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THE JOY  
OF YOUR MASTER.

MATTHEW 25:21

# Faith Lutheran Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023

311 2B Judges Rd. Wilmington, NC 28405

## **Welcome to our Visitors!**

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

## **Holy Communion**

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

## **Mission Statement**

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9



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LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

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Bold-congregation responses

**PRELUDE** BUNESSAN

*Setting: Richard W. Gieseke*

## **\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

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 you who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\*ENTRANCE HYMN This Day God Gives Me

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon  
 2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -  
 3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -  
 4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One, King of cre -

Em Am C Gsus4 G C Am F C

1. shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its  
 2. hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are  
 3. fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me  
 4. a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three - ness of

D7sus4 D7 Gsus4 G C Em Am Dm G7 1-3 D.C. Final Csus4 C Csus4 C

1. swift - ness, Deeps of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.  
 2. lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.  
 3. al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.  
 4. Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty 4. blest.

## \*GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### \*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## **\*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Gracious God, in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of immeasurable, eternal worth – faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life, walking wet daily, and responding with abandon to your gracious gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

The First Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Zephaniah.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16a</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 90

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup>**In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## **SECOND READING**

The Second Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

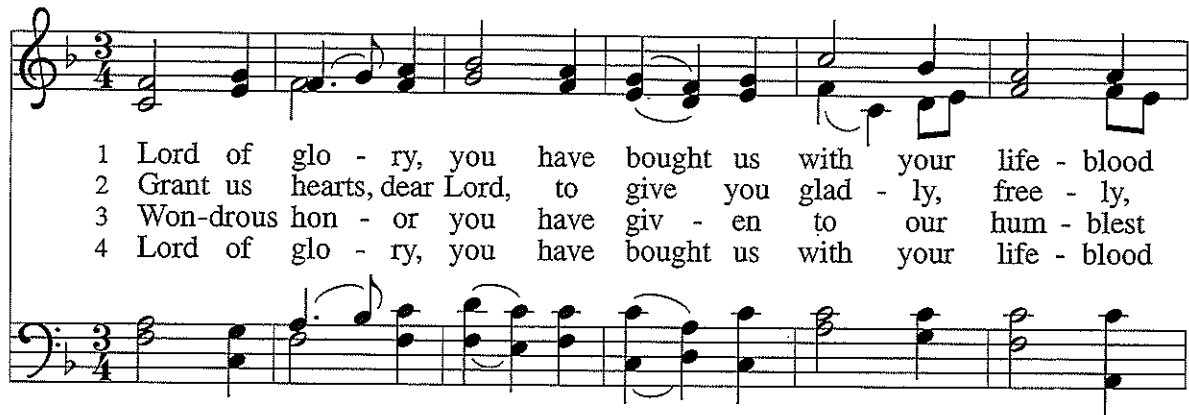
<sup>14</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

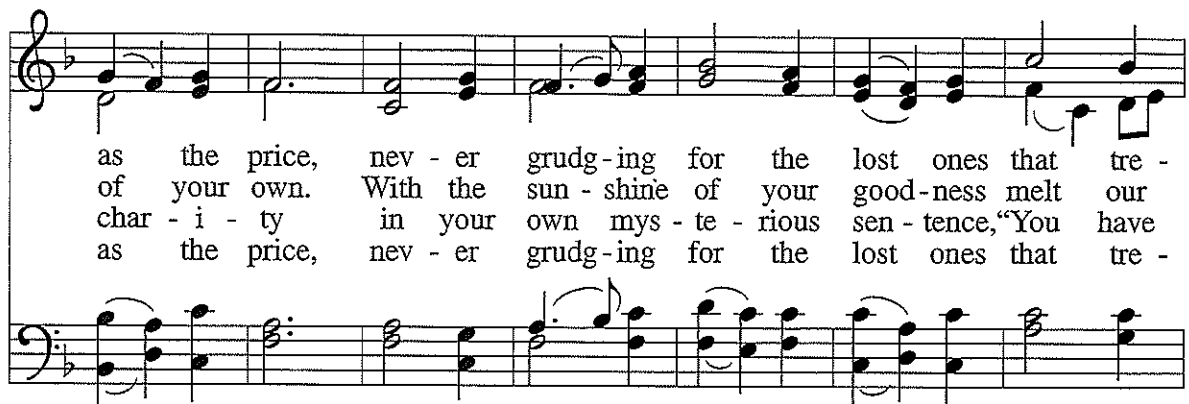
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Gina Schiess

# HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.  
 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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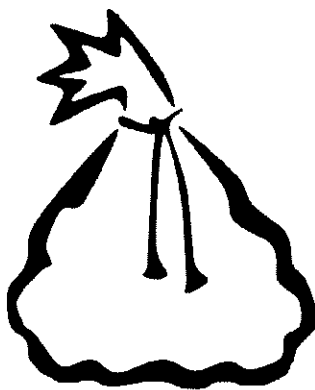
# HYMN OF THE DAY (cont.)



bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.



**\*APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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 CHURCH**

**Lord, in your mercy,**

**Hear our prayer.**

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you.**

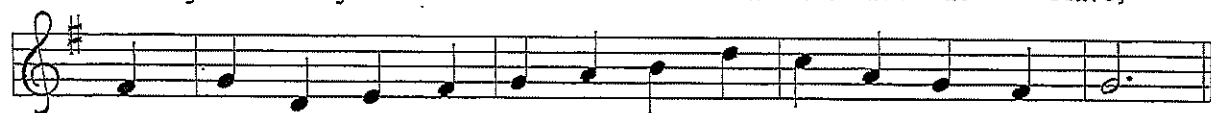
*(At this time we offer each other a sign of peace)*

## OFFERTORY

### \*WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.  
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Laudæ*, 1850

HEATH  
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### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are You,

**O Lord, our God, maker of all things.**

**Through Your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, to care for all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up you hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### \*PREFACE


### \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Sabaoth* (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."  
*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

## **\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by 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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you.

**Amen.**



# COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

## \*NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### \*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical elements from: The Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Book of Worship & Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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### SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH

#### This Week: 11/19

Reader: Missy Rossin

Communion: Missy & Gina

Fellowship: Barb Spelzhausen

#### Next Week: 11/26

Reader: Jerry Bramley

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

#### Upcoming Calendar: 11/26 Christ the King Celebration

12/3 First Sunday of Advent

12/6, 12/13, 12/20 Advent Services, 12:00,  
Soup luncheon to follow.

#### Given to the Glory of God last week: