



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**November 26, 2023 9:30 AM - Christ the King**



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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### Reconciling in Christ

*At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—*



*regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.*

*You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.*

*You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.*

*Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.*

*You are wanted here.*

### November Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Dave Rivoire, Jon Bock, Lynn Reinhard, Geri Seig, Sue Althof, Eric Berg, Kathy McKenna, Anita Lindstrom, Jessica Feeley, Rich Belanger, Seth Williams, Krystal Small, Judy Yovichich, Leslie Carson, Henry Larson, Carl Kackenmeister, Judy Galle, Paul Karl, Scott Carson, Karen Berg, & Larry Sanders.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Ron & Lois Laurence, Linn & Nina Opderbecke, David & Lynn Reinhard

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#### A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

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#### We love having children worship with us!

At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

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#### Prayer Requests:

Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

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#### Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health Issues:** Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, Steve Bush. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

**Partners in Ministry:** ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

**Friends:** Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friend), Carol Dumican (friend of Bobbie Febbo), Scott Andrade (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother).

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100.

**Next Week:** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock & Ken Galle  
**Choir Director:** Ken Galle  
**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg  
**Counters:** Barry & Phyllis Philbrick  
**Altar Guild:** Julie Moore  
**Lector:** TBD  
**Liturgical Deacon:** TBD

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

9:30 AM: Bible Study

### THURSDAY, November 30

9:00 AM: Property Team

### SUNDAY, December 3

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Advent Wreath Making Class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, November 12:** 97 (In-Person) + 23 (Online) = 120    **Offering:** \$8,255.85  
**Sunday, November 19:** See Next Week's bulletin

## Announcements

**A FORUM ON THE MEANING OF ADVENT--NOVEMBER 26:** After church TODAY, Pastor Luther will lead a forum in which we will explore the meaning of the season of Advent and some of the ways we can celebrate it. From the Latin word for “coming,” Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ in three distinct senses: (1) Christ's appearance in history as God become human in the infant child; (2) the promise that Christ will come again at the end of the ages; and (3) the present reality of the risen Christ coming to us in Word and Sacrament now. During the forum, Pastor Luther will distribute a free (!) Advent calendar to everyone who attends and will recommend devotionals and other books that make appropriate reading for the season. Come and learn about this beautiful and holy season!

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:45 PM. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the same day. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

**Nursery Items Needed:** Recently, our Nursery was cleaned out and our team noticed we are in need of a few items. The Nursery is searching for a used playpen and a used play kitchen. Please contact the Church Office if you have one (or both) of these items that you're willing to donate.

**MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH AS A WAY OF CELEBRATING THE SEASON!:** Please stay after church on Sunday, Dec. 3, for an Advent wreath-making workshop led by Pat Zeigler and other talented wreath-makers. We will provide everything you need to make your own wreath (the greens, the candles, and the wreath holder) and we'll show you how to do it. All you need to do is show up! We have ordered 25 advent wreath kits and there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area these next two Sundays, so please reserve your spot. (Donations will be accepted but there is no fee for participating.) Pastor Luther will also share a handout with suggested prayers and other family activities to use around the Advent wreath.

**Advent Schedule:** Beginning on Wednesday, December 6, and lasting through all of Advent, Bible Study will meet at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay after Bible Study for a Soup Supper at 5:30 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM. After Christmas, Bible Study will plan on meeting at its regular time. For a full list of all of Holy Trinity's Advent schedule, please see the back cover of this bulletin.

**The NEXT Work Day at Holy Trinity:** Thank you to everyone who helped out with our projects on Sunday. We were able to wrap up many projects inside and outside the church. Our next work day will be December 3 when we are plan to help prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

**Flower Ministry:** What has been missing? Well much has been missing since Covid, but the good news is these missing things no longer need to be missed. We are used to the way it is versus perhaps, the way we want it to be, not necessarily the way it used to be. Altar flowers are one way we can once again engage in the beauty of God's creation and praise Him. The flowers may also be an opportunity to honor or remember a person or event in our lives who was or is special. More information will be shared as systems for signing up for flowers are developed.

**Adult Weekend at Calumet:** When last year's Women's Weekend at Calumet was cancelled, several singles and couples took advantage of the reserved weekend and had an enjoyable Adult Weekend. I've been asked by several people about the possibility of having another. Holy Trinity does not have a weekend reserved, but if there is interest it is possible to schedule a weekend this winter or spring with Calumet. If you are interested in an Adult Weekend, please contact Kurt Kasik.

**Offering Envelopes are available for 2024.** If you had an envelope for 2023, your new envelopes will be found in your congregational mailbox in the coming weeks. Additional offering envelopes are available – please speak with the Church Office if you do not have an offering envelope and would like one.

**Advent Schedule of Events for 2023:**

- *Indonesian Support Forum* - after worship on Sunday, December 10.
- *Service of the Word* – Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 AM.
- We will be announcing *Christmas Eve Service* times and details shortly.

**Christmas Giving:** This year's holiday giving opportunity will benefit teens served by Operation Blessing. From November 26th until December 17th, we will be collecting gift cards from local stores such as Kohl's, Old Navy, Walmart or the Fox Run mall. This is not a definitive list by any means, but the store should be accessible in the local area, perhaps even on the Coast bus route. Any dollar amount is appreciated. Please drop cards in an envelope, with the dollar amount indicated, in the box in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

**We are Looking for a Christmas Decoration Team Leader:** With the Advent and Christmas seasons right around the corner, there is much to be done in planning for these seasons, including making our church space look appropriately festive with wreaths, garlands, trees, and the like. Our dear friend, Gisela Wemple, had for years been instrumental in coordinating these decorating efforts alongside the Altar Guild and Property Team; but with Gisela's passing, there is now a need to fill this coordinator role. (We are also looking for additional volunteers to fill out the team). If you think you might have the time and talent for leading this special ministry, please contact Pastor Luther.

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## Welcome

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

**Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

## First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed

them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody: Psalm 95:1-7a**

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

L: <sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

**C: <sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L: <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,**

**let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

L: <sup>7a</sup>For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

## Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

## Gospel Acclamation

**S188**

— Please stand as able—

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then

the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

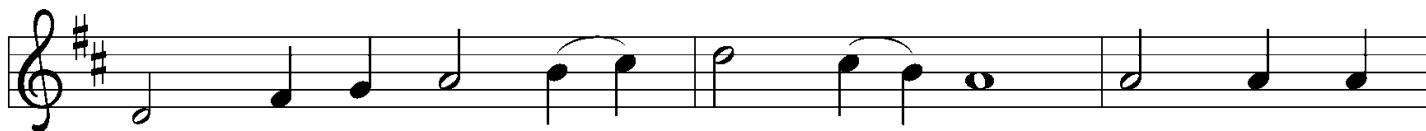
**— Please be seated—**

# Hymn of the Day

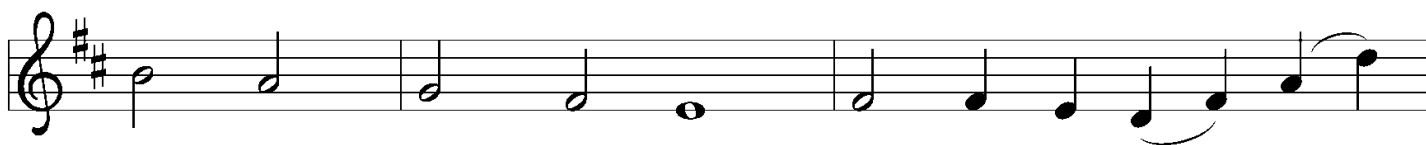
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—Please stand as able—

## Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **Apostles Creed**

**C: 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 the People**

**LD: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the  
church, the world, and all who are in need. — A brief silence—**

**LD: Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome.  
Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous  
love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with  
global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**LD: In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of  
creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we  
seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.

— **A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Sharing of God's Peace**

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

# MEAL

## Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

## Choir Anthem

## Offertory Song

**ELW 885**

**—Please stand as able—**

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561



## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**

**Amen.**

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

## Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who**

**Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the  
sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on  
the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and  
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to  
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and  
for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of  
me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we  
proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

**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**

**P:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

## Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 502 – The King of Love.

ELW 461 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly.

ELW 481 – Come to the Table.

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## Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

## Blessing

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**







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# **"The Meaning of Advent"**

**Adult Forum**

***Sunday, November 26***



**Advent Wreath**

**Making Workshop**

***Sunday, December 3***



**Advent Soup & Supper (5:30)**

**Holden Evening Prayer (6:30)**

***Wednesdays during Advent***

***Beginning December 6***



**"Indonesian Support"**

**Adult Forum**

***Sunday, December 10***



**New Member Class**

**Session #3**

***Sunday, December 17***

