LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

10:00 AM, ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026***



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.
If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.

† Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.

† Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.

† While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.

† Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER The end of the Church Year is filled with both mystery and revelation. We do not know when the Last Day will be, nor when Jesus will return. The Last Sunday of the Church Year turns our attention to what we do know. We know that the Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will rescue them (Ezekiel 34:11–12). We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and that all things will be put in subjection under Him (1 Corinthians 15:20, 27). We know that Jesus will sit on His glorious throne and welcome His sheep into His kingdom (Matthew 25:31, 34). We know that death, the final enemy, will be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26). We know that all will be made alive in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:22). We know that the Lord is a great God and a loving King (Psalm 95:3)!
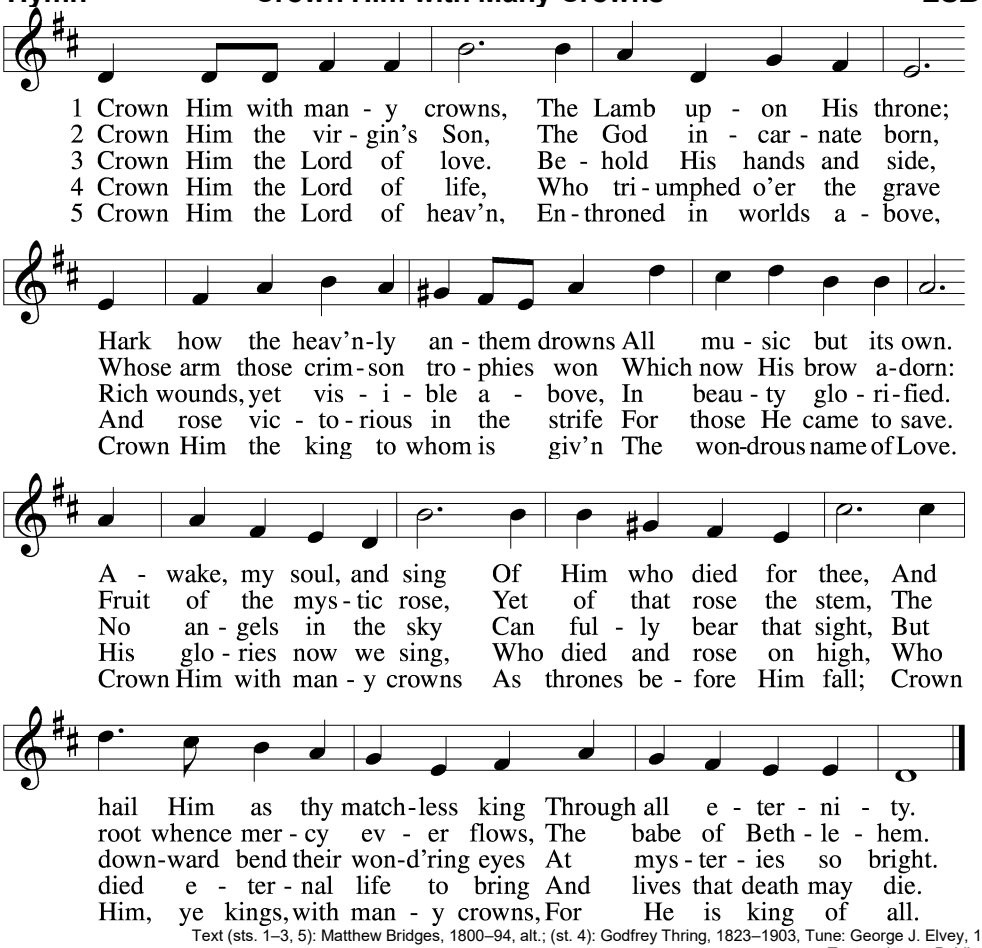
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **Crown Him with Many Crowns** ***LSB* 525**



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Please stand.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Ezekiel 34:11–12, adapt.

Leader: The Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will seek them out.
People: He will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered.

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God, who seeks us out.

People: **Most merciful God, we cry out to You from the places that our sin has scattered us. We have sinned against You in ways that we know and in ways that only You know. There are strangers we have not welcomed, the hungry we have not fed, the naked we have not clothed, the sick and imprisoned we have not visited. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Forgive us, bind up our injuries, and strengthen our weaknesses, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.** *We share the peace of Christ with those around us.*

Service of the Word

Song of Praise **"Sing to the King"** by B. Foote & C. S. Horne

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

Refrain: **Come, let us sing a song,**
A song declaring we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray;
We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. *Refrain*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

Anthem—Adult Choir **Fairest Lord Jesus** by D. Hakes, revised by C. Courtney

Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**

The Lord Himself will search for His sheep.

Reader: "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm *(Read responsively)* *Psalm 95:1–7a; antiphon: v. 7a*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Leader: For the LORD is a great God,
People: and a great King above all gods.
Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
People: the heights of the mountains are his also.
Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,
People: and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
Leader: For he is our God,
People: and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 15:20–28**

Christ has been raised from the dead and will put all enemies under His feet.
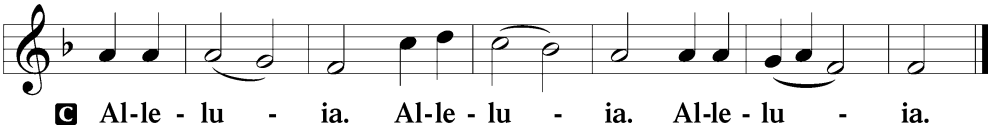
Reader: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.
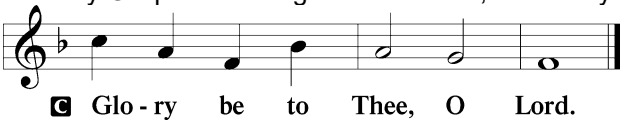
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Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:31–46**

The Son of Man will come in glory and will reveal those who belong to Him.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
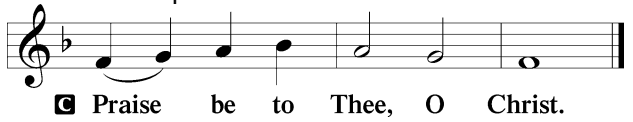


Pastor: [Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no

food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



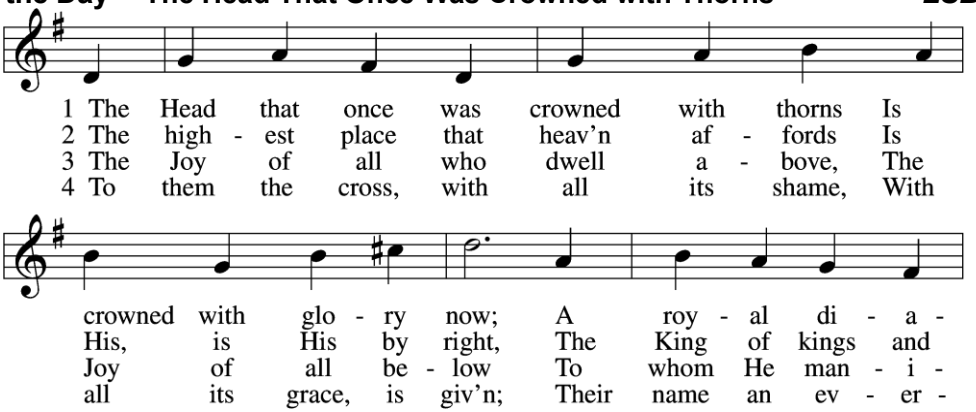
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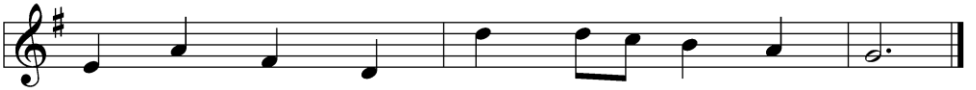
ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns *LSB* 532





dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;
fests His love And grants His name to know.
last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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Sermon **Matthew 25:31–46**

Offering *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

† **Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are not a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak personally with our pastor before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by folding your arms across your heart as you gather around the altar with those who commune.**

† In His Supper, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink. We poor sinners are most certainly not worthy of such a great gift. Thanks be to God that He gives us what we do not deserve! Through Christ's body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

† Those who eat and drink are joined not only to Christ but also to all those who commune at the altar. Together we confess our unity in the faith taught in this congregation, a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That faith is according to the teaching of Holy Scripture as faithfully explained in the Lutheran Book of Concord.

† *When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Please stand.

Offertory **Create in Me** *printed music found in LSB on p. 192*

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen. *Psalm 51:10-12*

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: rescue Your flock.

The prayers conclude:
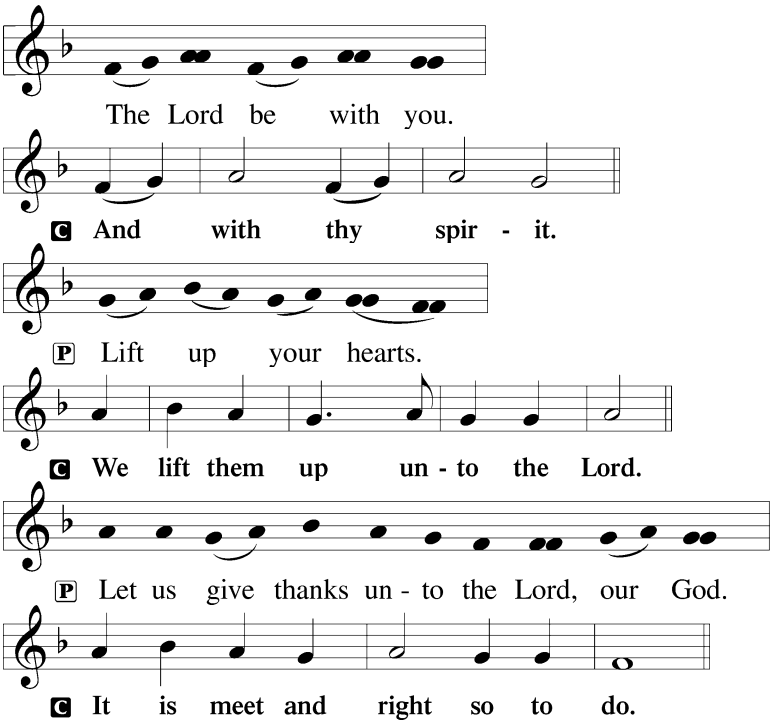
Pastor: For all these things and whatever else You know us to need, we ask of You, dear Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]



Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

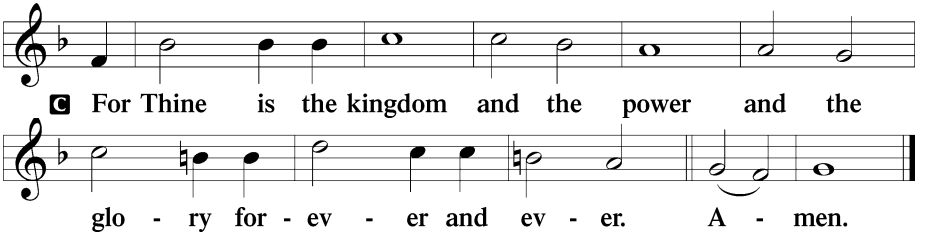
Sanctus **Holy, Holy, Holy** *printed music found in LSB on p. 195*

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

Lord's Prayer *The first section is chanted by the pastor.* *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor: 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.
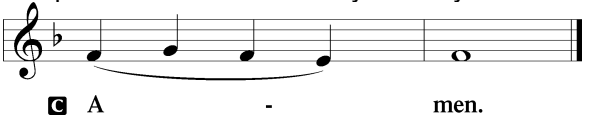


The Words of Our Lord *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

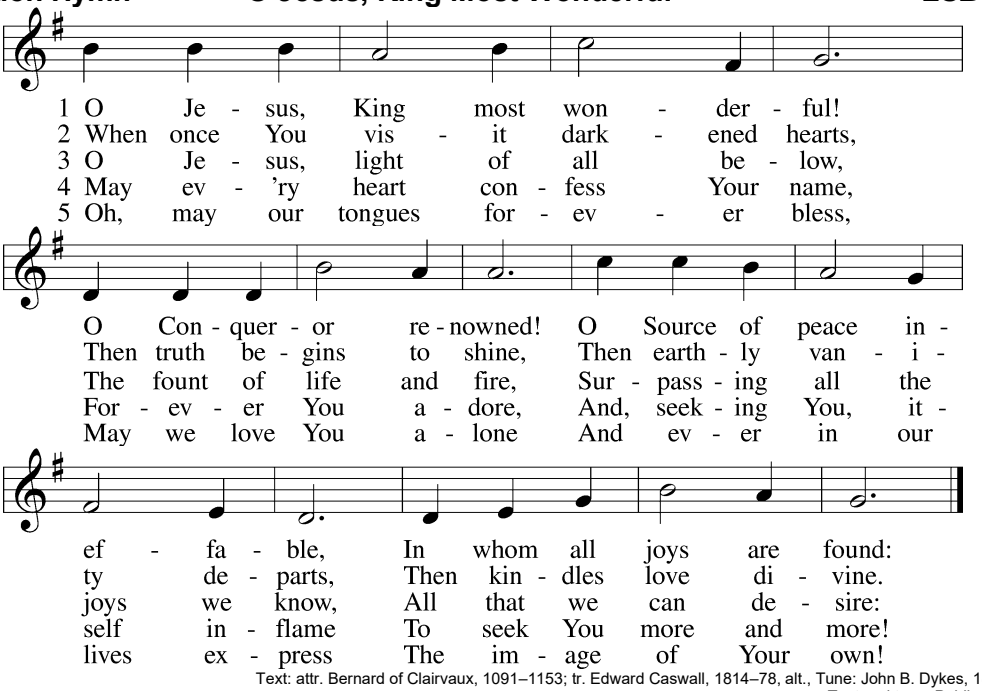


Agnus Dei **Lamb of God** *printed music found in LSB on p. 198*

ALL: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen. *John 1:29*

Distribution *Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.*

Distribution Hymn **O Jesus, King Most Wonderful** ***LSB* 554**



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DISTRIBUTION SONG **"O Come to the Altar"** by C. Brown, M. Brock, S. Furtick, & W. Joye

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

Chorus **O come to the altar;**
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

Chorus twice

Bridge **Oh what a Savior,**
Isn't he wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before him,
For he is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. *Repeat*

Chorus twice

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis — Song of Simeon

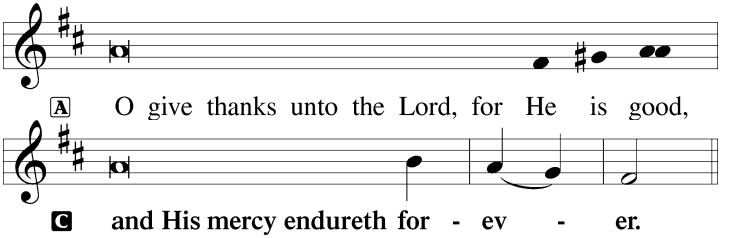
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ALL: **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32
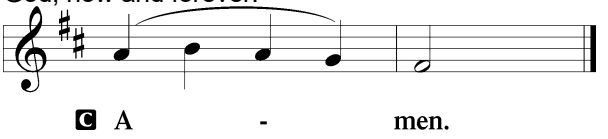
Thanksgiving

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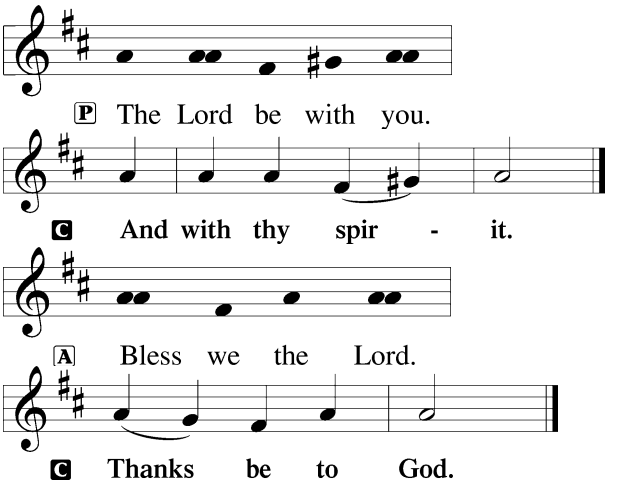


Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus

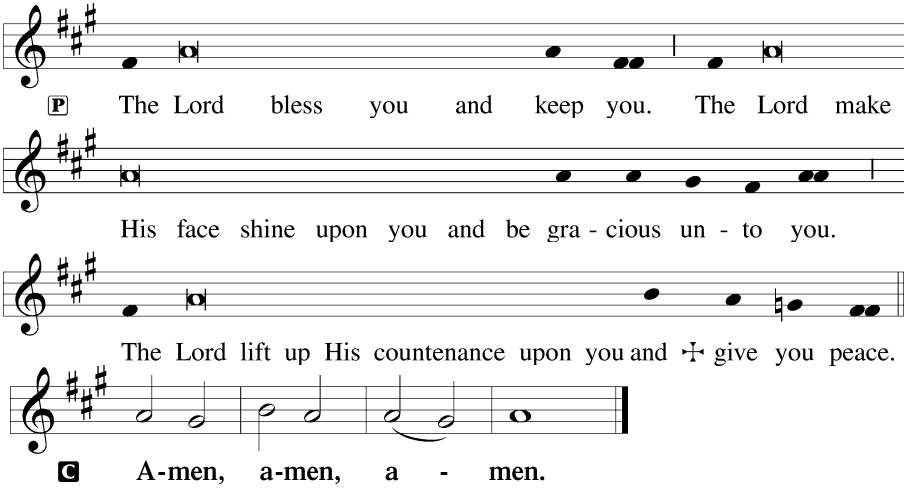


2 Timothy 4:22

[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



Closing Hymn Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending [alternate tune: PICARDY]

1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,

Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Our mission is to teach, love, and connect…teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.

Readings for next Sunday, 11/29:
Isaiah 64:1–9
Psalm 80:1–7
1 Corinthians 1:3–9
Mark 13:24–37
