

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

November 20, 2025



WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY AT 11 A.M.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A

**THANKSGIVING
EVE
SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 7PM
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
207 SOUTH HOPKINS STREET
SAYRE, PA
570-888-2412
WWW.SJLCSAYREPA.ORG

Calling all singers:
Come and rehearse
at 5:30pm on 11/26
and sing with the Community
Choir during the service!

The Bridge's 23rd Annual **Sleepout** 24-hour Fundraiser

Friday, November 28, 2025, 3:00 pm thru Saturday, November 29, 2025,

The Sleepout is not just a fundraiser! Join us for an hour in a "shelter" in the parking lot of the Guthrie Desmond Street Practice, 105 Desmond St., Sayre PA. Help us raise awareness of the needs in our community & how *The Bridge* works to meet those needs.

The Sleepout goal is to raise \$15,000

How can you help?



Consider spending an hour
with us!

- Pray for the Sleepout, the ministries of *The Bridge*, and those served.
- Spend one hour at the Sleepout with a church group, family, or friends.
- Visit the Sleepout shelter during the event.
- Encourage donations.

The Bridge
P.O. Box 202
Sayre, PA 18840

For more information or to sign-up for an hour, contact Kim at (570) 867-2628 (call or text) or sleepout@thevalleybridge.org.

The Bridge provides emergency vouchers to those who find themselves facing the loss of utilities, housing and other needs, as well as food, clothing, and furniture. We serve those residing within the Athens, Sayre and Waverly school districts. Contact us to get involved in the year-round ministry of *The Bridge*!



Redeemer will be there Friday November 28th from 4-5 p.m. We would love for as many of our brothers and sisters in Christ to stop by during this time to support us.



Holiday Concert of Organ and Harp

On Sunday, December 14th you are invited to join us at Church of the Redeemer for a free holiday concert of organ and harp music being presented by Ted Davenport.

GIVING BACK TO OUR VETERANS UPDATE

(PLEASE NOTE THE DROP-OFF DATE CHANGE).

For the remainder of November St. John is collecting items for men **AND** women veterans through the America Legion and we are invited to participate. The following are items that are needed:

Gift cards- McDonalds etc.

Socks – Men **AND** women

Men's gloves – Large or X-large

Women's Gloves – Medium or Large

Lotions – Men's **AND** women's

Toothpaste

Shaving cream

Deodorant

Zipper Slippers – Men's **AND** women's

Chap stick

Slipper socks

Puzzle books

The items will be packaged in boxes by the American Legion and are given out at Christmas.

All donated items need to be delivered to the church by **NOVEMBER 30TH**. so they can be delivered to the local American Legion in time for Christmas. You can drop off your donations at St. John or here at Redeemer.

ST. MARY'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 2nd, St. Mary's will hold their annual Christmas party at Yanuzzi's restaurant. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner will consist of Italian roasted chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, ziti, salad and rolls. There will be a program provided by Rev. Canon Melinda M. Artman. The cost is \$20 per person to be paid in advance please. Checks can be made out to St. Mary's Guild. Payment can be dropped off at the church office Monday & Wednesday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Sunday School Schedule Update

Important Notice: Sunday School Classes

There will be no Sunday School classes on Sunday, November 30, 2025. This break is scheduled in observance of Thanksgiving weekend, providing an opportunity for everyone to spend more time with their families. (There is Sunday School on Sunday, November 23rd at 9:30 AM.)



Class Resumption Date

Sunday School classes will resume on December 7th at 9:30 AM. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and continuing our lessons.

Sunday School Staff

November 22 & 23 Lessons

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

BIRTHDAYS



Gary Murrelle	11/23
Lincoln Watson	11/23
Pam Diehl	11/25
Chris McCutcheon	11/26
Penny Pennoyer	11/27



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



The prophet Jeremiah warns of shepherds who will destroy and scatter God's people (Jer. 23:1–2). How do we discern the difference between shepherds who have come to scatter and shepherds who have been raised up by God? How do the stories of Zechariah's prophecy and Jesus' crucifixion affirm the ways we declare the kingship of Jesus? Paul declares that peace was made through the blood of the cross (Col. 1:20). How do we think about the inherent violence in the crucifixion? Is there a way to reconcile the call to be peacemakers with this statement that peace comes through the blood of the cross?



OUTREACH AT REDEEMER

The food item for the month of November is canned fruit. Items collected go to our local food pantries to help those with food insecurities here in the Valley.

You are invited to Crafting Day

On Saturday, December 6th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. we are invited to crafting day at St. John in the South Wing. Feel free to bring a dish or snack to share with the group. There is sure to be some Christmas creations being made. No experience needed, just a desire to partake in fun and fellowship. We hope to see you then!



You are invited to a potluck at St. John

On Sunday, December 14th after decorating the church for Christmas, the people of St. John invites us to a potluck at noon. Chicken speidies and rolls will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

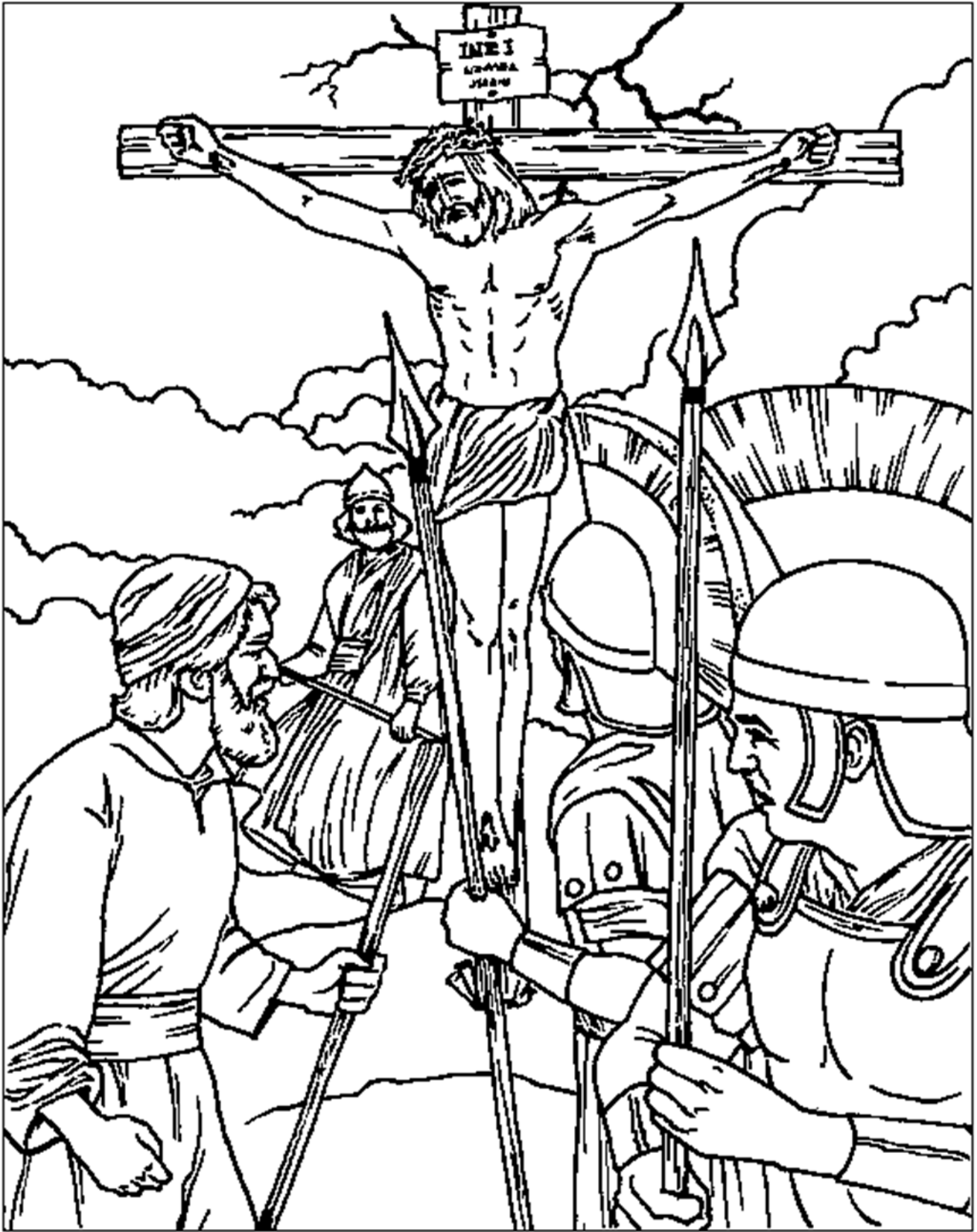


Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent.

TWENTY-FIVE DAYS TO WATCH AND PRAY



Slow Down, Quiet, It's Advent calendars are available on the table in the church. Please feel free to take one home with you. They are much bigger than this picture depicts.



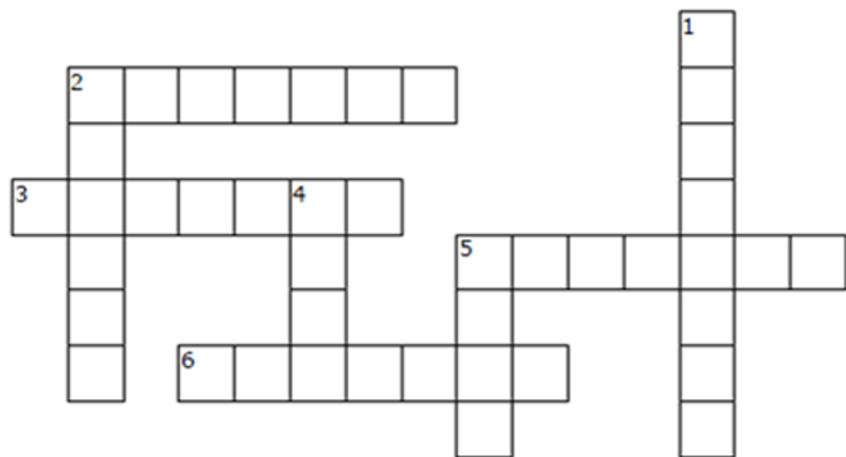
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Christ the King

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CHRIST THE KING



ACROSS

2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done

DOWN

1. Someone who commits a crime
2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

FORGIVE
SOLDIER

SAVE
CLOTHES

FEAR
CRUCIFY

CRIMINAL
CHRIST

Christ the King

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The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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PUNISHED
MOCKED
TRUTH
FEAR

LEFT
PARADISE
SKULL
SOLDIERS

CRUCIFIED
KING
SAVE
RIGHT

DIVIDED
FATHER
CRIMINALS
FORGIVE

CLOTHES
CHOSEN
CHRIST
MEMEMBER