November 22, 2026
Christ the King
10:00 a.m. – Worship
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Bryan Anderson

Women of the Word Worship Service

Welcome

***Call to Worship**
L Come let us bow down and worship.
C Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. ✝

***Opening Song – "Holy Spirit"**

***Prayer of the Day**
L Stir up, we pray, the wills of your faithful people, O Lord, to bring forth bountifully the fruit of good works, that they may, by you, be bountifully rewarded; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

***Confession of Sin**
L Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.
(Self-examination)
C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Promise of Grace**
L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
"I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them **12** in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered and are brought together again. I will bring them back from all the places where they were scattered on that dark, disastrous day. **13** I will take them out of foreign countries, gather them together, and bring them back to their own land. I will lead them back to the mountains and the streams of Israel and will feed them in pleasant pastures. **14** I will let them graze in safety in the mountain meadows and the valleys and in all the green pastures of the land of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will find them a place to rest. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken. **16** "I will look for those that are lost, bring back those that wander off, bandage those that are hurt, and heal those that are sick; but those that are fat and strong I will destroy, because I am a shepherd who does what is right. **20** "So now, I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I will judge between you strong sheep and the weak sheep. **21** You pushed the sick ones aside and butted them away from the flock. **22** But I will rescue my sheep and not let them be mistreated any more. I will judge each of my sheep and separate the good from the bad. **23** I will give them a king like my servant David to be their one shepherd, and he will take care of them. **24** I, the Lord, will be their God, and a king like my servant David will be their ruler. I have spoken.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. **21** For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. **22** For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. **23** But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. **25** For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be defeated will be death. **27** For the scripture says, "God put all things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things" do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. **28** But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all.

Song of Praise – "Jesus Messiah"

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46**

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, **32** and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. **34** Then the King will say to the people on his right, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. **35** I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, **36** naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' **37** The righteous will then answer him, "When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? **38** When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? **39** When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' **40** The King will reply, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!' **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, "Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! **42** I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; **43** I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.' **44** Then they will answer him, "When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' **45** The King will reply, "I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' **46** These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."

Message – Linnae Seaman

Special Music by Amy Stender – "The King of Love"

***Prayers of the Church – Liane Petersen**

***Lord's Prayer – Liane Petersen**

Announcements

Dismissal

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Worship Leader:	Amy Strobach (10:00)
Scripture Reader:	Linda McIntire
Gospel Reader:	Angela Brandt
Ushers:	Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen
Counters:	Laura Lieffring & Richard Selvig
Greeters:	Colin & Kellie Scholz and Jane Scholz
Fellowship Servers:	Julie Barfknecht, Ashley LaBlanc & Angela Harris

Nov. 15th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM– 35; 10:00 AM–99

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond & Barb Juleff. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Today is the last day to order poinsettias. Forms are located at the back of the sanctuary. Place your order form along with payment in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church is once again sponsoring a "Christmas for Children" drive to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. Anyone wishing to donate items can do so by leaving them in the container labeled "Christmas for Children" in the church entry.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to sign-up on the sheet at the back of worship for a week time slot. If it snows that week, please remove all from the walkways as shown on the shoveling map with the sign-up. When the building is open, there are shovels and ice melt available otherwise plan to bring your own equipment.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship
	11:00 AM-Choir Practice
	Pastor's Vacation (Nov. 19-24)
Tuesday	**NO QUILTING**
Wednesday	**7:00 PM-Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Lutheran Church**
	NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
Thursday	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
	Church Office Closed Thursday and Friday
Saturday	7:30 PM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
	9:30 AM-Fellowship
	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR PRACTICE
	10:00 AM-Traditional Worship
	11:00 AM-Fellowship
	11:00 AM-Choir Practice