

November 18, 2026

Hoping to celebrate the lordship of Christ in a world of increasingly secular and non-Christian empires, Pope Pius XI inaugurated a Sunday dedicated to Christ as King in 1925. Christ the King was adopted by Protestants who also want to proclaim that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord of all.

As the final Sunday of the liturgical year, its emphasis on the eschatological majesty of Christ leads well into Advent. (Eschatological means “end times” and “ultimate things”.)

The picture today shows Jesus as the king judging between the nations, between those who care for others (the sheep) and those who do not (the goats). Some are happy and some are crying. Read Matthew 25: 31-46 to find which is favored, who is wrong and why.

Worship and Pray

Come in person or on zoom at 10 am every Sunday.

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92338150341

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

ADVENT GIFT BAGS

This Sunday, November 22, after worship, we are assembling gift bags for people in nursing homes and those receiving care at home. We will add your contributions of fun, practical and delicious items to the Advent devotion books and Advent calendars.



Thanksgiving Meal

You are invited to Pastor Linda's Thanksgiving meal

on Thursday, November 26 at 2 p.m.

At Emmanuel in the fellowship hall.

You may come at 1 pm to help prepare the room and the meal.

Contributions of Side dishes and dessert are very welcome.

Advent: He is coming!!

The Four Sundays before Christmas are the four Sundays of Advent.

It is not yet Christmas, But we are getting ready for Jesus to come.

Advent gives voice to our longing that God would finally show up and make right all that is wrong in our world.

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down." (Isa. 64:1) is the cry of our hearts.

We pray with hope and sometimes weariness.

We are still waiting for God to finish the work of judgement and change until the kingdom of heaven is known everywhere and by everyone.

And yet Advent is also time for rest and joyful, creative preparation.

Slow down, refocus.

Jesus first coming, his birth, reminds that God works patiently and deliberately.



At Emmanuel, Advent activities include

Advent calendars for everyone.

An Advent wreath with four candles, to count the weeks until Christmas

Gift bags for our members in nursing homes or unable to leave their homes

“Comfort and Joy”: daily devotions for everyone.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Two to four blooms $5.50

Seven to nine blooms $ 10.50

Orders due December 6.

There is an order form at Emmanuel. Or call the church office 412-824-4525.

There lived a certain monk of very venerable life named Martyrius who on one occasion went to visit another monastery. On his way he met a certain leper, whose members were all afflicted with elephantiasis, who was trying to return to his dwelling, but could not through weakness. His house, he said, was on the road along which Martyrius was going.

The man of God had compassion on the weakness of the poor leper, and so he spread his own cloak upon the ground, and, placing the leper upon it, wrapped him securely in the cloak, and lifting his upon his shoulders, brought him along with him.

As soon as Martyrius reached the entrance of the monastery, the man he thought was a leper leaped down from his shoulders, and Jesus Christ, true God and true man, appearing in that form in which the Redeemer of humankind was known on earth, returned again to heaven.

And when the holy man went into the monastery, the abbot said to him, "Brother Martyrius, where is he whom you were carrying?" Martyrius answered, "Had I known who it was, I would have held him by the feet." And he told them that while he was carrying him, he had felt no weight. And it is not to be wondered at that he could not feel his weight who upheld him who was carrying him.

—*Gregory the Great*

[Gregory the Great, *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, I, 68-69.]



Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday

Monday, November 23, 1:00 or 2 pm?? Congregation Council

Tuesday, November 24, 1 pm Women's Bible Study at Zion

Tuesday, November 24, 7 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving program at the Hindu Jain temple in Monroeville

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

December 24, Christmas Eve, 3 p.m. Candlelight, Holy Communion

December 25, Christmas Day, 12 noon Christmas Mass, Spanish Language

December 25, 1:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner



Join your neighbors to give thanks together.

Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

Hindu Jain Temple,

615 Illini Dr, Monroeville

This year is a joint celebration with Monroeville Area houses of worship and the congregations & temples in the East End.

There will be an opportunity to tour the Hindu Jain temple before the program at 7:00 pm.

Emmanuel has been a leader in community thanksgiving programs since 1986, when we gathered together with the Parkway Jewish Center. Now we gather with people from many congregations, temples, and worshiping communities in the greater Monroeville area. The East End faith communities began gathering in 1976. This year we are all together.

Pastor Linda will be on vacation from Tuesday, December 1 through December 7.

Reconciliation Center

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Pastor Dan Johnson, the director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center in South Dakota is visited Emmanuel, other congregations and Theil College in southwestern PA during the third week of November. Several members of Emmanuel have spent a week of cultural immersion at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation center. He came to us so we can learn about life and ministry on the Lakota Pine Ridge community and with indigenous Americans in general.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.

You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to https://www.emmanuellutheraneastmont.org/ and you'll see the link.

Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS or to **MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST**

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 412-824-4525

Or Marsha Kennedy at 412-824-4966 (phone or text)

Altar flowers cost $50.

It tastes good. And it is good.





Equal Exchange nuts, coffee, tea and chocolate are great gifts.

The Equal Exchange company is organized so that farmers get decent pay for their products. It is not "buy low and sell high".



It is pay the growers and producers what they deserve.

The quality is the best. Organic. Raised and processed by farmers who love their land and the plants they harvest.

We keep a small stock at Emmanuel. We place special orders, so make your requests known to Pastor Linda ASAP.

To see all available products, browse the website. shop.equalexchange.coop

All prices are wholesale, so it is a bargain for you also.

Pastor Linda is placing an order on November 22, so contact her right away with your requests.

Meals for Friends Christmas Candy Sale

Betsy Ann Chocolates

Order forms are available at Emmanuel

Orders are due by Monday, November 30.

Checks payable to Glen Seddon with your order.

Your order will be available for pick up on Dec 7, 9 and 11.

Pop-up free stores continue.

The 2026 Fall CCAC Social Work students will host a series of one-day Free Store Pop-Up events to serve residents of Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities.

Can you bring any of the following? Some items may be lightly used.

Handi wipes, Sanitary pads, Socks, underwear of all sizes, especially for girls & young ladies

Diapers for babies and toddlers, Cleaning supplies, toys, cold weather clothing, toiletries and basic household items for kitchen, bedrooms and bathrooms.

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Advent is a season of waiting and preparation as we look toward the celebration of Jesus' birth and his second coming. In a thriving global Lutheran Church Christians around the world mark this season in different ways. This Advent and Christmas, our synod's Church Throughout the World committee brings us together with current and former ELCA missionaries to explore these different traditions in a series of online evening prayer services. Through scripture and reflection, we'll discover new perspectives on the season and be reminded that we don't wait or worship alone.

Tuesdays @ 7PM on Zoom:

12/1: Kristie Olson (YAGM) - Hungary

12/8: Rev. Kristin Engstrom - Madagascar

12/15: Rev. Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp - Jerusalem

12/22: Rev. Dr. Soliette López - Mexico

1/5: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Truscott - Indonesia

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Tuesday Vespers will be held live on Zoom at 7PM.
A recording of the service will be available Wednesdays at 7PM on the synod's YouTube channel.

These services are open to all and we welcome your friends, family, and colleagues.

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