

# sunday times

Christ the King Sunday  
November 20, 2016



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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Christ is King of all creation, all times and seasons, all that we do as individuals and as the church. Welcome as we gather to worship before the throne.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.

**Thank you to Pastor Gunnar Anderson for serving as our guest Pastor at worship today. And thank you to Tyler Simko who is our Associate Organist.**

## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Eric Pastore's, great uncle Raymond Fada (87) died last Sunday at his home outside of St. Louis. Please keep the Pastore family in your prayers.
- ✚ Richelle Konian's aunt, Paula Kitchen, died on Wednesday in Poughkeepsie, NY. We are praying for Paula's children Tammy, Paul & Eric and Richelle's family this morning.



Pastor Carol is on vacation **November 18-25**. If you need pastoral care while she's away, please contact the church office or Council President, Marsha Stoltz at (201) 519-3036.

We received a letter this week from our NJ Synod Bishop. This is a timely reminder of the values we hold in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. May the Lord guide our nation, Pastor Carol

Office of the Bishop, New Jersey Synod, ELCA



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Almost one week ago, Donald Trump was elected to serve as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. For some, this was the hoped for result of a contentious election season. For others, this was a time of great disappointment. Many sociologists, political pundits, psychologists, and religious writers have analyzed the results of the voting and have tried to give answers as to why people voted the way they did. At this point, I am tired of reading and re-reading such analyses.

I am concerned, however, that the results of this election have emboldened people of ill will. In this past week we have seen incidents of racial hatred escalate. We have seen graffiti spray-painted on bathroom walls in a high school denouncing LGBTQ students, swastikas covering the front windows of storefronts, signs declaring "Trump Nation. Whites Only", and more. I have received phone calls and emails from pastors whose parishioners are afraid to go out to work and parents whose children are afraid to go to school.

Regardless of who you or your parishioners voted for, we all must denounce this behavior. As the body of Christ, we are called to stand with those whom God loves and claims as God's own cherished children. We are called to speak out when we witness acts of hatred. We are charged to eradicate racism in all its forms, welcome the refugee and immigrant, and work for justice and peace in all the earth. There is no place for bigotry in our church.

On November 14, 1960, this country watched as 6-year-old Ruby Bridges made her way to the William Franz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. White parents pulled their children out of the school and teachers refused to teach as long as there was a black student in the classroom. Adult men and women hurled hate-filled words at a little girl trying to get an education. Ruby spent the first day in the principal's office because of the chaos that surrounded her attendance at the all-white school. On the second day, a Methodist minister brought his white daughter to school and broke the boycott. Slowly, students began to return to the school, even if they didn't fully embrace their new reality.

Today, on November 14, 2016, my heart breaks to hear stories that sound similar to those which happened 56 years ago. Post-election, there are some who feel that their anti-immigrant, misogynistic, racist comments have been normalized or legitimized. We need to risk our own safety in order to step up and tell them they are wrong. We need to examine our own prejudices and biases and confess our own sinfulness. By our actions, we will witness to the truth as expressed by Bishop Desmond Tutu: "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death".

Thank you for your part in proclaiming the Gospel. Please know that I am here to support you and pray for you every day. Together we can be the church that Christ calls us to be for the sake of the world.

Peace,

Bishop Tracie L. Bartholomew



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive 'til **TODAY, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**. The donations will benefit the food bank at Holy

Trinity Church, East Orange & The Aids Resource Foundation - St. Claire's Social Services.

### CRANFORD COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On **Monday, November 21st**, an ecumenical service will be held at **Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut & Lincoln Ave.**

**Cranford, NJ at 7pm** hosted by the Cranford Clergy Council and the Interfaith Human Relations Committee. Our town has so many reasons to be thankful! Please consider attending and bringing non-perishable pantry items to be donated to Cranford Family Care. For more info., contact Cindy at [cindy@patwin.com](mailto:cindy@patwin.com) or 908-272-9133.



### YOUTH BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Youth Bell Choir will be preparing music for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be held from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** on the following Sunday afternoons: **11/27, 12/11, 12/18**. We also welcome members of the congregation that would like to share their musical gifts during a worship service anytime during the year. Please contact Jeanne Elmuccio on Sunday mornings or email Jeanne at [jeanne@calvarycranford.com](mailto:jeanne@calvarycranford.com).

### YOUNG FAMILIES CONNECT GROUP EMPOWERING LITTLE HANDS



to make a difference in our community. Join us **Sunday, December 4** after the Children's Service in Fellowship Hall.

Together we will empower our youngest members to make a difference this holiday season through volunteerism: making sandwiches for the soup kitchen, decorations for the seniors, and cookie making or baking. **All ages are welcomed to participate and support this gathering.**

### NJ CARES COAT DRIVE 2016

We are participating in the Annual NJ Cares Coat Drive! **From Nov. 13-Dec. 4**, please bring your gently used coats to donate and help keep people warm this winter! Please make sure coats are cleaned and that all zippers/ buttons are in good working order.



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Applications

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award is given to someone who has made contributions to the cause of improving the community in such areas as civil and human rights, social justice, social action and/or demonstrated concern for the welfare of others. Individuals or groups may make nominations for the Award. The recipient should be either a resident of or identified with the Township of Cranford, though not necessarily living in Cranford. The recipient may be a clergy or a layperson. Applications are available in the church office. **Deadline for nominations: December 1, 2016.** Send to Pastor Tom Rice, Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry St., Cranford.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

**8:15am** **10:30am**

Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Robert Seavy	Carla Flint
Ushers	Robin Marko (C)	George Bird (C)
	Cliff Kaiser	Susan Bird
	TBD	Dave Ten Broeck
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

### THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

<b>Sun 11/20</b>	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
<b>Sun 11/27</b>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
4pm	Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal



### Our office hours are:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Tues and Thurs: 10:30am – 5:30pm

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**CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE** ~ As of the end of October, Calvary's income is \$236,921 with expenses of \$263,962, a shortfall of \$27,041. Calvary's income year-to-date, for the first time all year, is less than the same time period for 2015. Current estimates indicate that we will finish 2016 approximately \$12,000 in the red (lower income versus expenses). In 2015, we experienced strong end of year giving and will need to equal, if not exceed it, for the last two months of 2016.