



**Last Sunday of the Church Year –  
The Day of Fulfilment  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

Christ Church Lutheran  
31 Swanport Rd  
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran  
31 Florence St  
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran  
427 Schenscher Rd  
Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

**WELCOME...** TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

**All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions.** Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

**\*\*\*Masks are required until further notice\*\*\***

**Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> November – Last Sunday in Church Year**

- 9am Holy Cross – Pastor Paul Calnan  
9:30am Christ Church - Worship in the Hall – Thank you to Chris Jaensch for leading our service. Join us for 9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.  
10.30am Monarto - Holy Communion Service, Pastor Robert Wiebusch  
10:30am Christmas Tree Festival – Carols & Readings

**Next Sunday: 28th November – Advent Sunday**

- 9am Holy Cross – Lay Reading  
9am Monarto - Holy Communion Service, Pastor David Buck  
9:30am Christ Church - Worship in the Hall, Pastor Graham Harms, Holy Communion Service, 9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.  
6pm Christ Church - JD Hall – Advent Evening – followed by sausage sizzle

***Visitors most welcome to join any of our services***

**Christ Church Office hours:** 9am-12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri **Closed Wednesday.**

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Website: [www.cclutheranmb.org.au](http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au) Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge

After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

**Holy Cross office hours:** 10am-1pm Tues, Wed; 9am-2pm Thurs, Fri **Closed Monday.**

Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge

Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tues to Fri 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: [paul.calnan@lca.org.au](mailto:paul.calnan@lca.org.au) If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please

contact Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Alan Packer

**CALL UPDATE:** Pastor David Kuss has accepted the Call to the Shared Ministry in Monarto and Murray Bridge. Please continue to keep Pastor David and his family and the Holy Cross Birdwood Congregation in your prayers.

## General Notices

### SHARED MINISTRY TASK GROUP UPDATE:

- ✚ Combined bulletin will continue from now on.
- ✚ Pastor David Kuss' Installation will be held Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2:30pm at Unity College.
- ✚ We are continuing to look at a name for the Shared Ministry. Following feedback already received here are some more names to pray and think about: *Trinity of Faith Lutheran Church, Lutheran Community, Murray Trinity Lutheran Church, River (or Streams) of Hope Lutheran Church*. Please note this will be the name for the Shared Ministry only, we will retaining our individual church names – Zion Monarto, Holy Cross and Christ Church.

Shared Ministry Task Group members are **Holy Cross:** Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church:** Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto:** Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

**ADVENT EVENING:** You are invited to an **Advent Fellowship** evening of fellowship at John Dohler Hall on Sunday evening – **28th Nov at 6pm**. The evening will consist of an Advent message and activities; a sausage sizzle and Carol Singing. We would love to share this time and celebrate together as a community.

**NEXT YOUTH:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - The Cave, from 6pm to 8:30pm. Please bring tea to share – All Welcome



**SPIN Kids Camp** is a Christian camp for children in Year 4 to 6 in 2021. It aims to provide a welcoming, safe and fun Christian environment for the young people of our communities to gather in Christian fellowship, learn about God and His Word, grow in their faith, and meet other Christian friends their own age. Children of all backgrounds are welcome, from people who have been regularly worshipping members of a church community for many years to those who have never set foot in a church before. In fact, SPIN is a great way for young people to experience a little of what a Christian faith is all about,

and start their journey with God!

SPIN is administered by the Lutheran Church of Australia, SA-NT District. Members of all denominational backgrounds are very welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

For more information head to <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>.

**CHRISTIAN RADIO NOW LIVE!** Monday 1st November 2021 at 10.00 a.m. the equipment was turned on and the Vision Christian Media – **Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA** is live in the Murray Bridge area.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** Thank you to all those who assisted in anyway with the Confirmation Service on 14<sup>th</sup> November. It was lovely to see so many come along and witness the 9 young people from Holy Cross declare their faith and be confirmed into the Lutheran Church

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (Town Hall):** Last Day is today **November 21<sup>st</sup>**; thank you to everyone who assisted in any way to get this event happening and for assistance over the last 3 days.

**HOLY CROSS NOMINATIONS MEETING:** **21st November 2021@ 11am** immediately after Service. Followed by BBQ and salad lunch.

**THRIFT SHOP:** We are holding a short **Thrift Shop on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** at JD Hall. **A huge thank you to all who have already offered to help.** If you can help on those days or with set up on Monday or pack up on Wednesday please contact Yvonne or Janelle in the Christ Church office. Many thanks

**CHRIST CHURCH ROSTERS:** We will be putting together the next roster for Jan and looking at Feb. Please contact the office (8532 6553) with any dates that you are not available **by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**. Many thanks

**Murray Bridge Christmas Carols Sunday** 5th December 2021 from 6.45 pm at the Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve, food available from 5pm. It will be a free ticketed event to comply with Covid requirement, book your tickets at [tyrbooking.com/buzrj](http://tyrbooking.com/buzrj)  
For more info contact Ian Kluge 0427313537

**Australian Lutheran World Service:** A letter thanks of has been received from ALWS for recent donations made by Holy Cross members thanking them for choosing to donate to ALWS Gifts of Grace. Thank You.

**LEFT AT THE STEEPLE AFTER CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** A black umbrella and a green sleeveless puffer jacket (XXL Crane brand) were left in The Steeple on Sunday if these belong to you please collect from Holy Cross Office

**NEWSLETTERS:**

**Christ Church:** The latest Newsletter is available copies available from Christ Church office or services.

**Holy Cross:** The latest Newsletter is available from Holy Cross Office and at services.

**CATERING HELP:** Can you help with donating food and/or assisting on the day for Funerals? If you can, please contact; **CHRIST CHURCH** – Julie Mueller 0407 045 149 or Joyce Stiller 8532 1116.

**HOLY CROSS** – Service Guild Velma Zerk 0438 325 611 or Rhonda Packer 8532 2876.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday **December 12th at 2pm**, in the **JD Hall Andre Rieu** will delight music lovers with his **Christmas Down Under concert**. Come along and enjoy the screening of the concert Andre and his orchestra performed in the Sydney Town Hall in November 2018. Donation entrance, with all proceeds going to the Myanmar Damadi Children's Home. Enquiries to Dianne Kluge on 0408 807 008.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP:** Next gathering is **9<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 11:45am at Church of Christ Cafe.

**PASTORAL CARE WORKER POSITION – MB South Primary:** The PCW position at the school is available at the school. Details can be found at: <https://smg.asn.au/> Applications close 9am Mon 22 Nov.

**CHRISTMAS TREES FROM HOLY CROSS-BIRDWOOD:** Holy Cross, Birdwood have Christmas trees available for purchase again this year. They are able to offer the high quality trees at \$50 each. Please note that delivery can only be arranged for orders of 10 or more trees. Trees will be delivered to Holy Cross Murray Bridge at 9am, Saturday 11th December 2021. **Orders close Friday 3rd December.** The trees will need to be paid for at time of delivery. Please ring Sandra Gates 0438324150 (from Holy Cross Murray Bridge) to place your order.

**REG – Regular Electronic Giving:** Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

**Christ Church:** BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

**Holy Cross:** BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

**WANTED: Artificial Lawn:** 1.2 x 1metre piece of artificial lawn to be used for Nativity Scene display in Holy Cross Church Grounds. If you are able to help out; please speak to Alan Packer 85322876 or Cynthia Dutschke 0400 0406 052

**FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR** available at Holy Cross Church office Murray Bridge on Tues or Thurs by appointment for a range of issues for example: - individual counselling – grief and loss, life transitions, relationships, trauma and relationship issues - couple counselling.

Bridget is a registered nurse, midwife and child health nurse who has recently graduated from Tabor College with Masters of clinical counselling and is passionate to serve those in the community who are struggling and needing a listening ear to clarify life's problems. Using an integrated approach of counselling and Christian spirituality, she welcomes new clients from any area of life and offers compassion, empathy and insight and support to those who struggle. 0460 321 334 | 08 8351 3644 | [bhannaford@lutherancare.org.au](mailto:bhannaford@lutherancare.org.au)

**DVD MINISTRY DISTRIBUTION:** Helpers are needed to distribute the Holy Cross Service DVD's to the Swanport Village, Murray Heights and house bound in Murray Bridge if you can assist please speak to Bob Eggers or ring him on 85311207

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** Level 1 Training will be held **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am-4pm at JDH.**

The following need to complete this training: Pastors [incl Emeriti in active service]; Governance, Council & Committee members; Safe Church Coordinators; Ministry Leaders / Decision Makers; Employees & Volunteers; Synod Delegates; Chaplains / Elders / Pastoral Assistants / Lay Readers / Worship Leaders / Ushers; Volunteers working vulnerable adults and/or with children u/18. This covers nearly everyone! Congregation members welcome to attend also. Registration is essential via <https://www.lca.org.au/departments/ministry-support/professional-standards/training-prof-standards/> Please contact Christ Church Office for more details or your Safe Church Coordinator.

## Prayers:

**Prayer of the day:** Merciful Saviour, you have taught us that those who believe in you will not be condemned, but have already passed from death to life. Give us faith in your forgiveness, so that we fearlessly wait for the time when you set us completely free. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

### Also pray....

- ✠ Continue to pray for the teachers, children & families at Concordia Kindy, Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✠ Build up your church so that it never ceases to preach the gospel in all its parts. Preserve us from modern scepticism, and give us courage to witness to the truth of your coming judgment, so build up and preserve our Leaders, and all the pastors and teachers of our church.
- ✠ Pray for Pastor David Kuss, his wife Ilona and their family on his acceptance of the Lead Pastor call to the combined shared ministry at Holy Cross, Christ Church and Zion Monarto.

**Please Pray for...** (Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Peter Paech, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & their Carers.

**Holy Cross:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gollasch and family, Trevor, Christabel and Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Betty Nulty, Brenda O'Reilly, Stan & Lorna Peltz, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Clarita Venn & their Carers.

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrens (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Margaret Koop (CC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

**Lerwin:** Phylis Courtney (HC), Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

**Craigmore Resthaven:** Ivy Roennfeldt (CC)      **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

**Meningie Hospital Aged Care:** Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

**St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf:** Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) **Warner Close, M/Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Pat Gogel, Phyllis Koop, Bevan Schulz (All HC)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

## **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week**

21<sup>st</sup> Hannah Waltrovitz (HC)

26<sup>th</sup> Liam Joppich (CC)

Joan Kluge (CC)

23<sup>rd</sup> Rob Frahn (Mon)

Kirsty Pilmore (HC)

Valma Kuchel (CC)

Sam Walding (CC)

James Stiller (CC)

Joy Lienert (CC)

25<sup>th</sup> Sydney Wohlfeil (Mon)

27<sup>th</sup> Trinity Dunning (CC)

Simon Franke (CC)

## **COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions** (Please advise the offices of any changes)

Fri-Sun 19-21 **Christmas Tree Festival, MB Town Hall**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>

9am

Holy Cross Service - Pastor Paul - *Nominations meeting immediately after service/morning tea, followed by sausage sizzle & salad lunch*

9:30am

Christ Church Service in JDH

10:30am

Monarto Service

10:30am

Carols & Readings, Town Hall

|                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Mon 22nd                | 10am<br>2pm<br>7pm                      | Bible Study – Holy Cross Sunday School rooms<br>Barnabas Friendship Group, Hampels<br>Christ Church Worship Team, Ed Cen  |
| Tues 23rd               | 10am                                    | Bible Study – Christ Church, Ed Cen   |
| Fri 26th                | 6pm                                     | Youth, The Cave – JDH Hall  |
| Sun 28th                | 9am<br>9am<br>9.30am<br>6pm             | Monarto Service<br>Holy Cross Service<br>Christ Church Service in JDH<br>Advent Evening, JDH  |
| Tues 30th - Wed 1st Dec |   | Thrift Shop, JDH  |
| <b>December</b>         |   |   |
| Sat 4th                 | 9am                                     | Safe Church Training  |
| Sun 5th                 | 9am<br>9:30am<br>11am<br>11am<br>6.45pm | Holy Cross Service – Pastor Paul - Jacob Fabich is preaching<br>Christ Church Service in JDH<br>Monarto Service – Pastor Paul Calnan<br>Christ Church Service in Church<br>Christmas Carols – Warf Precinct, Sturt Reserve food available from 5pm Book your free tickets at <a href="http://trybooking.com/buzrj">trybooking.com/buzrj</a> |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 10am                                    | Bible Study – Holy Cross Sunday School Rooms  |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 10am<br>4pm                             | Bible Study – Christ Church, Ed Cen<br>Ministry Team meeting – Holy Cross meeting room  |

### **THIS WEEKS READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:**

- † **Holy Cross** *Readings*: Psalm 132; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4-8; John 5:21-29;  
*Songs*: Now We Come Our Heavenly Father, Over The Distant Mountains, Majesty, God At Table With Man Sat Down, To God Be the Glory
- † **Christ Church (JDH)** *Please contact Christ Church office for details*
- † **Monarto**: *Readings*: Psalm 93, Daniel 7: 9-14; Revelation 1:4b-8: John 18:33-37.  
*Songs*: God of Creation, Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending, The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns, These I lay down, God Give You Joy.

Peter Steicke's service at Christ Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November can be viewed here:  
<https://youtu.be/L2XeBTqiktE>

Confirmation Service at Unity on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November can be viewed here:  
<https://youtu.be/3-iUgQ4Ey3w>

### † **OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:**

**FACEBOOK:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

**YOUTUBE** Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

**Christ Church Web Page:** <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

**Music Ministry email:** [musicministrymb@gmail.com](mailto:musicministrymb@gmail.com)

**Christian radio now live!** – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

**Other Livestreamed Services etc** – Go to LCA Church@Home:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

**Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible:** <https://sermons4kids.com/>

# ROSTERS

## Holy Cross

|                         | <b>28 November<br/>9AM</b>             | <b>5 December<br/>9AM</b>            |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sign In Greeters</b> | Velma Zerk<br>Rhonda Packer            | Trudy Gogel<br>Kathy Stoddart        |
| <b>LS Server</b>        | N/A                                    | Judy Sacco                           |
| <b>Lector</b>           | Joel Weincke                           | Judy Sacco                           |
| <b>PA/MM</b>            | Tanya Hanckel                          | Amy Gates                            |
| <b>Video</b>            | N/A                                    | Allen Wegener                        |
| <b>Marshal</b>          | Joanne Pfeiffer                        | Barry Stoddart                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>           | G Hermann<br>Judy Sacco                | Bob & Myrna<br>Gerlach               |
| <b>Bell Ringer</b>      | Bruce Kuchel                           | Bob Gerlach                          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>      | N/A                                    | Glenda<br>Schirmer                   |
| <b>Flowers</b>          | Jan Richards                           | L Rosenzweig                         |
| <b>Musicians</b>        | M Gogler                               | J Kuchel<br>E Paech                  |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>      | Y Patterson,<br>C Schache,<br>S Kramer | A Pearce,<br>D Pfeiffer<br>A Weincke |
| <b>Ministry Team</b>    | L Rosenzweig                           | M Woitd                              |

## Christ Church

|                         | <i>JDH</i><br>9:30am<br>28-Nov    | <i>JDH</i><br>9:30<br>5-Dec       | <i>Church</i><br>11am<br>5-Dec    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>COVID Marshal</b>    | Gloria Pohl                       | Kathy Franklin                    | Gloria Pohl                       |
| <b>Elder/Assist</b>     | Graham Schubert ♥<br>David Doecke | Graham Schubert                   | Gerry Korzeba                     |
| <b>Wardens</b>          | David Lienert                     | Ian Kluge                         | Marie Mueller<br>John Pohl        |
| <b>Greeters</b>         | Kathy Franklin<br>Sue Kuchel      | Basil Zadow<br>Lyn Zadow          | Gordon Schultz<br>Merilyn Schultz |
| <b>Tea/Coffee</b>       | Doreen Borchardt<br>Lorna Penhall | Chris Beauglehall<br>Dianne Kluge |                                   |
| <b>PA</b>               | Roger Hampel                      | Nathanael Mann                    | Wes Taylor                        |
| <b>Data Projector</b>   | Chris Beauglehall                 | Ellen Mann                        | Cheryl Doecke                     |
| <b>Video</b>            | Ron Jericho                       | Ron Jericho                       | Ron Jericho                       |
| <b>Counter</b>          | Gerry Korzeba                     | Yvonne Stiller                    | Gerry Korzeba                     |
| <b>Grounds Roster</b>   | John & Gloria Pohl                |                                   |                                   |
| <b>Water &amp; Care</b> | John Schirmer                     | Tim Koch                          | Yolette Koch                      |

### Monarto

28<sup>th</sup> Nov: **Wardens:** Colin & Raelene W. **Reader:** Jan B. **Cuppa:** Jan & Klaus B.  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec: **Wardens:** Jan & Klaus B. **Reader:** Heather C

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### Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

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**Property Chair** Greg Herrmann 0438 785 040

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### THE OFTEN WALKED PATH

This path leads to my front door. It's not a very spectacular path. In fact, it is a very ordinary path. The door is quite a standard door, found as the "front door" to thousands of homes around our country.

But, despite their standard commonness, this path and this door lead to "home!" My home! A special place, a unique, one of a kind place where I can relax, either by myself or with Ruth, with family or friends.

Walking the path to the door we come and go through most often, be it "front" or "back", do we stop and think of all the blessings that path has led to behind that door?

Complacency and "Ho-Hum" can quietly bleed so much joy from our lives.

A friendship with Jesus can also become complacent, taken for granted with a feeling of "Oh Well. God doesn't appear to be doing much in my life".

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Just like the path and the door, Jesus is always there, offering security, safety from the storms of life. He keeps safe for you the blessings of stored up memories and friendships with others and those special times when you felt the close reality of his presence.

Sometimes we walk out the door and down the path away from home, but we know or hope it will be there when we return.

Sometimes we walk away from Jesus. The difference is, we can be absolutely sure He will always be there when we turn and come back to feel the safety of his love.

Next time you walk towards "that" door, stop for a few moments and think about where it leads.

Once inside, again stop; quietly look around at the familiarity that surrounds you. You might be surprised at what you see, what you feel.

Thank God for what you see with new eyes, what you feel with a new appreciation; all the result of His love.

God bless you and yours,

Kevin



Growing  
FAITH  
at home

21 November 2021  
LAST SUNDAY  
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CHURCH YEAR

# Jesus Is the King of Kings

verse for the week  
He has made us  
members of his  
royal family.  
He has made us  
priests who serve  
his God and Father.  
Give him glory and  
power for ever and  
ever! Amen.

REVELATION 1:6

## Caring Conversations

Share your highs  
and lows of the  
day, or respond  
to the following  
questions:

1

What would you  
do if you were  
a king or queen  
for a day?

2

Jesus is a King.  
What sort of  
King is he?  
When and how  
does he reign?

3

What does it mean  
to you that Jesus  
is your King?



## Devotions

### Daily Bible Readings

|   |                      |                                  |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| S | John 18:33-37        | Jesus, the King of truth         |
| M | Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Judgement before the Ancient One |
| T | Revelation 1:4b-8    | Jesus reigns                     |
| W | Mark 15:1-15         | Pilate questions Jesus           |
| T | John 8:31-47         | The truth will set you free      |
| F | 2 John 1:1-9         | Walking in the truth             |
| S | Psalms 93            | The majesty of God's rule        |
| S | Luke 21:25-36        | The coming of the Son of Man     |

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
you are the  
King of truth.  
Help us to  
listen to you.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

May Jesus, your  
King, bless you with  
his love. May he  
help you to know his  
forgiveness and give  
you power to serve  
him. Amen.

## Creative Response

### Endings and Beginnings:

Take time this week to discuss your experience of church life over the past year. What were some highlights? What were some challenges, disappointments or difficulties? In what ways did you learn or grow?

**Pray together for God's blessing upon your church and your involvement with it over the next year.**

Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. How will your family get ready this year? Some ideas include an Advent wreath with four candles, a Jesse Tree or learning the names of Jesus.

**Plan and gather the things you will need to journey through Advent.**

### mealtime prayer

Blessed be to God, our King, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything his goodness sends. Amen.

## Service

As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in your congregation who have served you over the past year - pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders and so on.

Give them a small gift, note or card in appreciation for their contributions.

