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## November 24, 2024 ✝ Christ the King Sunday

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

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### ✝ GATHERING ✝

#### Prelude

*We Gather Together  
The Church's One Foundation*

#### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to those worshipping by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. This is God's table. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are invited to participate. Holy Communion is distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





## Confession & Forgiveness

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

When we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**But if we would confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we see Jesus as our Shepherd-King,  
the Image of the invisible God, and the only Source of peace.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have divided the Church and scattered the flock.**

**We have prayed only to save ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Our Lord reigned from the tree of the cross, reconciling us all to God.

His royal decree is that Paradise awaits us.

Almighty God has given his Son to die for us

and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

#855



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dom;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Opening Litany

O King of the earth,  
 bless the world with your peace.

O King of heaven,  
**surround us with your glory.**

O King of creation,  
**guard and protect all people and all creatures under your care.**

O King of kings,  
**rule over all in authority over us  
and grant wisdom to the leaders of every tribe and nation**

O King of the ages,  
**Reign supreme in our hearts both now and forever.**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

#### ***A Harvest of Thanksgiving***

Choir

*Lord of the Harvest and Bringer of Light,  
You are the Maker of all that is right.  
You fill our lives with abundance and love,  
sharing ev'ry bright gift from Your glory above,  
ev'ry bright gift from Your glory above.*

*Lord of the Harvest, so faithful and true,  
let us give honor and worship to You.*

*You are the Giver of all that is fair,  
so we give our thanks in the way that we share,  
we give our thanks in the way that we share.*

*We gather together to raise our thanksgiving  
with song of the Spirit and anthems of praise.  
With each declaration, with ev'ry oblation,  
our hearts will be grateful for now, now and always!*

*Lord of the Harvest, Creator and Friend,  
we stand amazed at Your love without end!*

*Now, in this moment and here in this place,  
we celebrate harvest as children of grace,  
celebrate harvest as children of grace,  
as we gather together, giving thanks and praise.  
Giving thanks and praise, giving thanks and praise!*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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.**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

## **First Reading**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end, Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

*A reading from Daniel.*

<sup>9</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 93

*Let us read Psalm 93 responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.  
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure,  
**and holiness befits your house, O LORD,  
forever and forevermore.**

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

*A reading from Revelation.*

<sup>4b</sup>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 witness, 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.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse

*Family of God*



## Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power; through force or with love.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>33</sup>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 answered, "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Time Sermon

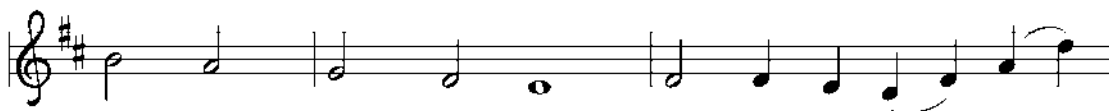
### Hymn of the Day

### *Jesus Shall Reign*

#434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voice - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.



## Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again 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.**

## Prayers of the People

P Rooted in God's abundant love for the world,  
let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence is kept.*

A Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body  
to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom.  
Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places.  
Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species,  
that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate,  
and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign  
of justice-seeking love through their work.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated.  
Transform systems of retribution  
into systems of reconciliation and restoration.

Empower activists who advocate for change.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons.  
Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers  
who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty.  
Join our voices with theirs  
in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,  
trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## ✠ OFFERING ✠

### Offering Response

### *We Are an Offering*

#692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



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## ✝ MEAL ✝

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



### Proper Preface

Glory and dominion be to you, Lord God,  
 for your Word was alive in creation,  
 is present in the power of the Spirit,  
 and will come in glory on the last day.

You made with the house of David an everlasting covenant,  
 and your goodness is like the sun on a cloudless morning,  
 gleaming from the rain on a grassy land.

You sent Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
 the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth.

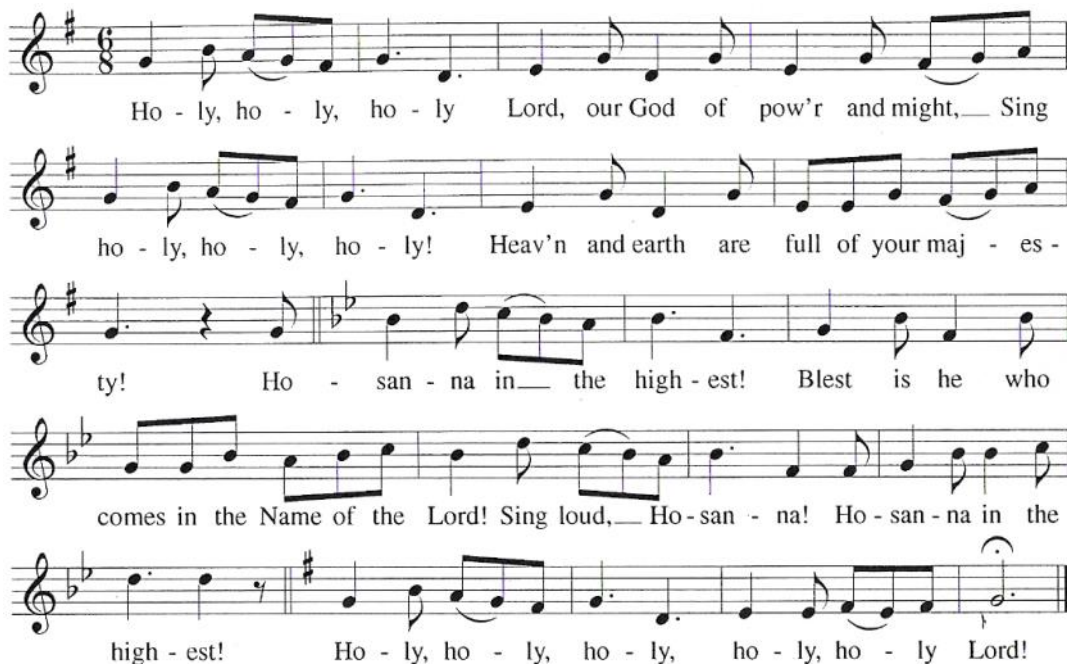
He freed us from our sins by his blood  
 and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you forever.

And so with all the company of heaven, we rejoice to sing your praise.

## Sanctus

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Family of God*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -  
ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who  
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

## **Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution**

God of truth, your Son came to testify to you  
and lead us into all righteousness.

You have prepared for us such things as pass our understanding.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your people  
that your word may be on our lips.

Sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”*

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

God of all beginnings and endings,  
your Son declared his kingdom was not of this world.

Bless the governance of every earthly kingdom,  
that it may be ruled justly, in spirit and in truth.

Visit your children who live in fear, dwell under oppression,  
experience cruelty, or suffer discrimination.

Turn struggle into hope, hope into freedom,  
freedom into justice, and justice into love.

Bring to those who have never known you,  
or have forgotten or rejected you,  
the light of your grace and the thirst for your mercy;  
until your Son comes with the clouds, and all eyes will see him,  
and every tribe and tongue will lift your name on high,  
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**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.**

## Agnus Dei

## Lamb of God

Family of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

## Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

*The Body of Christ given for you. Amen.*

*The Blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.*

## Distribution Hymn

## O Christ the Same

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1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing  
our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;  
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing.



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied;  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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## Distribution Hymn

## Thine the Amen

#826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

*Hymn continued on the next page.*



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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## Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
 in the body and blood of your Son.**

**Now send us out to labor with you,**

**in service to the world you have made,**

**and among the people you have made your home,**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



# ✠ SENDING ✠

## Announcements

### Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.  
May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.  
May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit  
to be light and love to all the world.  
May you go in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Sending Song

### *Lift High the Cross*

#660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God,  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died,  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

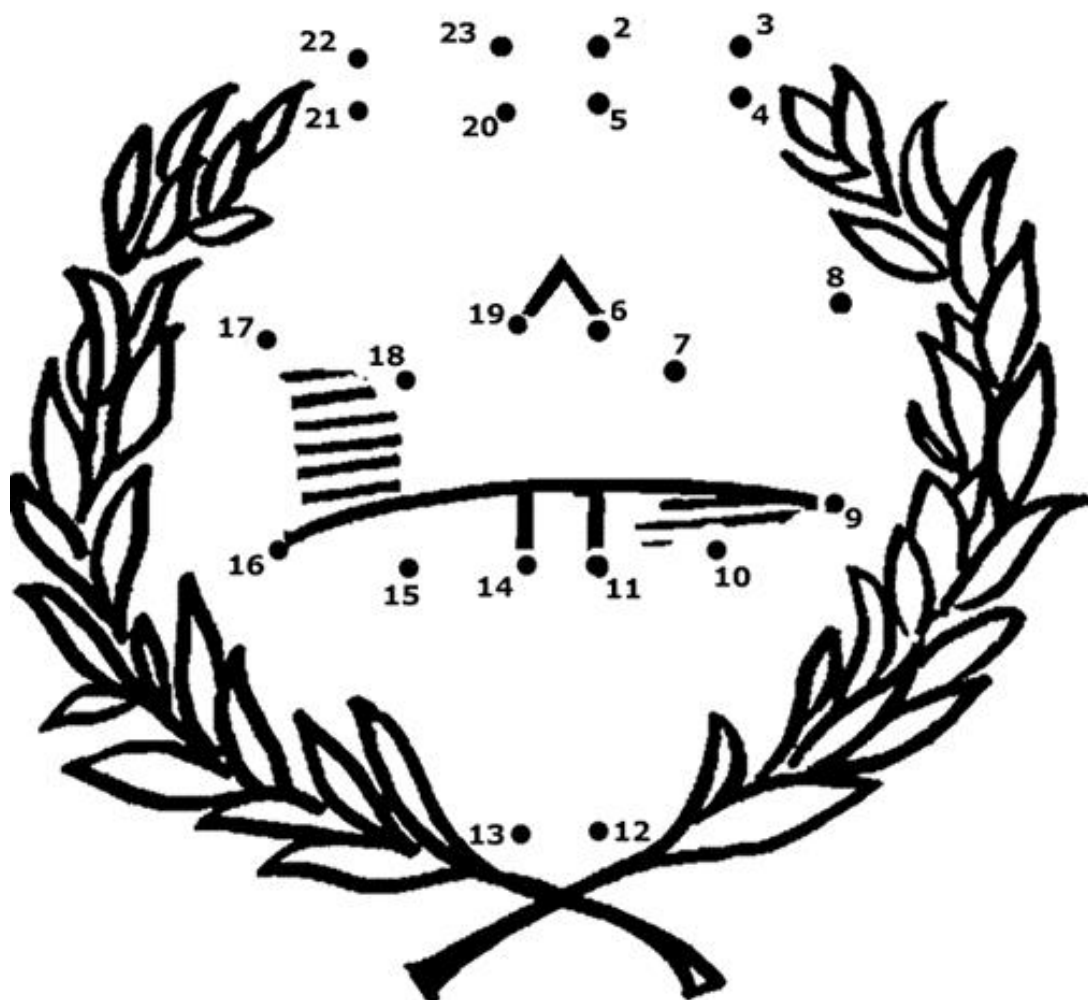


**“Dolly keeps humming ‘Santa Claus  
Is Comin’ to Town’ and we haven’t  
even had Thanksgiving yet!”**

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# ***CROWN HIM KING!***

24 ● ■ ● 1



**You are a king, then!" said Pilate  
Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king.  
In fact, for this reason I was born,  
and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth."**

John 18:37a (NIV)



# Christ the King Word-Find

J E C H U R C H S P  
U T H R O N E S H E  
W O R L D L O V E A  
Y F I J U D G E A C  
J E S U S O O U V E  
A A T S R M E K E C  
M R Y T K I I I N R  
B E G I N N I N G E  
H A P C L I R G O A  
I R O E O O U D D T  
G T O N R N L O G O  
H H R E D E E M E R

*See if you can  
find all the  
words from the  
list at the  
bottom.  
Then put the  
leftover letters  
in the spaces to  
find a little  
prayer you can  
say any time.*



BEGINNING  
CHRIST  
CHURCH  
CREATOR  
DOMINION  
EARTH  
FEAR  
GOD

HEAVEN  
HIGH  
JESUS  
JUDGE  
JUSTICE  
KINGDOM  
LORD

LOVE  
PEACE  
POOR  
REDEEMER  
RULE  
THRONE  
WORLD

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