

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Weekly Update

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Sunday, November 9, 2025

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given in honor of Bishop Hirsch's installation.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions/changes, email the office: admin@holycrossherndon.org
Names will be removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR CONGREGATION

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler
Joy Caveney | Joel Flegel | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson
Jared Lem | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller | Craig Reichow
Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead
All Government Employees Affected by the Government Shutdown

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Randy and Shirley Beamer (friends of Pam Darby)
Debbie Bowman (niece of Betty Skelton)
Joy Brown (friend of Kate Flegel)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegel)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Sharon Massen (friend of Craig Reichow)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark and Jo Roe)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Diane Stanley (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)
Diana Todd (friend of the Russos)
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegel)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)
Laizu Zaman (friend of Jared Lem)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving November 9th: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	Matthew Andersen
Reader:	Kristin Andersen
Acolyte:	Diana Virgo
Greeter:	Jared Lem

Serving November 16th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	Rob Coffman
Reader:	Catherine Taylor
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Sylvia Moran

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: NOV 9 – NOV 16

SU 9	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
M 10	6:30 pm	Theology on Tap ~ Aslin Brewery
TU 11	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 12	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	6:30 pm	Game Night ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 13	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 15	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	10:00 am	Quilting Group ~ Rm 202
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist
SU 16	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost
	11:15 am	Luncheon
	11:50 am	Annual Meeting
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

*The Church Office will be closed on
Tuesday, November 11th, in observation of
Veteran's Day.*



LINK TOY DRIVE

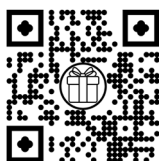
Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting toys to support the LINK Holiday Toy Distribution and bring holiday joy to local families in need. To help make sure each child receives something special, we encourage you to consider purchasing some of these gift ideas for all ages:



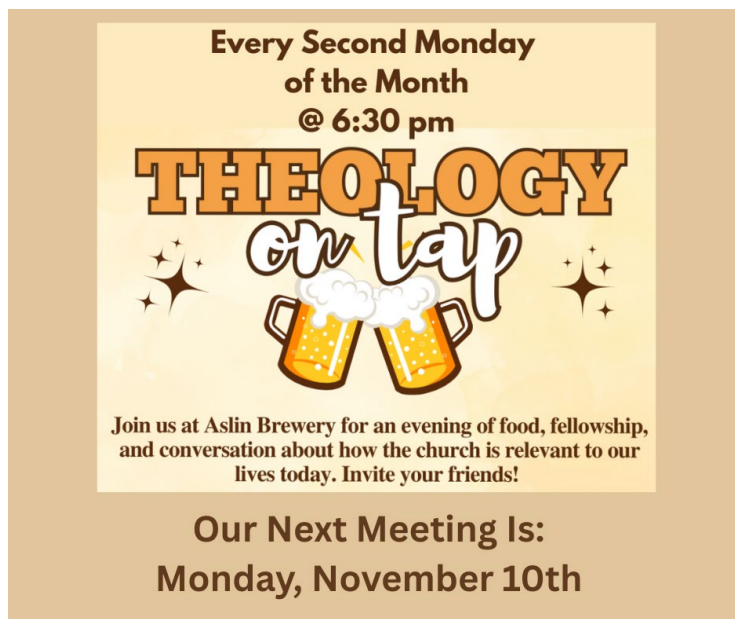
Lego Sets; Board Games; Bluetooth Speakers; Soccer Balls/Footballs/Sport Equipment; Fun/Cozy Blankets; Craft Sets; Jewelry Making Sets; Art Sets; Baby Toys; Toddler Toys; Matchbox/Hot Wheels;

Gift Cards in \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 denominations to Target, Walmart, Chick Fil A, Starbucks, McDonalds, Chipotle, Cava, Subway - these are great for teens!

A festive Christmas tree will be displayed in the Narthex, decorated with tags containing information on needed items. Please take a tag and bring back an unwrapped gift. Everyone is also invited to bring a gift to our annual congregational meeting on November 16.



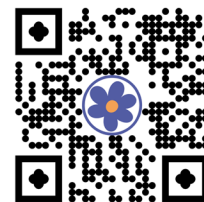
An Amazon Wish List is available to purchase from and have shipped directly to church: <https://a.co/1feMnaU> or scan the QR code.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have dedicated beautiful Sanctuary flowers each week. They are an incredible reminder of God's faithfulness.

There are still plenty of slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
 Whatever your relationship status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;
 Whatever your socio-economic status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion in a COVID safe manner at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

The Sundays during November deal with the end of time, an appropriate time of year for people in the northern hemisphere to contemplate death. God who came in Christ will come in Christ also at the end of human time. Yet God is also among us now as we, the body of Christ, gather for worship.



WE GATHER



GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

arr. Anthony Giamanco

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Pastor: God our helper,
 Assembly: **we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” is one of the most enduring hymns of Christian hope. Written in 1787 by Samuel Stennett, an English Baptist pastor, this hymn draws on the imagery of the Israelites standing at the River Jordan, looking across to the Promised Land. For generations of believers, that image has become a symbol of the faithful standing on the edge of death, gazing toward the eternal life promised by God.

Set to the vibrant American tune PROMISED LAND, the hymn expresses both longing and joy. Its steady rhythm and folk-style melody have made it a favorite in camp meetings, shape-note singing, and congregational worship alike.

In this Sunday’s context, as Job declares, “I know that my Redeemer lives,” and Jesus proclaims

been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

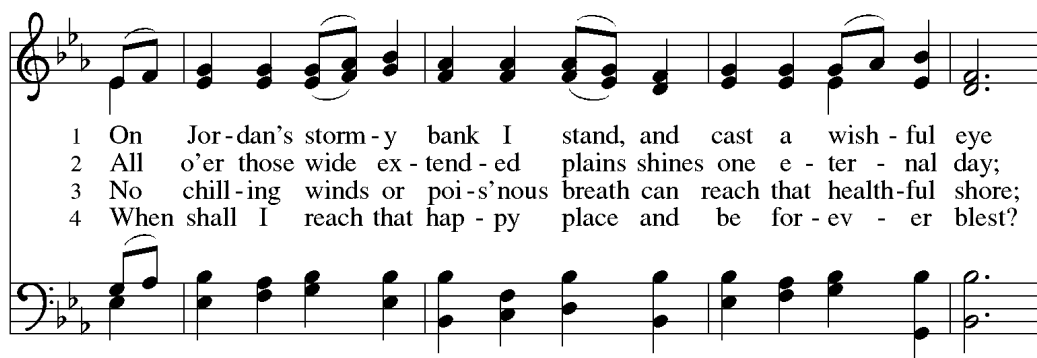
Assembly:

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(ELW #437)

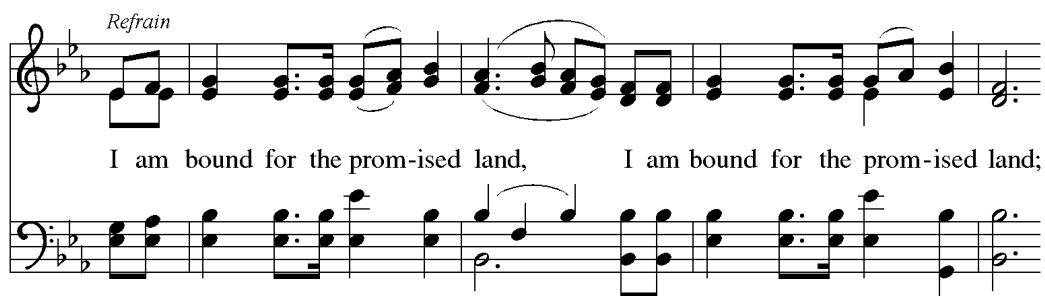
On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand



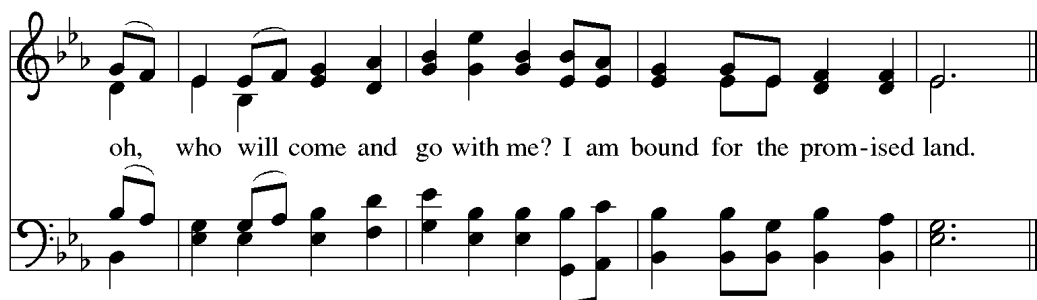
1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?



to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?



Refrain
 I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

that God “is God not of the dead, but of the living,” this hymn gives voice to our confidence that there is a land where God’s promises are fulfilled and life is made whole.

It is a song for pilgrims and saints, for all who trust that God’s grace leads us through stormy waters into the eternal shore of peace.

LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who have served in the armed forces, for courage in danger and honor in duty, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who return with wounds unseen, for families who bear the weight of waiting, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For leaders of nations, that they may seek justice, mercy, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For your church in every place, that we may be a refuge for the weary and a voice for peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth!
Assembly: Glory to you, O God of peace!

Pastor: You lift up the lowly, you comfort the brokenhearted, you make wars to cease to the ends of the earth.
Assembly: Glory to you, O God of peace!

Pastor: You sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for the world, and rose that we might live in freedom.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Christ our hope!

Pastor: You pour out your Spirit on all nations, that every people may know your mercy, and walk in your ways of peace.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Spirit of life!

The prayer of the day is inspired by one in the 1639 Evangeliebok of the Church of Sweden. With Job, we ask God, our redeemer, for the Spirit to live a holy life while awaiting God's judgment and a joyful resurrection through Christ.

This passage is the section in Job most quoted by Christians since, when interpreted literally, it indicates a bodily life after death: "at the last" Job will "see" God. Thus the lectionary sets it next to Luke's discussion of the afterlife. To God, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Job are alive, and Christians expect the same for all believers..

Pastor: To you, O holy and blessed Trinity, God of peace, love, and hope, be glory forever.
Assembly: **Amen, amen! Glory to God in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Assembly: **Amen.**

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a.

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

Reader: A reading from the prophet Job.

²³ "O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Humans are perennially fascinated with speculation about the end of the world. Christians have come to connect this description of “the lawless one” with the Johannine “antichrist” (1 John 2:18, 22). Lutherans can think of the evils of the end time as law, that is, the harsh truths of human existence, and the second half of the reading as gospel: God has chosen us, we are saved, we are made holy by the Spirit, we will share the glory of Christ, we are loved by God, we are comforted and strengthened by God’s word.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus’ imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

Reader: A reading from Paul’s second letter to The Thessalonians.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 1)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Sadducees meant to ridicule speculation about an afterlife. However, even this passage has served to feed Christian imagination about an angelic existence in the afterlife. The New Testament describes Jesus Christ as the first to experience resurrection, and believers continue to hope that the God of the living will be their God even after death. The New Testament proclaims the resurrection of the body, not the immortal soul that is currently believed by many Christians and affirmed by many clergy. Attention to the end of all things is fitting at the close of each liturgical year.

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Luke the 20th chapter.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.” Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Few hymns proclaim the hope of resurrection as boldly as “I Know That My Redeemer Lives.” Written in 1775 by Samuel Medley, a former Royal Navy officer turned Baptist minister, the text takes its inspiration directly from Job 19:25: “I know that my Redeemer lives.” Though Job spoke those words in the midst of pain and loss, they have become a triumphant declaration of Easter faith.

In light of today’s readings, which assure us that God is “not of the dead, but of the living,” this hymn gathers Job’s ancient trust, Paul’s encouragement, and Jesus’ promise into one resounding confession: Christ lives, and because he lives, so shall we.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY – Stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 8

(ELW #886)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,
Assembly: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
 Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the
 dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray for the greater
 church.*

Assisting Minister: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray
 for the church, the world, and all creation.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal
 and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from
 generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's
 return. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and
 grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all
 that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's
 natural resources and the lands from which they
 come. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for justice.

Assisting Minister: God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for our government.

Assisting Minister: God of all nations, you call us to seek justice and care for one another. In this time when many are affected by the government shutdown, workers without pay, families facing uncertainty, and those who depend on public services, grant strength and provision for all in need. Grant wisdom and compassion to leaders and public servants as they work toward stability and peace. Bless communities and congregations offering support to neighbors, and comfort all who are anxious or discouraged. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

The sharing of THE PEACE is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: **And also with you.**

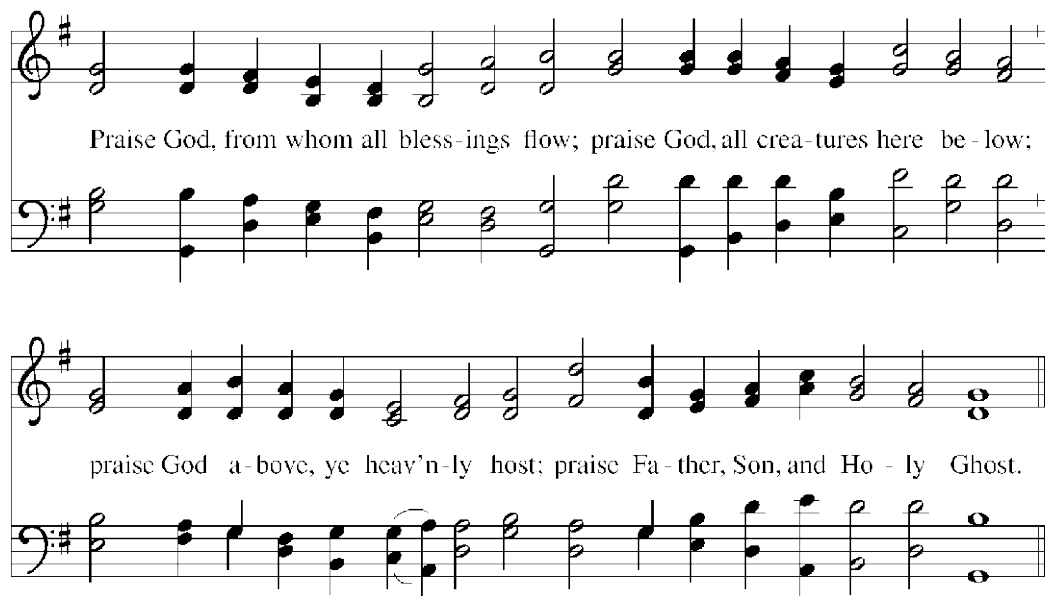
Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING*Come to Jesus*

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

*Please stand as you are able.***OFFERTORY**


Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.





WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

(Setting 1)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught us.

Assembly: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

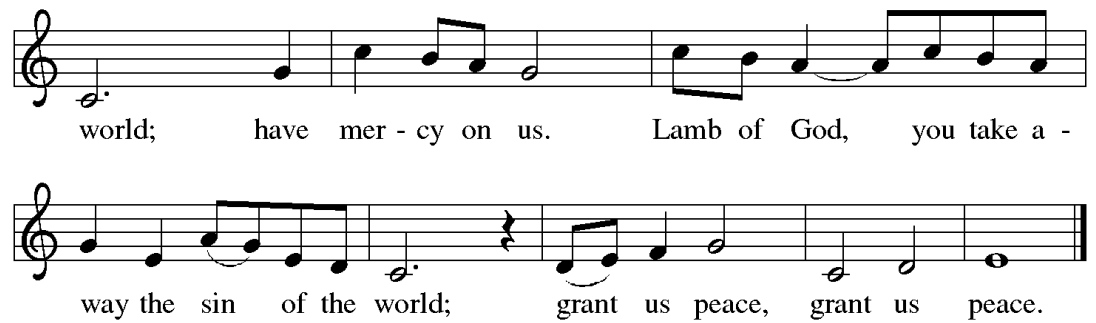
AGNUS DEI

(Setting 1)

The musical notation for 'Agnus Dei (Setting 1)' is presented in two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the' are written below the second staff.

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Rooted in Paul's words from Romans 8, this hymn proclaims the unshakable assurance that nothing—not death, nor life, nor anything else in all creation—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In the mystery of communion, we experience that very promise: Christ's living presence unites us with all believers, past and present, in one body of hope and peace.

As we sing, we affirm with Job and with the Gospel that the love of God is stronger than death and holds us all in eternal life.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW #622)

Neither Death nor Life



Stanza 1: Cantor

Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. Refrain

Stanza 2: Cantor

All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. Refrain

Stanza 3: Cantor

All of the suffering we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free. Refrain

Drawn from Romans 14:7–9, this simple yet profound hymn confesses that our entire existence, life and death alike, belongs to the Lord. At the table of grace, we are reminded that Christ's lordship is not limited to this world but extends into eternity.

Singing these words during communion becomes an act of surrender and trust: whatever comes, we belong to Christ, who is Lord of both the living and the dead.

Stanza 4: Cantor

All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope. Refrain

Stanza 5: Cantor

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ACS #1025)

If We Live

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103

Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Assembly: Amen.



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



Herbert Brokering's exuberant hymn is a celebration of God's victory over death and the fullness of life that Christ brings. Written in 1981 and set to Carl Schalk's lively, flowing tune, it joyfully proclaims that all creation belongs to God: from birth to death, from sorrow to song, from table to glory.

In the spirit of Job's assurance and Jesus' promise, this hymn gathers up the day's theme: God is God of the living, and nothing stands outside God's redeeming love. Each "Thine" is an act of trust—offering back to God every "amen," every breath, and every hope for life made whole.

Singing it as our sending hymn becomes a final affirmation of faith: that all we are and all we do belong to the Living One, whose praise never ends.

SENDING HYMN

(ELW #826)

Thine the Amen

1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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BENEDICTION

Pastor:

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Assembly:

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 2 in C minor, Op. 65

arr. Keith Hampton

III. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*[Ruth Caspar, OP,
in Homilies for the
Christian People, 539-
540.]*

The foundational belief of Christian anthropology is not the immortality of the soul but resurrection of the dead. It is our embodied human person that will be the continuation of our existence in eternal life, and not a disembodied soul or spirit. Mysterious as this must seem, it has profound implications regarding the holiness of our bodies. No Christian can despise the human body, and surely none should abuse it. All that we do to promote our own health and that of others, through good nutrition and fitness, all the legitimate pleasures that our bodies offer, all the labors that we do with our hands—all are part of the created order that will be transformed in the resurrection. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians speaks of the eternal consolation that the Father has given us out of mercy, and Jesus in his response to the Sadducees in today's gospel has named that consolation. Having been fed by God's word, we now profess our faith in the resurrection, and then celebrate the meal that is the promise of that eternal life.

—*Ruth Caspar, OP*

Most religious art does a poor job of depicting the otherness of angels, beings of light that in the Bible are understood as embodying the will of God. One interesting image is "Blue Angel" by Alejandro Lizardo.



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