



*Christ the King—Last Sunday of the Church Year*

**Sunday, November 22, 2009**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Three*



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## INTRODUCTION



*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they 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

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The GATHERING MUSIC: “ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

### The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism*

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

**Amen**

Before God, our rock and our refuge,  
let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**you know our failings better than we do;  
our sins are revealed in the light of your face.  
Our days and years pass by;  
the things we trust fade like grass.  
Be gracious to us, O God.  
Guide us again to the water of life,  
and renew in us the grace of holy baptism;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

You are all children of the light and of the day;  
you are God's children now.

In the mercy of God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin.  
With all the faithful in heaven and on earth,  
rejoice and be glad!

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his command and 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.

### The GATHERING HYMN

**“Crown him with many crowns”**

**ELW 855**

### The GREETING

*The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:*  
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.**

The KYRIE ELW pp. 138-139

The HYMN OF PRAISE ELW pp. 140-141

The PRAYER OF THE DAY ELW p. 142  
*The assembly is seated*

## **WORD**

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The FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<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 reading concludes*  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**



- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.  
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup>not be moved.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup>been established;  
you are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting. Refrain**
- <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup>up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup>pounding waves.
- <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup>of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup>dwells on high.**
- <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup>very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD,  
forever and for- <sup>1</sup>evermore. Refrain

The SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

- <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 reading concludes*  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands*

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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<sup>33</sup>Then 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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

*Silence for reflection*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

The HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Lord Christ, when first you came to Earth"**

**ELW 727**

The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

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

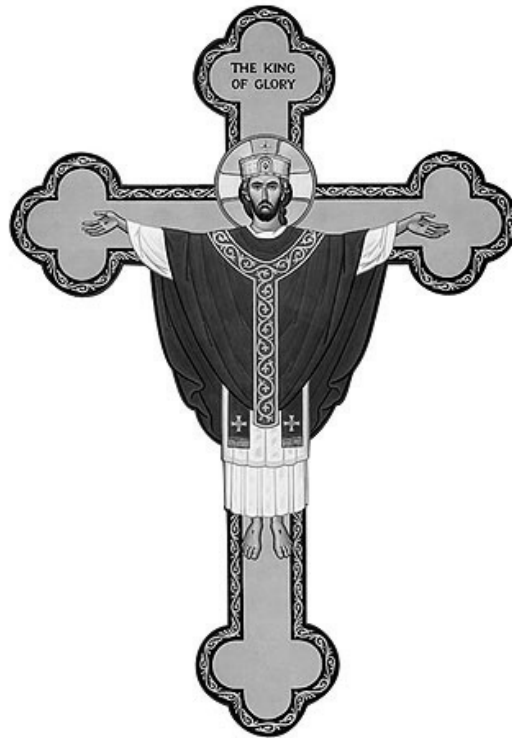
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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## MEAL

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### The SENIOR CHOIR

*The assembly stands*

### Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic - t'ry is  
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is  
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (VIII)

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears...*The prayer continues*

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The prayer continues and concludes...*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Feast with the Lord, who has swallowed up death forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated*

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the rail. Please kneel as you are able.** Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

**"Beautiful Savior"**

ELW 838

**"O Christ the same"** (sung to *With One Voice* 778)

ELW 760

*The assembly stands.*

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

Let us pray... At your table, O God, we have been made new.

Our mourning and crying and pain pass away,  
and we see the glory of your presence among us.  
Unite us with this vision,  
and make us into your holy people,  
one in the body of Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

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The BLESSING

The SENDING HYMN  
“Lift high the Cross”

ELW 660

The SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The SENDING MUSIC: “Rejoice The Lord Is King!”

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*Kathy Lanzer*

Acolyte:

*Samantha Bryan*

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*Rick Lautenschleger, Tom Lautenschleger, Josh Thomas*

Altar Guild:

*Pam Bixler, Robyn Burkett, Carol Rouse*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**—Judy Himes, Vivian Barr, Cathy Hattery, Ruth Schram, Dawn Gasperowich, and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Betty Menapace in honor of my daughters, Debbie & Tina.  
The **Eternal Candle** is given by Betty Menapace in honor of my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



On **Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Wallick Auction Center** a fundraiser will be held for Strasburg resident Doug Froman. The dinner which consists of Rigatoni, Soup, Salad, Dessert and Beverage, will be held from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4-11, under 4 – free. Tickets may be purchased at El Duckos and Strasburg Pharmacy. There will be a live auction held at 7pm. Thrivent Financial Care in Communities will provide matching funds for the event.

The **First Lutheran soup, sandwich and dessert** luncheon following worship **today** will have a two-fold purpose: It will provide a fellowship opportunity for the congregation and also give those attending an opportunity to contribute funds to help Brenda Bitikofer work with Medical Missions International.

Brenda, a registered nurse, has signed on to spend the week of January 9-16 in the Dominican Republic, traveling with other Medical Missions volunteers to villages that have no medical facilities, diagnosing and treating villagers and dispensing medicines.

Volunteers must pay their own expenses, including airfare, and she has been told to expect the amount to approach \$1800. Those unable to attend the luncheon who would like to contribute may do so by contacting Brenda (330-878-7348).

Both vegetable and broccoli cheese soups will be available along with Sloppy Joe and creamed chicken sandwiches and desserts.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 11/22—11/29)

Sunday	<b><u>Christ the King—Last Sunday of the Church Year</u></b> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education  9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 12 PM—Catechism Retreat Ends  7 PM—Community Thanksgiving Worship (St. John UCC)
Monday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters
Tuesday	9 AM—Busy Bee Quilters
Wednesday	<b>NO</b> <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Beach City) 7 PM—Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion (Strasburg)
Thursday	<b><u>The Day of Thanksgiving</u></b> <b>NO</b> <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Strasburg)
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	6:30 PM—Strasburg Hanging of the Greens
Sunday	<b><u>The First Sunday in Advent</u></b> 9 AM—Beach City Service of the Word 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education  9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 11:30 PM—Catechism

*All ministry is open to disciples in both Strasburg and Beach City congregations. The names “Strasburg” or “Beach City” denotes location*



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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November 13, 2009

### **ELCA Presiding Bishop Addresses Leadership, Financial Issues**

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- In a wide-ranging report Nov. 13 to the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop called for "strong leadership" from council members. At the same time, he addressed a proposed 10 percent cut in the churchwide organization's 2010 current fund spending plan which, if approved, will reduce funding for ministries and eliminate several staff positions.

"I can say with all confidence that this church has never in my nine years as presiding bishop needed the strong leadership of the Church Council as much as we need leadership from you now," he told the council.

"These have been very painful days in this organization," he told the council. The presiding bishop reported that "over 40 people" were informed that their jobs may be eliminated by council action to reduce the budget this weekend.

Some of the people who have been informed about their jobs have been with the ELCA since it was founded in 1988. Most have been "amazingly gracious" in receiving the news.

Hanson attributed the need for the budget reduction to 30-year downward trends in giving that have affected all denominations, the struggling U.S. economy and the actions of some ELCA congregations to withhold or redirect mission support funds.

Some congregations have decided to withhold funds to register their disagreement with the actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The assembly, which met Aug. 17-23 in Minneapolis, adopted proposals to change ELCA ministry policies. One change makes it possible for Lutherans in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, clergy, deaconesses and diaconal ministers.

The proposed budget reductions impact "personnel, programs and (ecumenical and global) partners," Hanson said. "However one analyzes the contributing factors, the consequences are the same: Mission is diminished. Unity is strained. Lives are impacted. And faith is tested."

He added that churchwide organization is not recalling missionaries or cutting seminary grants, and will sustain or increase its commitment to establish new congregations.

Hanson cited portions of Roman 5 in his report, saying he often refers to that chapter in challenging situations. In particular, he noted a portion of verse 5: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Hanson said he is concerned that because of differences that exist among some leaders and members on ministry policies, people are retreating into "like-minded enclaves to reinforce the strength of their convictions and the clarity that those not in the room are wrong."

"The Holy Spirit poured out upon us, calls us, moves us toward one another in times such as these rather than into retreat and withdrawal into like-minded enclaves," he said.

Hanson also noted that there are people in the church who are rejoicing about the ministry policy decisions "because new possibilities are open for ministry."

Based on "leader to leader" conversations, the presiding bishop said ELCA global companion churches are not necessarily distancing themselves from the ELCA because of the ministry

policy decisions. For example, Hanson said at the recent Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Council meeting near Geneva, Switzerland, he spoke with leaders of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Both said their churches don't agree with the ELCA decisions, Hanson said, but indicated they don't plan to step away from the ELCA. Instead, the church leaders said there must be deeper conversation, he said.

Hanson is president of the LWF and chairs the LWF Council.

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November 16, 2009

## **Reinstatement Process Revision Adopted by ELCA Church Council**

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted a revision to the reinstatement process for former clergy and other professional leaders who were removed from the church's official rosters for disciplinary reasons or resigned in lieu of discipline -- solely because they were in a lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship.

The change, adopted Nov. 15, applies to former ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and ordained ministers.

The Church Council is the ELCA's board of directors and serves as the legislative authority of the church between churchwide assemblies. It met here Nov. 13-15.

The action was a response to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which adopted proposals to change ELCA ministry policies. One change created the possibility for Lutherans in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and ordained ministers. The assembly also adopted a social statement on human sexuality by a two-thirds vote.

The revision to the reinstatement policy applies only to people in lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships. The council's decision makes it possible for a person to begin the application process for reinstatement beginning Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2011.

Until the 2009 Churchwide Assembly adopted a social statement on human sexuality and changes to ministry policies, any same-gender relationship was considered sexual misconduct and cause for discipline. Under the new policies, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly acknowledged there are different views within the church of these relationships and that these views are held by faithful people who understand Scripture in different ways.

Without the policy change, people in same-gender relationships removed from the church's rosters solely because of that relationship would have to wait a minimum of five years before an application for reinstatement could be considered.

The ELCA Conference of Bishops endorsed the reinstatement policy change when it met in October.

Even under the new reinstatement policy, a final decision on an applicant's reinstatement request cannot be made until other policy documents are revised and approved. Documents undergoing revision are "Vision and Expectations" for associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and ordained ministers, said the Rev. Stanley N. Olson, executive director, ELCA Vocation and Education. Also being revised are "Definition and Guidelines for Discipline," plus an ELCA candidacy manual and other policies, he said.

The revised documents will be reviewed by an *ad hoc* committee and the ELCA Conference of Bishops at its March 4-9, 2010 meeting. After consultation with the bishops, recommendations will be sent to the ELCA Church Council. At its April 9-12, 2010 meeting, council members will consider the revisions and may adopt the revised policy documents.

Vocation and Education, the ELCA Office of the Secretary and the ELCA Committee on Appeals are revising the policy documents collaboratively, Olson told the council. The ELCA Board of Pensions is also in "close conversation" with the drafting teams concerning effects of the changes on pension and benefits plan, he said.

"We intend to carry out the directives of the assembly ... to welcome people who are in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships into rostered (professional) ministry, and to make provision to respect and preserve (a) place in this church for those whose convictions, (and) bound consciences, are at a different place," Olson said.

Current ministry policy documents, links to assembly actions and draft revisions are at <http://www.ELCA.org/ministry/policies> on the ELCA Web site, he said. Drafting teams welcome comments on the suggested revisions, Olson said.

"This is a complicated process," said David D. Swartling, ELCA secretary, of the effort to revise policies. Swartling added the language in all of the documents must be "consistent and congruent."

**POINSETTIAS – IF YOU HAVE NOT PLACED YOUR ORDER FOR  
POINSETTIAS YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE  
CALLING THE ORDER IN. THANK YOU.**

## Other Lutheran News

### **Lutheran CORE leaders announce that a new Lutheran church body will be formed for those leaving the ELCA**

NEW BRIGHTON, Minn. — Leaders of Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Renewal) have voted to begin work on a proposal for a new Lutheran church body for those who choose to leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, they announced Wednesday, Nov. 18.



The votes by ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August to allow pastors to be in committed same-sex relationships have created a biblical and theological crisis throughout the ELCA and conflict in local congregations. Many congregations and individuals are considering the possibility of leaving the ELCA or have chosen to redirect giving away from the national church.

More than 1,200 Lutherans gathered in Fishers, Ind., Sept. 25-26 unanimously voted to authorize the Lutheran CORE Steering Committee “to initiate conversations among the congregations and reform movements in Lutheran CORE and other compatible churchly organizations leading toward a possible reconfiguration of North American Lutheranism” and to bring a recommendation for action in 2010. The Lutheran CORE Steering Committee decided Tuesday that a new church body likely will be necessary and directed that work begin on a church body proposal.

“Many ELCA members and congregations have said that they want to sever ties with the ELCA because of the ELCA’s continued movement away from traditional Christian teachings. The vote on sexuality opened the eyes of many to how far the ELCA has moved from Biblical teaching,” said the Rev. Paull Spring of State College, Pa., Lutheran CORE Chair.

“Lutheran CORE will aid in the formation of a Lutheran church body for those congregations and individuals that choose to end their affiliation with the ELCA. This church body will stand where Lutherans have always stood and will center its life on the mission of the church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” said Spring, the retired bishop of the Northern Pennsylvania Synod.

A special working group will draft the church body proposal. The recommendations are to be released in February to allow interested individuals and congregations time for feedback. Final proposals will be brought to the Lutheran CORE Convocation Aug. 26-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

The working group will also bring recommendations for the continuation of Lutheran CORE as a free-standing synod that will serve both Lutherans in the ELCA and those in other church bodies. This working group will be in conversation with other Lutheran church bodies about ways to work together. Lutheran CORE has expressed an interest in working closely with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, an association of Lutheran congregations which many ELCA congregations have joined. The proposed church body is intended to provide a place for congregations that desire a more a traditional denominational structure.

“We have not made any firm decisions about what this church body will be or how it will be structured. That reality will come into focus as the working group meets with the members of Lutheran CORE who are looking for a new church body and with other Lutheran church bodies in North America,” explained Ryan Schwarz of Washington, D.C., who chairs the working group.

### **Lutheran CORE to continue as free-standing synod**

Lutheran CORE will continue to exist as a free-standing synod. Both those within the ELCA and in this new church body will be able to continue in fellowship through Lutheran CORE.

“Lutheran CORE is committed to be a church fellowship for Lutherans who affirm the authority of Scripture — both those who choose to remain affiliated with the ELCA and those who choose to end their affiliation with the ELCA,” Spring said.

“It is important that those who want to uphold the authority of Scripture work together. We need each other. To be an effective witness, Lutherans — both those who remain affiliated with the ELCA and those who end that affiliation — need to work together. Lutheran CORE hopes to continue to provide that church fellowship and serve that common mission,” he added.

“This new church body and the Lutheran CORE free-standing synod will make it possible for congregations to work together in mission and to relate to other Lutherans worldwide,” Schwarz said. “Lutherans around the world have been scandalized by the ELCA’s actions. Lutheran CORE will work closely with Lutherans around the world who share our commitment to Scripture as it has been understood by generations of Christians.”

“We are not leaving the ELCA. The ELCA has left us. Lutheran CORE is continuing in the Christian faith as it has been passed down to us by generations of Christians. The ELCA is the one that has departed from the teaching of the Bible as understood by Christians for 2,000 years,” Spring said. “The division in the ELCA is not only about sex. It is about the authority of Scripture in the life of the church. The crisis in the ELCA is a direct result of the actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.”

“We grieve that it has become necessary for so many to leave the ELCA and for so many others to alter their relationship with the ELCA, but we are heartened by the clear sense of mission and ministry that is motivating these changes,” the Lutheran CORE Steering Committee said in a letter to members of Lutheran CORE announcing the decision.



**SOCIAL MISSIONS** - The mission for November will be the Hat, Mitten & Scarf Tree for Share-A-Christmas. There will be a box in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.



The **Community Thanksgiving** service will be held at St. John UCC **today at 7:00 PM.**

**Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion** will here at First Lutheran on Wed., November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



**Hanging of the Greens** will take place on Sat., November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to help get the Church ready for the upcoming season.