

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Weekly Update

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Sunday, November 16, 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.

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 Flegal | 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 Flegal)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Jason Greenwalt (friend of Cheryl Smith)
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Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
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Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
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Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)
Sharon Massen (friend of Craig Reichow)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
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John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)
Diana Todd (friend of the Russos)
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal)
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 16th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Serving November 23rd: Christ the King

Assisting Minister:	TBD
Reader:	Nannette Lem
Torch Bearers:	TBD
Crucifer:	TBD
Greeter:	Jared Lem

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Cheryl Smith in loving memory of her daughter, Sherri Smith, on the second anniversary of her passing.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: NOV 16 – NOV 23

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
TU 18	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 19	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 20	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 22	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist
SU 23	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Christ the King
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH



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!

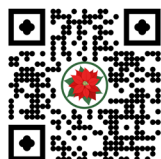
A festive Christmas tree is on display in the Narthex, decorated with tags containing information on needed items. Please take a tag and bring back an unwrapped gift. Everyone is also invited to bring a gift to our annual congregational meeting on November 16.



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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to order Christmas poinsettias! Donations received will be used to purchase wreaths, garlands, and poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. You may make a dedication *In Honor of* or *In Memory of* someone, and it will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please place your form and donation in the offering plate or mail them to the church. **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 14.**

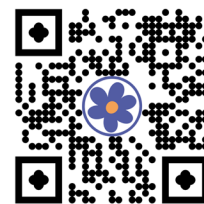


Forms are also available online—go to <https://tinyurl.com/323xm9fc> or scan the QR code. Donations may be made through Vanco by selecting the **Christmas Poinsettias** fund.

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.





BEER AND CAROLS PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED

Tuesday, December 16 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Prizes raffled off to benefit the Herndon charity - SHE BELIEVES IN ME
Sponsored by Herndon's Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Held at Herndon's Jimmy's Old Town Tavern

GREAT WAY TO ADVERTISE FOR YOUR BUSINESS!
JIMMY'S OLD TOWN TAVERN IS ALWAYS PACKED!
BE CREATIVE WITH YOUR PRIZE DONATION!



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Contact Jeremy Shoop to donate
MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org



LUNCH FOR THE SOUL



Lunch for the Soul

Sign up to help on Wednesday, December 3rd





We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, December 3. Please consider joining us! You can sign up at: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717

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-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

The readings hold before us the close of the church year, the destruction of nations, the end of the earth as we know it, and thus of course our own death. A fundamental aspect of all world religions is their willingness to address the fact of death.



WE GATHER



GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Give Thanks

arr. Mary McDonald

Marcia Kratzke, piano; Jeremy Shoop, organ

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

We gather for worship today as we begin to celebrate Thanksgiving and thank God for all they have provided us. Both today and next Sunday will be full of Thanksgiving hymns to inspire a mindset of gratitude. The altar guild has also beautifully decorated the sanctuary to remind us of the bounty we receive from the Lord.

leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

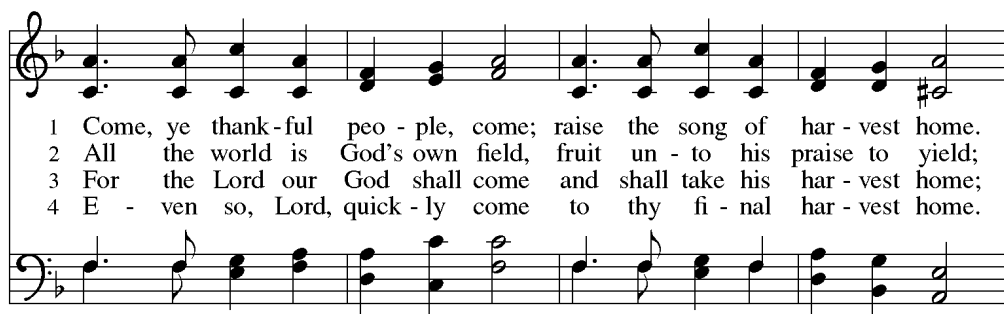
Assembly:

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(ELW #693)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



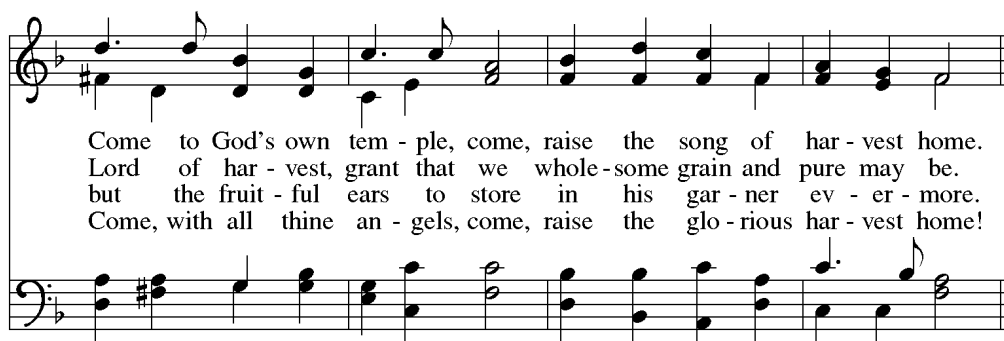
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

“We Praise You, O God” was written by Julia Cory in response to an organist’s complaint that the older familiar hymn “We Gather Together” was far too “Old Testament”. The new text, still sung to the Dutch tune KREMSER was first sung at Birch Presbyterian Church in New York City on Thanksgiving day in 1902.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW 870)

We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

The prayer of the day, based on #1158 in the seventh-century Gregorian Sacramentary, fits well with today's apocalyptic gospel. All things temporary—our nation's strength, the holiness in our church buildings—give way to God, our true ruler and guide.

This passage is set next to the Lucan apocalypse because of its imagery of both judgment and mercy. The tree of evil will be burned up. Christians see Christ as the sun by which God will heal and bring justice. As also Christians fear future terrors, we can trust in divine healing.

In this, the final excerpt in the ecumenical lectionary from 2 Thessalonians, Christians are called to live in the real present, rather than in an imagined ideal future. Care must be taken that this passage

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

Reader: A reading from the prophet Malachi.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from

not be heard as condemning those countless people who cannot find adequate work, which was not a problem that the early church faced.

us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 human fear of future terrors is perennial. Not breathtaking buildings, nor stunning art, nor religious affiliation, nor national pride, nor the stability of the earth, nor what our society likes to call “family values” will save: Christ is the one.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter.
 Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

As the church year draws toward its close, today's readings remind us that the world can feel uncertain and even frightening—Malachi speaks of a coming day of fire and renewal, and Jesus warns that the temple itself will fall. Yet amid every shaking foundation, faith clings to the one sure rock that does not move.

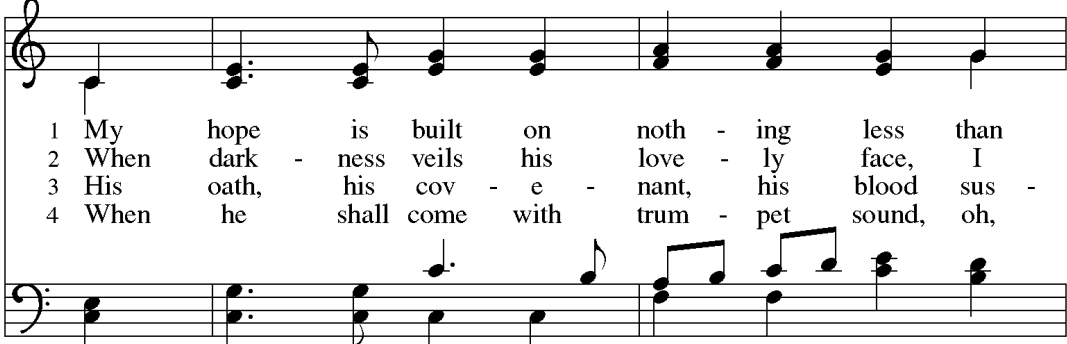
Edward Mote's 19th-century hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," gives voice to that enduring trust: "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." It proclaims that our confidence does not come from outward stability or human strength, but from Christ's steadfast grace. As we sing, we join the psalmist's joy—"the Lord has done marvelous things"—and find courage to endure, trusting that hope in Christ will not disappoint.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Stanza 1: Chamber Choir; Stanzas 2 - 4: Assembly

(ELW #597)

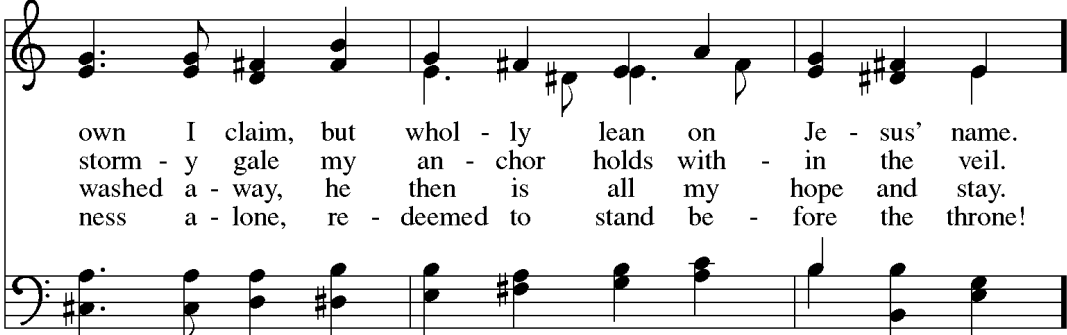
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

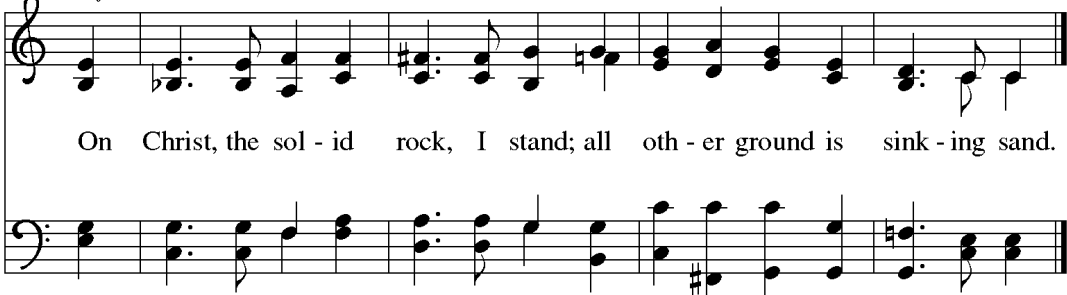


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

BLESSING OF QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Pastor: Almighty and gracious God, we pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

Assembly: Lord, send your Spirit.

Pastor: We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources — our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

Assembly: Lord, send your Spirit.

Pastor: We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, quilts, and kits makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

Assembly: Lord, send your Spirit.

Pastor: We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting Fair Trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

Assembly: Lord, send your Spirit.

Pastor: We pray that these quilts will support the lives of those in need throughout the world. Bless them and those who will use them in your name.

Assembly: Lord, send your Spirit.

Pastor: We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others. In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray,

Assembly: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the greater church.

Assisting Minister: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Hear us, O God.

Assembly: **your mercy is great.**

We pray for our congregation.

Assisting Minister: God of steadfast care, as government work resumes and public services reopen, bring stability and renewal to our nation. Restore trust where it has been shaken, and strengthen those whose lives and livelihoods were disrupted. Guide our leaders toward cooperation that seeks the welfare of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Let this moment be a turning point toward justice, compassion, and shared purpose. 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

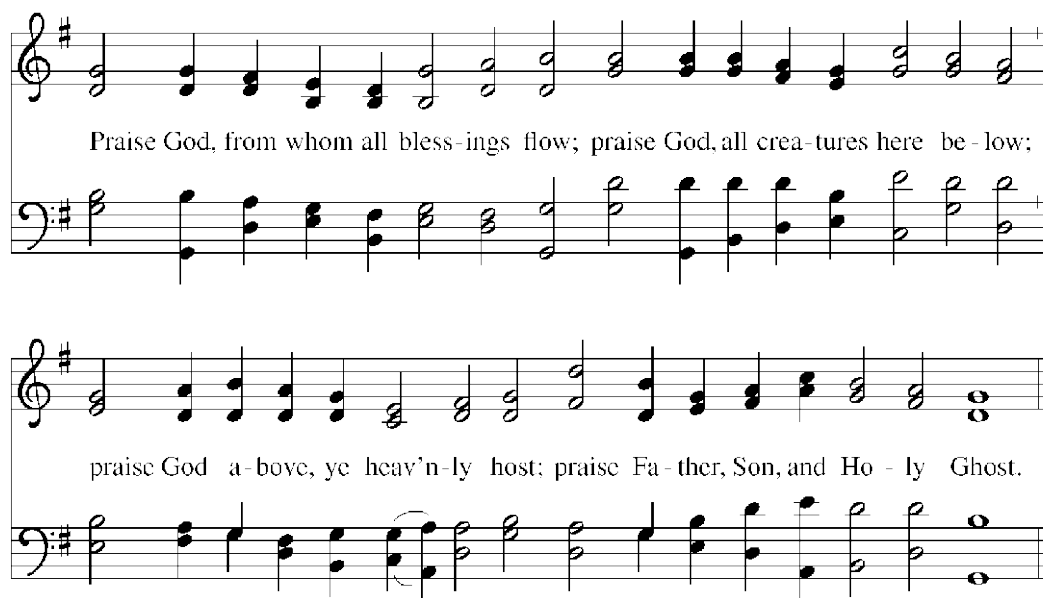
MUSICAL OFFERING

For the Fruit of All Creation
 Sanctuary Choir

arr. Jane Holstein

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 on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The notation is in a single melodic line with a treble clef, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW #487)

What Feast of Love


- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW #814)

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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



We are sent out this morning singing "Now Thank We All Our God." This hymn was not originally written as a hymn but as a table grace for that author's family. Michael Rinkart lived with his family in a small town near Berlin during the thirty years war. Life was so depressing that Michael wrote these words to keep his family in good spirits. At the end of the war Michael's hymn was sung to celebrate the signing of the treaty that ended the war. We sing his hymn today as we celebrate the bountiful blessings God bestows on our lives.

SENDING HYMN

(ELW #826)

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

Monday, November 17, 2025

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

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FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*[Ephraem, in Sunday
Sermons of the Great
Fathers, IV, 350.]*

Let us turn in continual prayer toward you, our only hope, O Lord. Our heart is filled with sadness: bring joy to our sadness, Lord, and give refreshment to our burning hearts. Day and night sorrow and affliction surround us: cool, O Lord, the flame of our hearts. For apart from you we have no hope to comfort us in our grief. Place your finger, that gives life to all things, on the pain concealed in our heart. Let our soul not be robbed of your strengthening, O Savior, so that we may not be plunged into the waves of despair.

—*Ephraem*

*A stark yet memorable
photograph of a pier
destroyed by
Hurricane Katrina.*



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