CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
ZIONSVILLE



21st Sunday after Pentecost **October 18, 2026**

Setting 3

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers during the offering.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

Flowers on the Altar are Sponsored by Connie Steinhart
~ In Memory of John ~

+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE **Prelude on Old Hundredth** **Bock**

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection as we come before God with our own individual sins before confessing our corporate sins.

P Compassionate God,
C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
C Amen.

GATHERING SONG **All My Hope on God is Founded** **ELW 757**

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.

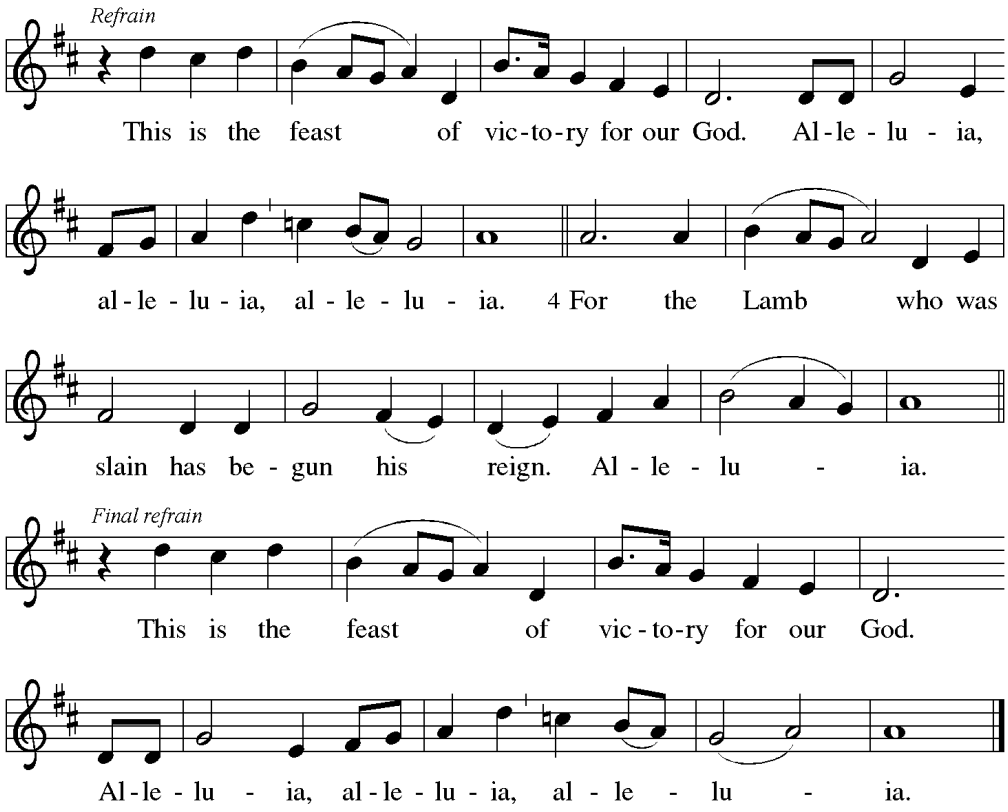
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7

L A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]

L Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

L Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

C For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

L As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

C Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

L Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

L Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

C Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

L Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.

L You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L A reading from Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L Word of God, Word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

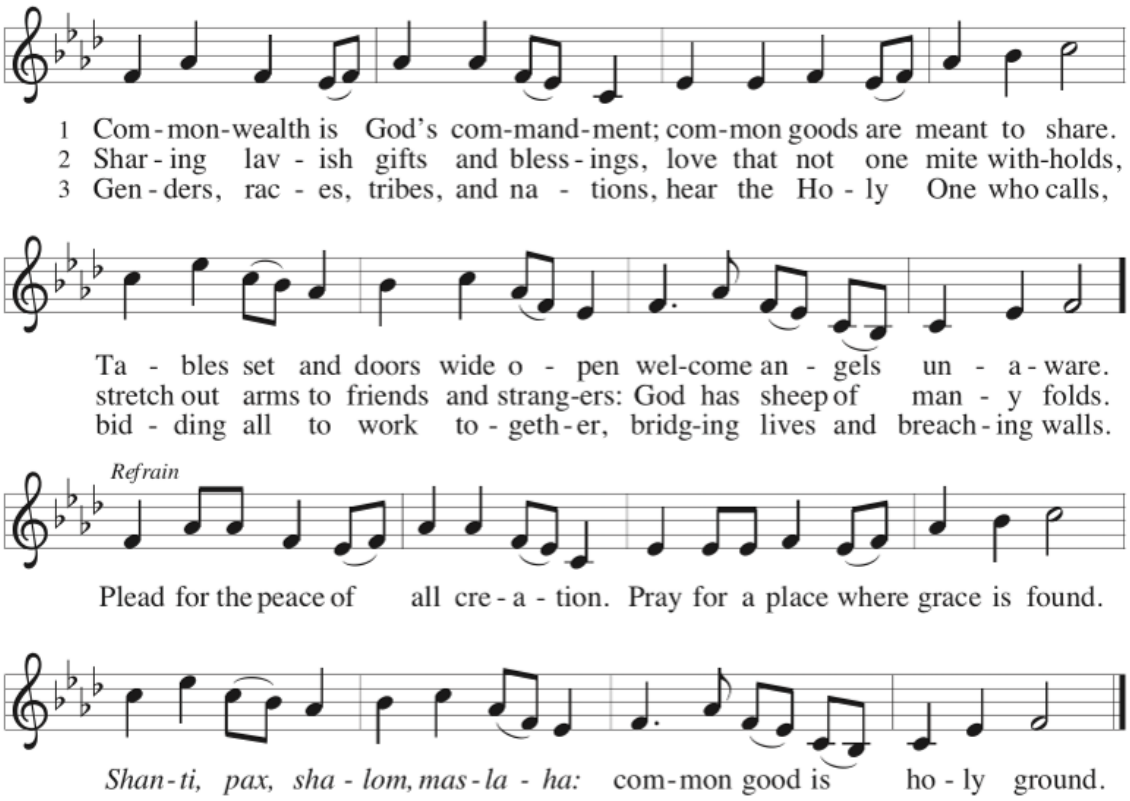
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Kristen Hess**

SERMON **Pastor Lecia Beck**

Please stand as you are able after the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Commonwealth is God's Commandment** **ACS 1036**



Please be seated.

APOSTLES' CREED

AM Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we confess our common faith:

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.

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AM Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
A brief silence.

AM Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering especially **Barb, Jo Anne, Algis, Dalia, Marla, Hannah, Ray, Janice, Rita, Charlotte** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or by scanning the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our Financial Secretary for more information at giving@clczionsville.org.

OFFERING **What Shall I Render to My God?** **arr. Lovelace**

~ Sanctuary Choir ~

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And His promises embrace and to His glory give.

My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee whate'er is mine,
Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my hands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n
Till gathered to the church above, We sing the songs of heav'n.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY SONG **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



OFFERING PRAYER

AM God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
C Amen.

+MEAL+

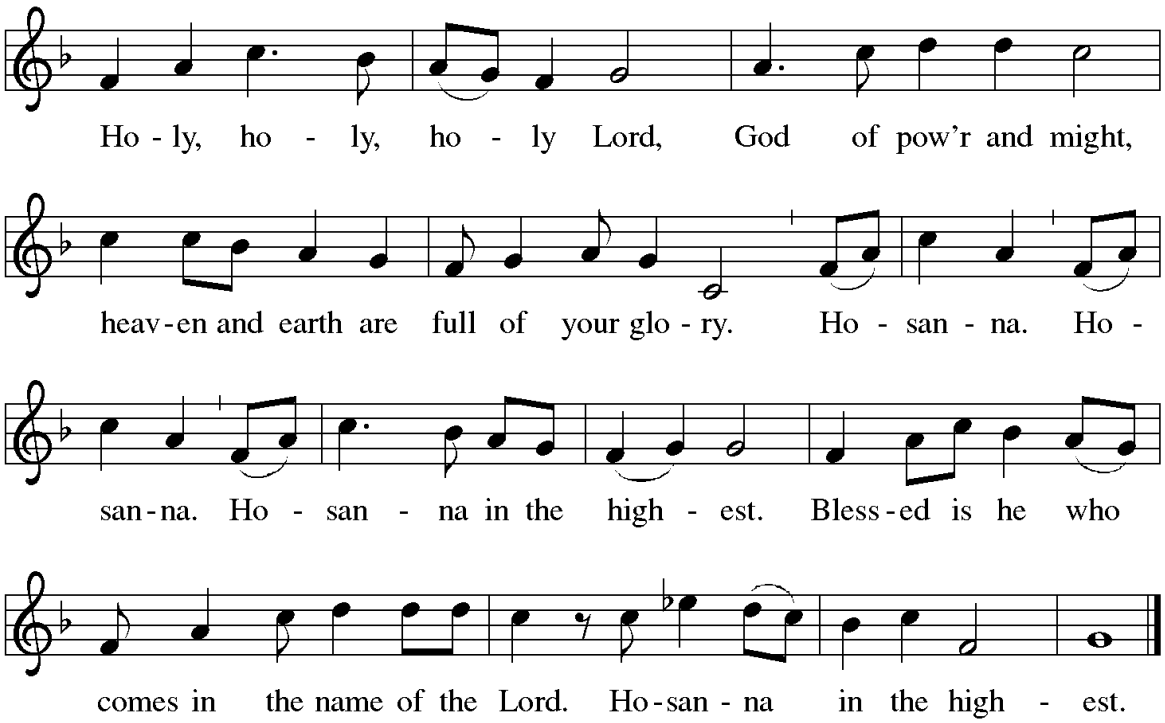
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
P Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

P The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
C We thank you, O God.

P 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 his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
C Amen.

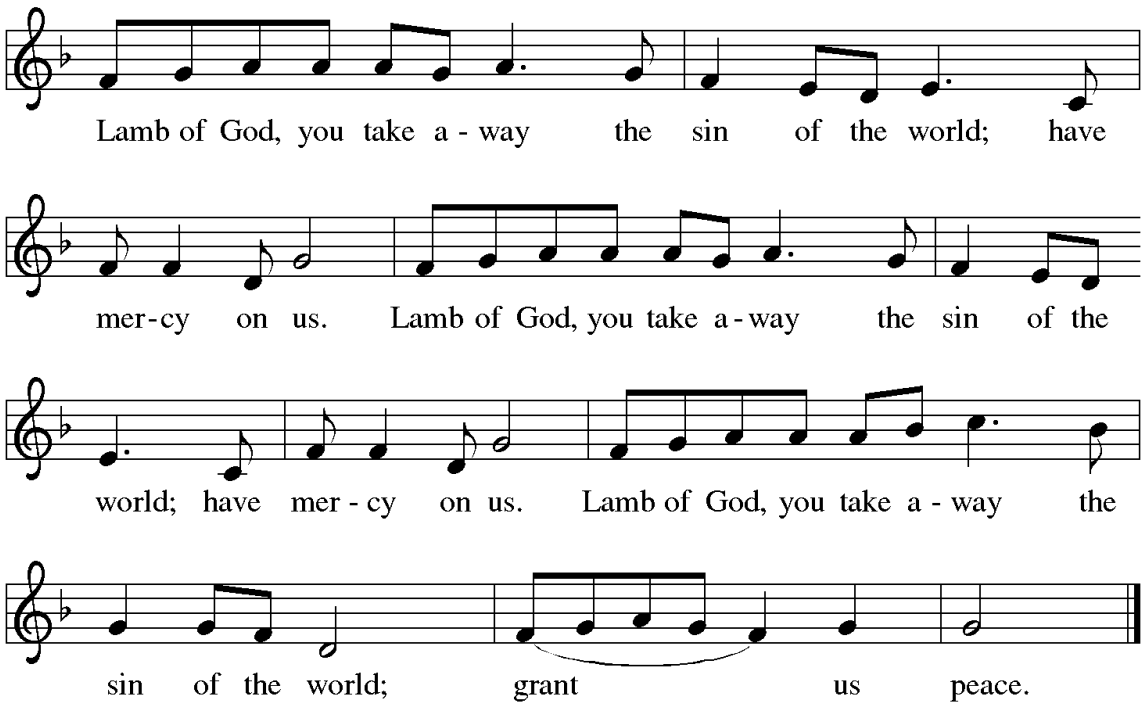
LORD'S PRAYER
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION
*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion, don't hesitate to ask. The elements will be brought to you. You will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words "**the body of Christ, given for you.**" Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, "**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**"*

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
AM Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able for the blessing.

BLESSING
P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN **God of Grace and God of Glory** **ELW 705**



DISMISSAL
AM Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Postlude** **Lloyd**

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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Cantor:	Jeannie Phillips
Lector:	Joe Pittman
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Greeter:	Barbara Starkey
Usher:	Connie Niessink
Nursery:	Cheryl Kussow
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