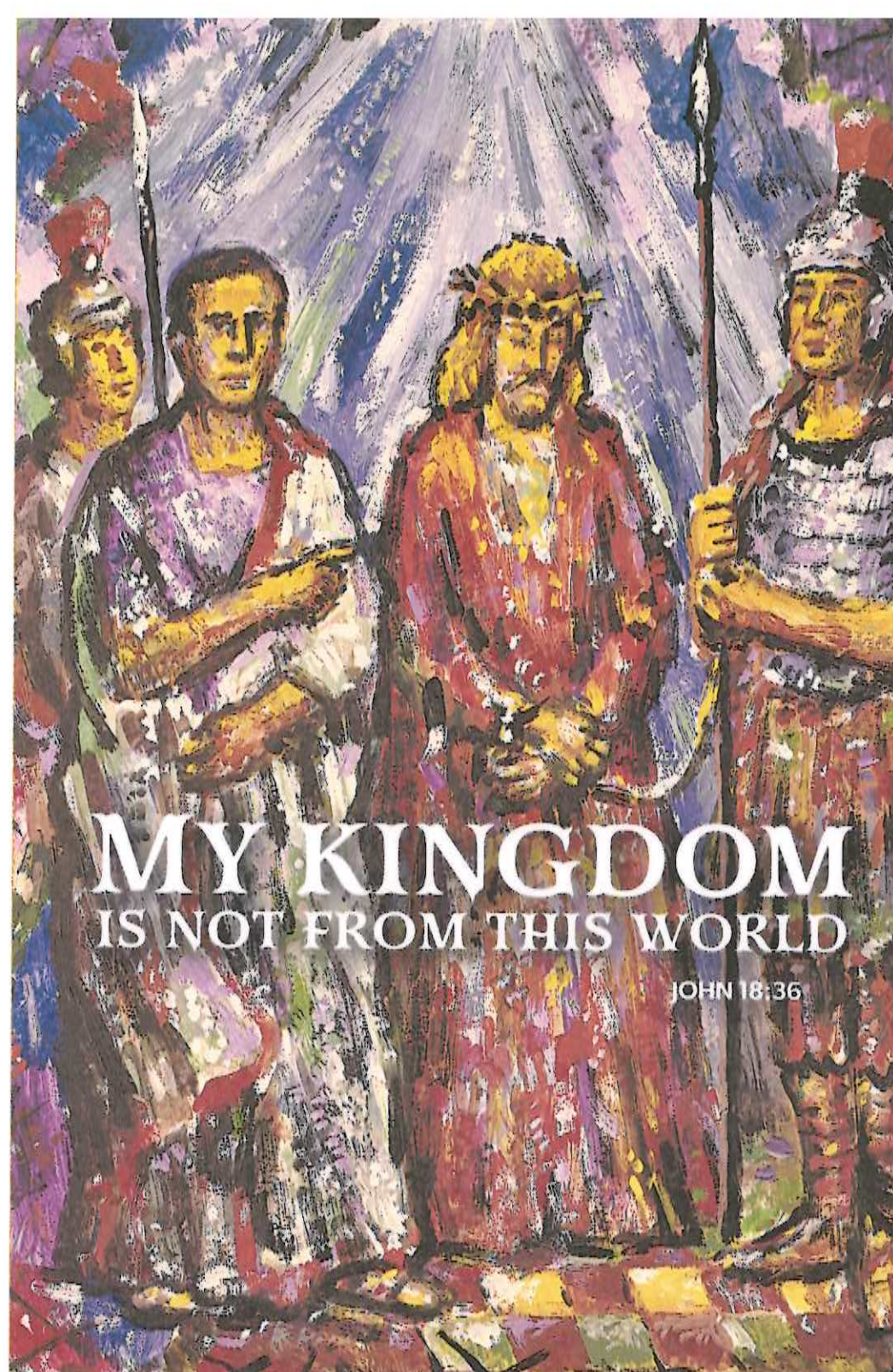
## Grace-Filled Reign

Popular images of monarchs through the centuries have often emphasized their material wealth, excess riches, crushing power, and military might. Their opulent headwear, jewelry, and beautiful clothing are enough to impress even the wealthiest members of society.

We call Christ a “king” on this festival day of the year, but Christ’s reign is expressed very differently than those of the human rulers around the globe. Compassion, inclusive love, and restoration of justice are markers of God’s kin-dom here on earth. Jesus worked to make things right between God and people, and among us human beings. Today our worship recognizes his unique reign as providing the type of powerful mercy we truly need in our king.

Jesus often used metaphors to illustrate what God’s love and faithfulness look like in our lives: as sheep trust the guidance of their shepherd, we, too, pay attention to the care Jesus provides for us. As Christ the Monarch draws near to us, loves us, cares for us, and accompanies us through all of life’s hard times, we bow before divine mercy and splendor.

Christ may not be a “king” or “queen” according to the usual imperial standards, and perhaps that is for the best. Yet in Jesus God brings that wide-reaching, world-covering love that transforms us. Christ washes us in grace, forgives us generously, and is as close to us as water on our foreheads and bread and wine on our lips. Even when it feels like this kin-dom of God is still too far away, God reminds us of its presence among us already at the baptismal font and around the communion table. These gifts have been here for generations and will continue to comfort us in our struggles: Water! Bread! Wine! Our king providing grace and love for us along life’s way, today and always.



Millcreek Lutheran Church  
Christ the King  
November 24, 2024

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor and believe that Christ is your Savior and present in the Sacrament, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. All children who have received Communion instruction and have been approved to receive Holy Communion either here or at another church are also welcome to commune with us. Any child may come forward for a blessing. Visitors, please sign our guest book, fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and introduce yourself to The Pastor Scott as you leave. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Father in heaven, whose Son requires his disciples to be free from the possessive power of wealth: Make us good stewards of our possessions, that what we own may not keep Christ from owning us. In his name we pray. Amen

**The Service**

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation

*For he alone is worthy...Christ the Lord*

*We'll give him all the glory...Christ the Lord*

*Oh, Come, let us adore him...Christ the Lord*

\*Confession and Forgiveness, Page 56

\*Opening Hymn: **No. 26 LBW (green)**,

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

\*Greetings: Page 57, line 5

\*Kyrie: Pages 57 & 58, line 6

\*Hymn of Praise: *Feast of Victory*, Page 60

\*Prayer of the Day: On the lesson insert (read in unison)

Children's Sermon

The First Reading

The Psalmody: On the lesson insert (read responsively)

The Second Reading

\*The Alleluia Verse: Page 62, line 14

\*The Gospel

\*Responses: Page 63, lines 15 & 16

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **No. 170 LBW (green)**,

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Nicene Creed: Page 64

\*The Prayer: Page 76

\*The Greeting of Peace: Page 66, line 23

Choir Anthem: *You Are a Child of the King*

\*The Great Thanksgiving: Pages 68-71, lines 28, 29 & 31

\*The Lord's Prayer: Page 76

Holy Communion (table)

\*Post Communion Prayer: Page 74, line 40

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43

\*Departing Hymn: **No. 401 LBW (green)**,

*Before You, Lord, We Bow*

Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated

Postlude

\*Please stand

**Serving You This Morning:**

**Pastor,** The Rev. Scott J. Paradise

**Lay Leader,** Susan Long

**Organist, Pianist,** Debra Tice

**Lay Reader,** David Staaby

**Ushers, Audio,** Frank Hoffman and Scott Johnson

*The altar flowers and bulletins are given to the honor and glory of God and in honor of Engle and Tice Family November birthdays. Happy Birthday to all!!!*



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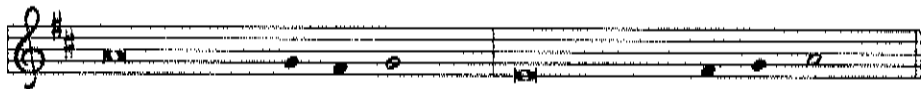
Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,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

**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.  
<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his  
presence.  
A thousand thousands served  
him,  
and ten thousand times ten  
thousand stood  
attending him.

The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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.

**Psalm 93; tone 6**



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;

*continued*

*Psalm, continued*

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.

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

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, <sup>5</sup>and  
from Jesus Christ, the faithful wit-  
ness, 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, <sup>6</sup>and  
made us to be a kingdom, priests  
serving his God and Father, to him  
be glory and dominion forever and  
ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"  
says the Lord God, who is and  
who was and who is to come, the  
Almighty.

**John 18:33-37**

Pilate entered the headquarters  
again, summoned Jesus, and asked  
him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"  
<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on  
your own, or did others tell you about  
me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus an-  
swered, "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." <sup>37</sup>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."

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## Prepare the Royal Highway



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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; Their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!



# The Feast of Victory



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



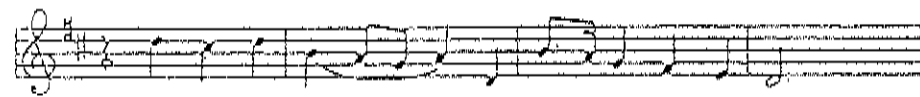
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☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



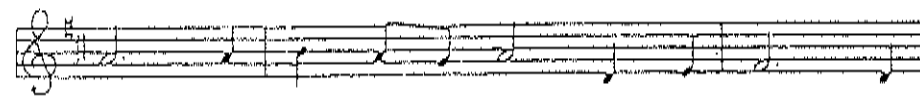
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



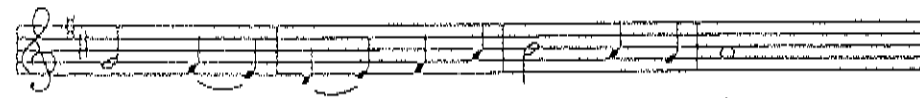
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Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



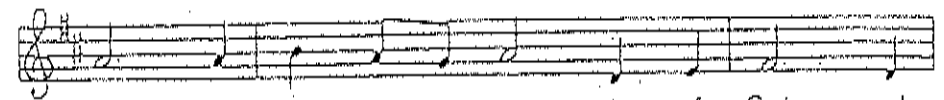
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



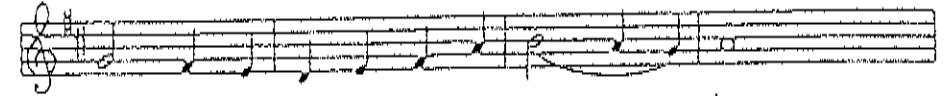
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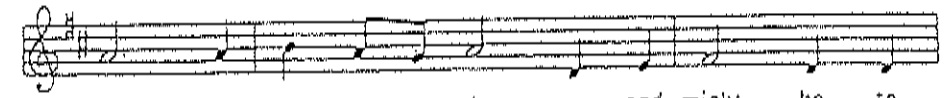
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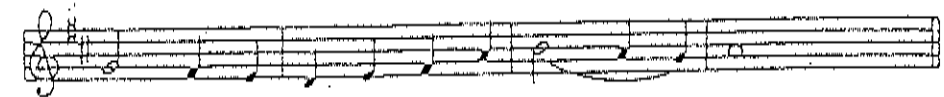
☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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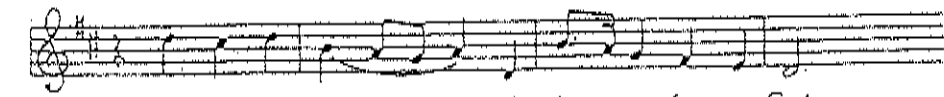
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love--- Be - hold his hands and side, Rich  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own, A -  
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit  
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No  
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And  
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

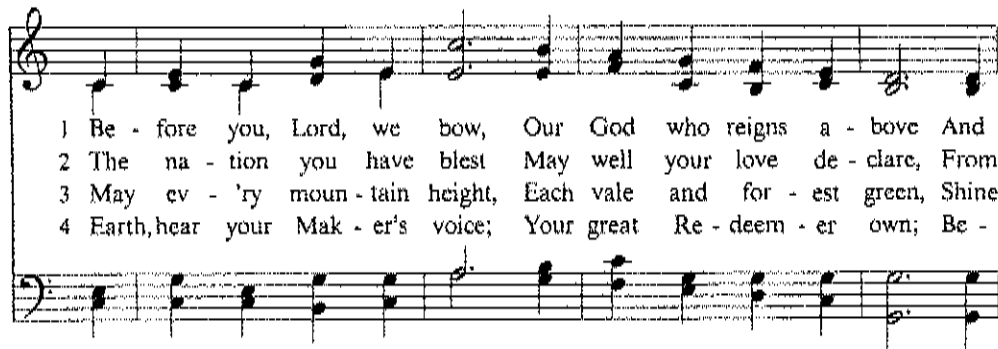
5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
 Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end,  
 And round his pierced feet  
 Fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
 Their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
 The potentate of time,  
 Creator of the rolling spheres,  
 Ineffably sublime.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 Throughout eternity.

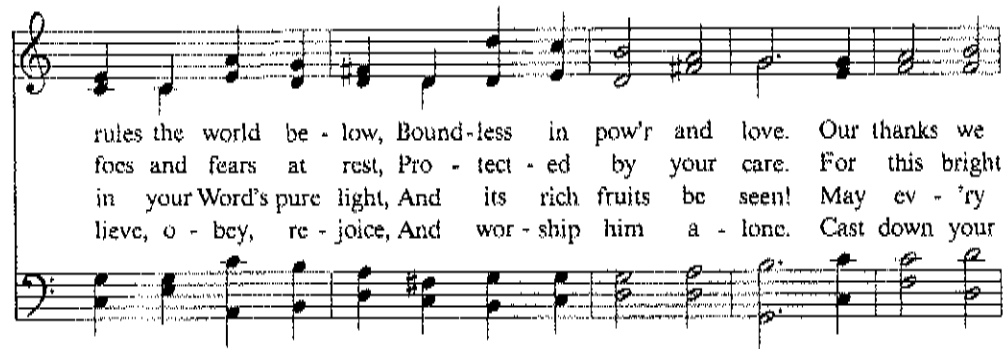
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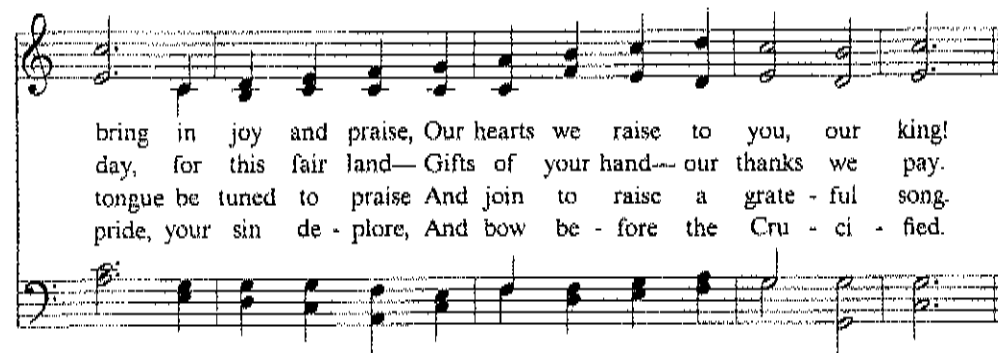
## Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove And  
 2 The na - tion you have blest May well your love de - clare, From  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green, Shine  
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own; Be -



rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright  
 in your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your



bring in joy and praise, Our hearts we raise to you, our king!  
 day, for this fair land— Gifts of your hand— our thanks we pay.  
 tongue be tuned to praise And join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.

- 5 And when in pow'r he comes,  
 Oh, may our native land  
 From all its rending tombs  
 Send forth a glorious band,  
 A countless throng, with joy to sing  
 To heav'n's high king salvation's song!



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### Our Mission

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Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and our selves.

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### Sunday November 24, 2024

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You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.

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### Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

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We had a flurry of activity up on the hill last Sunday afternoon! Approximately 25 children from our church and local community completed 108 craft projects and cards for residents of Stone Ridge and Richland Community Home. It was a great time for everyone involved as we played some games and had some pizza too.

We are happy to announce that we already have 21 kids registered for our upcoming ***Polar Express Event on Friday December 6th at 6 pm***. We are fortunate to have Miss Ronice from the Richland Library, Brian Saul from Brian's Model Trains and the Girl Scouts helping us with our next event.

We would love for members of our congregation to participate as volunteers or donate a few supplies that are still needed. There are fliers and a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Jen Rosengrant



**THE ELCO School District's annual Holiday Program** to help families in need in the ELCO School District collection here at Millcreek Lutheran Church total was \$440.00 and 2- \$25.00 gift cards from Dutchway. Thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile cause.

**OPERATON CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who participated in the Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child project. We collected a total of 53 shoeboxes this year. However you helped with the support of this project, either by filling a shoebox, a monetary contribution or your continued prayers for this project a BIG THANK YOU!!! Lisa & Pat

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held at the Church of Christian Outreach Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The speaker will be Pastor Jay Heberling. All are invited, hope to see you there.

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### Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

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We will share in the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** Sunday December 1, the First Sunday in Advent.

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL** will meet Sunday December 1, after the worship service.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: November 17, 2024,** Current Offerings-\$1,557.00, Plate-160.00, World Hunger-100.00, Flowers-30.00. **Total-\$1,847.00.** Attendance-68, Sunday School-21

**ADVENT DECORATING** will take place on Sunday, November 24, 2024 after the worship service as we pre-decorate the church in preparation for the First Sunday in Advent and the rest of the Advent season. Please speak to Stephanie Gahres 610-507-0081, if you would like to get more information and to volunteer for this Millcreek tradition.



Calling all musicians to play for our Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 22 at 10:00.

**Rehearsals are: Saturday, December 7 at 9:30, Saturday, December 14 at 9:30, Saturday, December 21 at 9:30.** Please let Julie know if you are available or have any questions at 610 207 9650 or email [juliestrickler66@gmail.com](mailto:juliestrickler66@gmail.com).

Also, the Millcreek Brass will be playing Christmas Eve at 9:45pm. Please let me know if you can join us. Blessings, Julie Strickler



**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** The Sunday School students are once again collecting Christmas cards to include in “goody bags” for those who are unable to attend worship. The individual list will be on the table next to the bags. Individual bags for each person will be set up in the narthex starting November 17th. Please deposit cards before the church service on December 15<sup>th</sup> (deadline), so that they can be ready for delivery after church. We would also appreciate any volunteers who would be willing to make deliveries to these members after December 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table. Please contact Nicole Johnson ([blouch1986@hotmail.com](mailto:blouch1986@hotmail.com)) with any questions. Thank you., Nicole Johnson

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** may be picked up from the table in the narthex. If you do not see a box there for you, please see or contact me and I will get a box for you.

Thank you for recent updates and for supporting our church. Linda Sheetz, 610-589-2570

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### Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

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#### **THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:**

Elaine Hemperly, Linden Village-Stoy Cottage, 100 Tuck Street, Lebanon, PA 17042

**IF YOU ASKED FOR A MILLCREEK MEMBER TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH SECRETARY WHEN OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED SO SHE CAN KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT.**

**MILLCREEK MEMBERS PRAYER LIST:** Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Pottetiger, Norm Sharp, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

**NON-MEMBER REQUESTS ARE LISTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TO BE INCLUDED, YOU MAY CONTACT LINDA EACH WEEK WITH YOUR REQUESTS BY NOON ON THURSDAY.** [secretary@millcreeklutheran.com](mailto:secretary@millcreeklutheran.com) or call 610-589-2570

**NON-MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Mike Nelson, (friend of Kristin Bender)  
Jane Yocum, (friend of Debbie Hartman)