Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026



ELW SETTING 6

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE **"Beautiful Savior"** **Craig Courtney**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

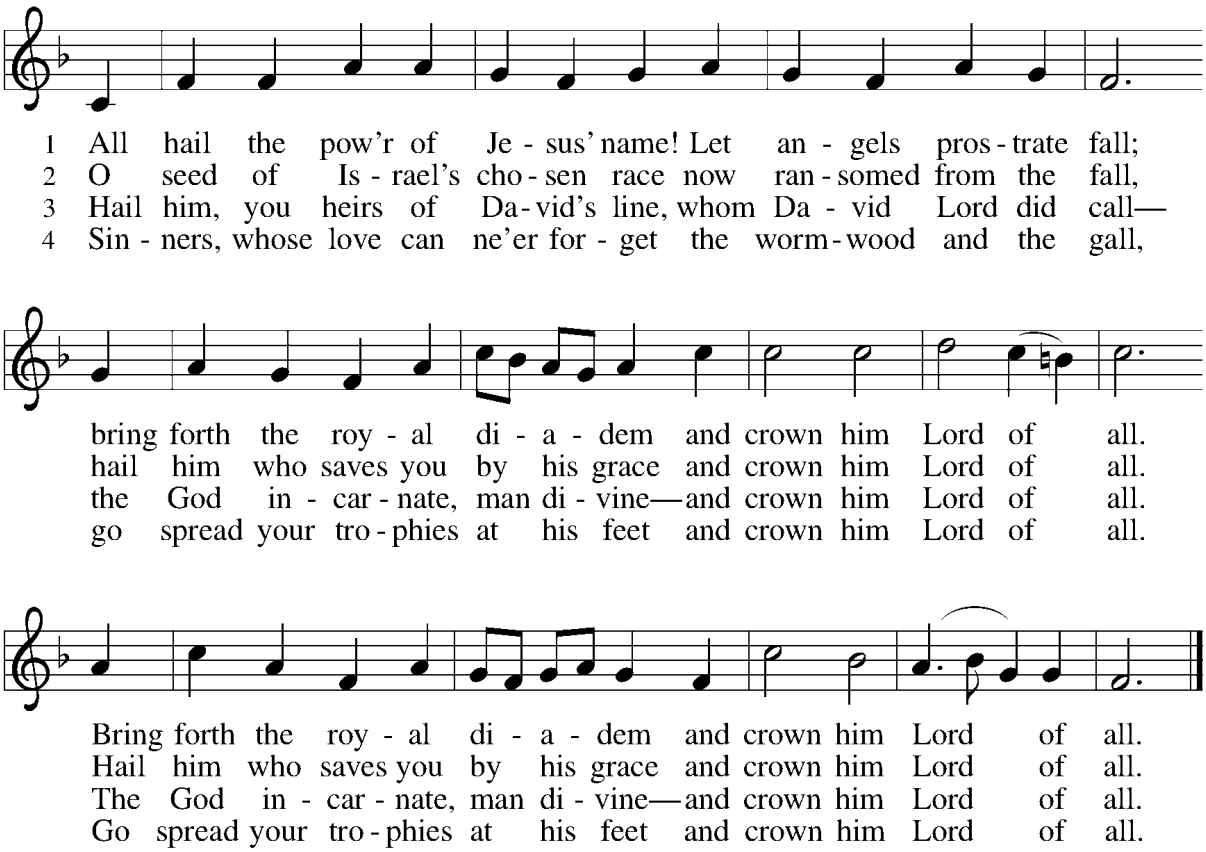
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW 634

Verses 1, 2, & 6



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE




Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

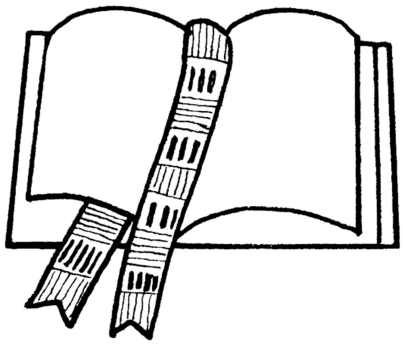
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to
which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I
will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and
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. 14 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. 15 I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, 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.

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

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

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



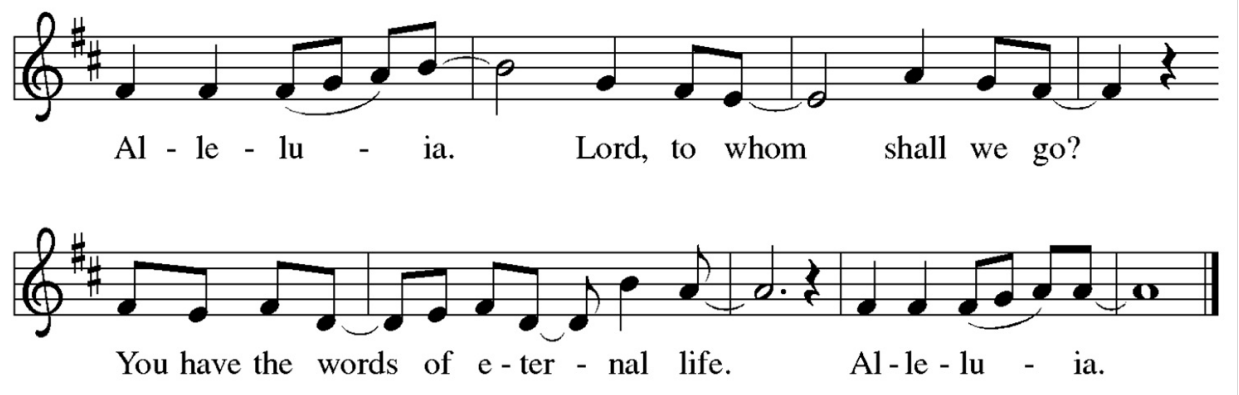
SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come
to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of
his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his
great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has
put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The Word of the Lord.

Please stand.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 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, 36 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.' 37 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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.' 44 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?' 45 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

Verses 1, 4 & 5



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. We pray for

those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke), and **Nicholas Gawor** (friend of the Weglarz's). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Chris Miller, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Paul Stortz** (uncle of Kelly Wittich), **Sharon Currier** (sister of Eileen Weglarz), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Grace Nelson,** (granddaughter of Jeanne & Barry Neslon), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencls), **Sheryl Hartman** (cousin of Daaron Dohler), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney** (Friends of the Weglarzs), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita and Reggie Spears** (relative & friends of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C **Amen.**

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Oh, Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord" David Music
Adult Choir

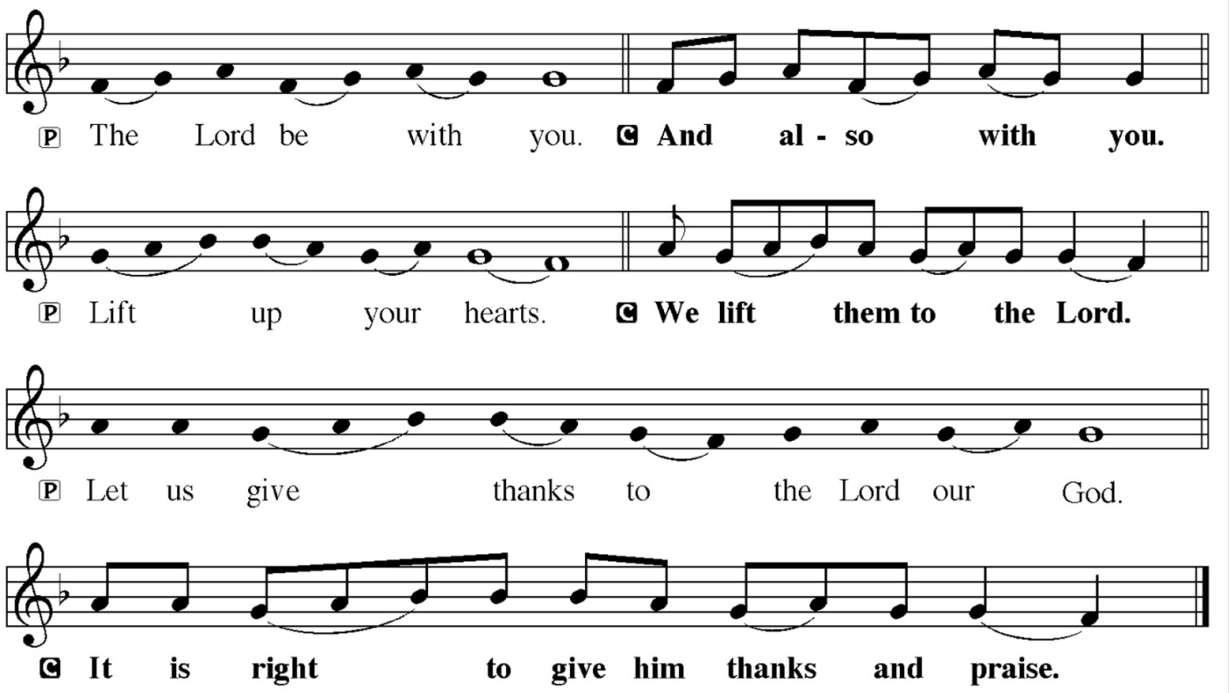
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

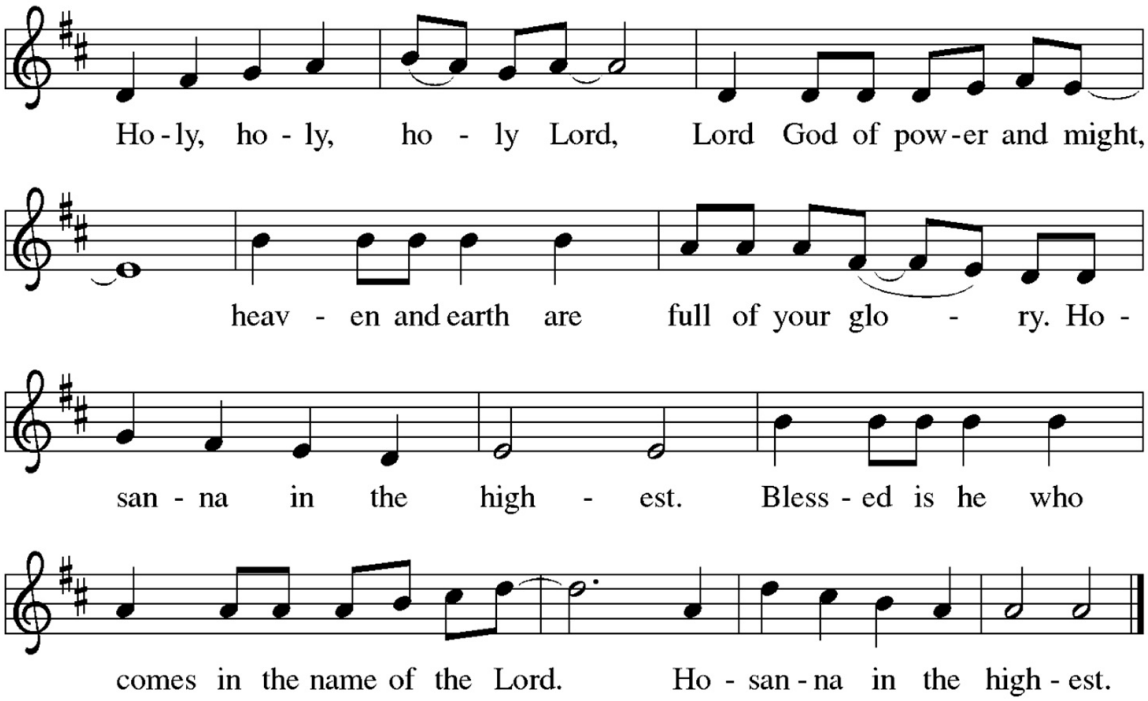
A Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

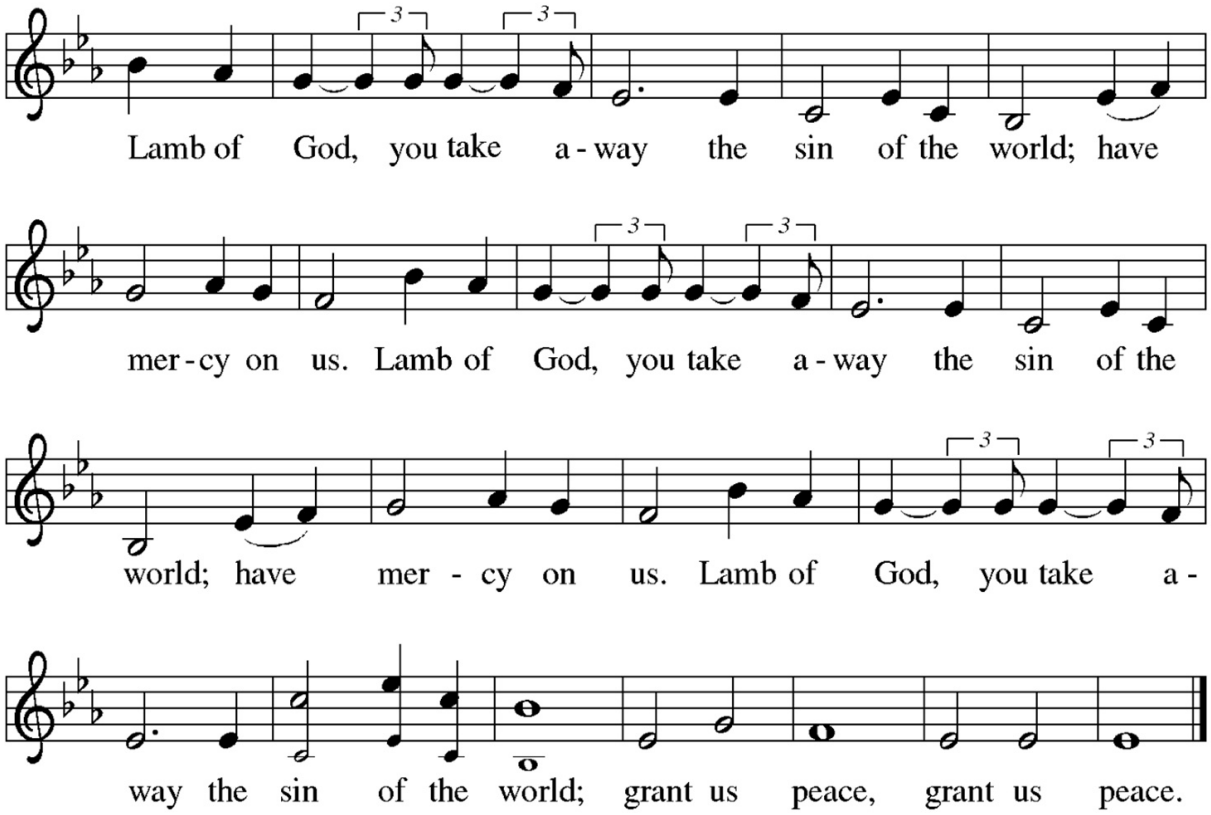
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

C **Amen.**



COMMUNION CANTICLE

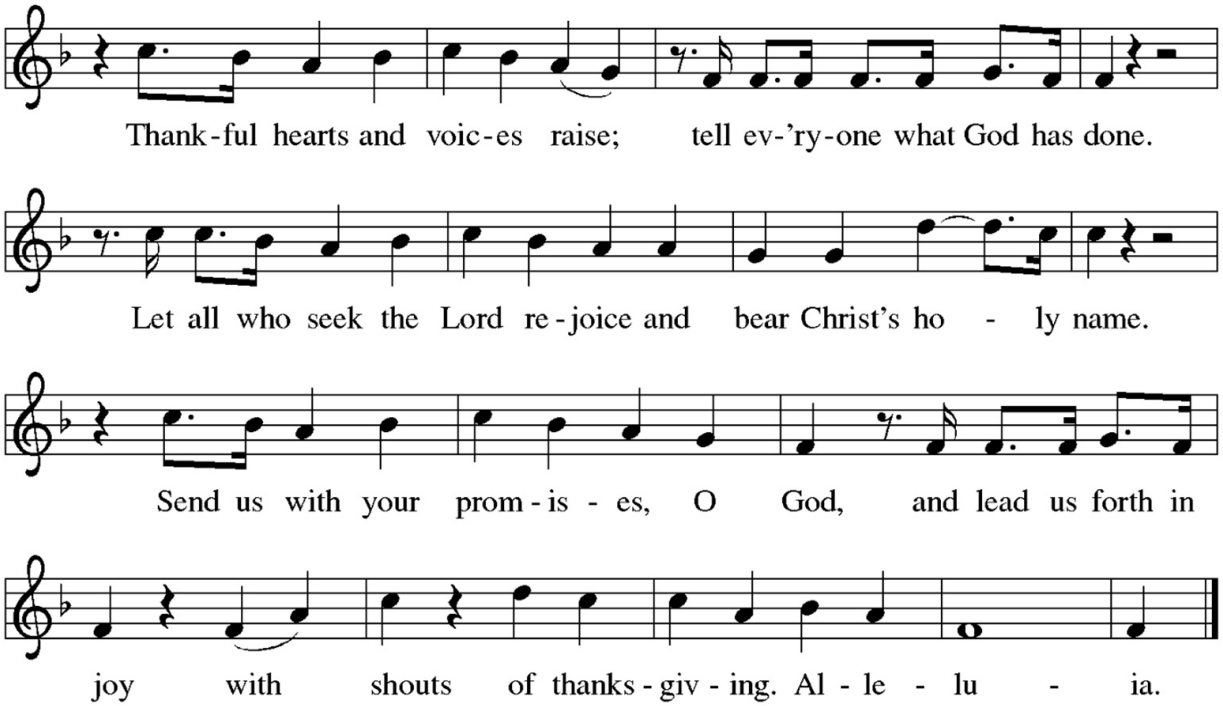


Please stand after all have been communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** **ELW 855**

Verses 1, 4 & 5



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" Michael Burkhardt

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Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Driscoll family in memory of James and Dorothea Lehtinen.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE — November 26, 9:30am
We have a lot to be thankful for. Let us worship together to praise God for all the wonderful blessings. Invite family and friends to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."

HANGING OF THE GREENS — November 29th. After our 9:30 worship service, we will be preparing the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons by putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. This will be a fun event for your whole family to enjoy and participate in. Mark your calendar and join us as we all work together to make our worship space festive and beautiful for the holidays.

COOL PANTRY —COOL thanks you for all of the donations to the November drive for veterans. There are about 100 veterans who seek assistance at COOL each month so every item is appreciated!

Thank you to Carol Bertrand for knitting and donating 30 pairs of mittens to COOL. This makes a grand total of 100 mittens that she has donated over the last three years. We are grateful for her busy hands and generous heart!

ANGEL TREE — One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with inner city children. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. These children have come to be called our "angels."

Sign Up

There are two ways to sign up for a child.

1. Pick a name off the tree in the Gathering Space.
   Be sure to sign your name and information on the clipboard.
2. Link to the Signup Genius is on the church website
   www.holyspirit-elca.org
3. QR code for Signup Genius

Drop Off

Wrapped gifts are due to the church by Sunday, December 13th. You can drop off during office hours or on Sundays during services. If you need help wrapping your gifts, please contact Kari.

Appropriate Items

We strive to provide each child with an age-appropriate toy, an article of warm clothing (like a shirt, pants, sweatsuit etc.) and a new or gently used book. However, if there is ever a time to spoil a child, this is one of those times that it's okay.

Labeling Gifts

Please be sure to properly label all your gifts with the child's name when you return them so that they are delivered to the right child.

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport, karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We will be taking a couple of weeks to celebrate Thanksgiving and then resuming on December 3rd for an Advent-oriented study in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and from each other, so don't miss this opportunity to grow in understanding and faith. And we always close our time together in prayer.

QUILTERS — The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option



makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.

LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy



Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

Without exception,
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes YOU today!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes
all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate
the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;
We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;
We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;
We welcome all people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression;
We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;
We welcome all regardless of socioeconomic status;
We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;
We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;
We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday November 22	8:30 am	Adult Choir
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bell Choir
Thursday November 26	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Service
Sunday November 29	8:30 am	Adult Choir
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Hanging of the Greens

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