

## Christ the King Sunday

*Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name!* (Psalm 100:4, CEB)

I wish all of you a very joyous Thanksgiving this week! As you celebrate the holiday, I pray that you will have a chance to pause from your normal routines and take time to reflect on the goodness of God and the abundant life we've been given. May God bless you as you travel or receive guests, as you cook and clean, as you catch up with family and friends, and as you offer thanks to the One who makes it all possible.

And then as we gather for worship this coming Sunday, November 26, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, I simply invite you to:

1. **Show Up:** This one seems pretty simple, doesn't it? As a reminder, we will have just **one combined worship service at 10:00am** in the Sanctuary. Advent always begins a new church year, which means that this Sunday is the final week. The theme for the last Sunday of each church year is **Christ the King**.

2. **Share a Dish:** Following the worship service, we will make our way down the hall to share in what I've been referring to as "**A Feast Fit for a King**." We can use your appetizers, side dishes, additional meat, salads, and desserts. The church will provide turkey as a meat as well as beverages and paper products.

3. **Say Hello to Someone You Don't Already Know:** When I first arrived last Fall and started to get to know the congregation, one of the clear desires that was expressed to me was for occasional gatherings, where people from our various worship services could interact and worship together. I challenge all of us to take the first 5 minutes after worship to be intentional about speaking with someone we don't know very well. Don't worry, you'll have plenty of time to talk with your regular circle of friends later. This is an important habit we must develop in order to continue welcoming new people into our midst and to reconnect with people we don't often get to see in our congregation.

Finally, be reminded that we will be decorating the church facility for Advent/Christmas on Sunday at 3:30pm with the **Hanging of the Greens**. Hope to see you then, too!

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Pastor David Rittgers*