Sunday, November 22, 2026



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INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

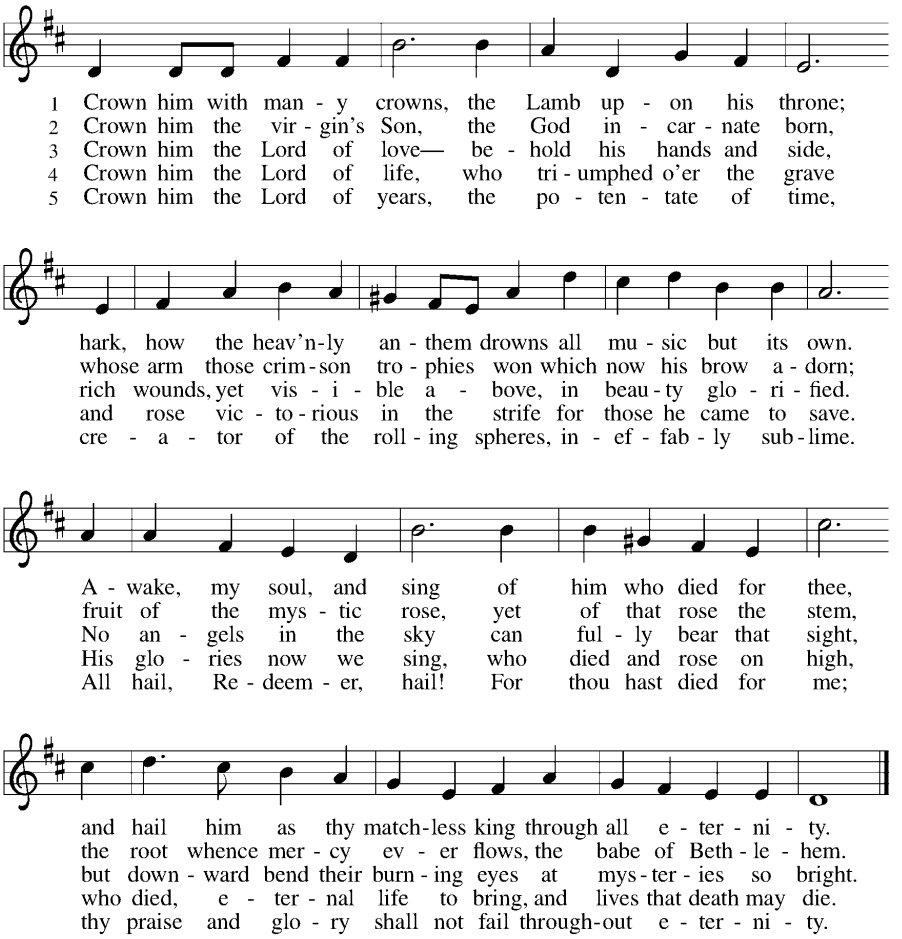
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
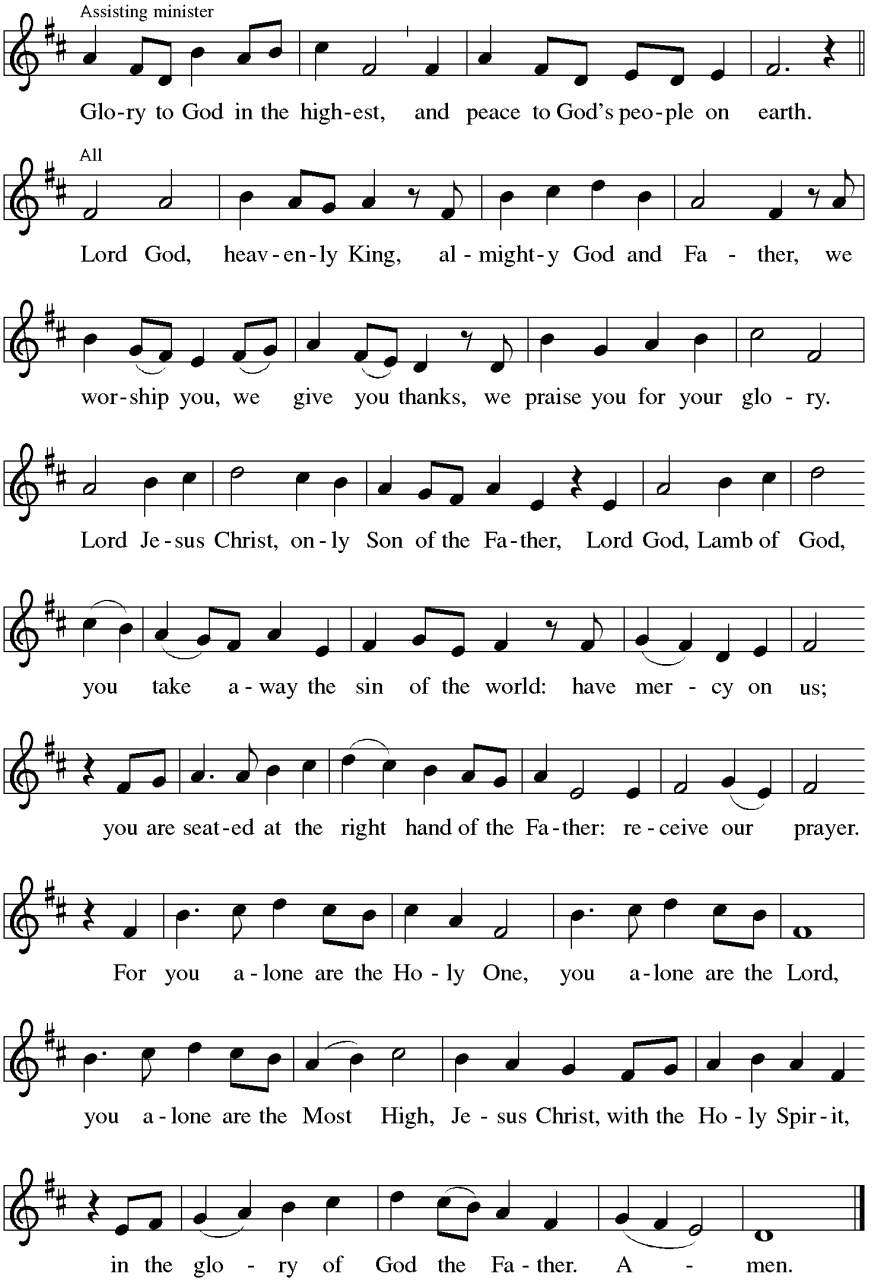
Crown Him with Many Crowns



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

GREETING

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


Assisting minister
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

Please sit

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

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them
out. 12 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. 13 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. 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 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.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

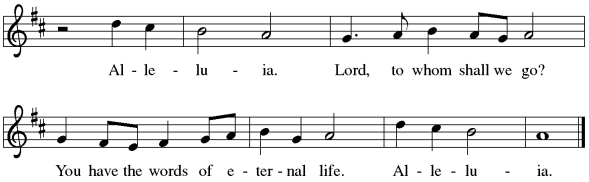
PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

[1]Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2]**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
[3]For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4]**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5]The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6]**Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a]For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

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]I pray 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 know 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**
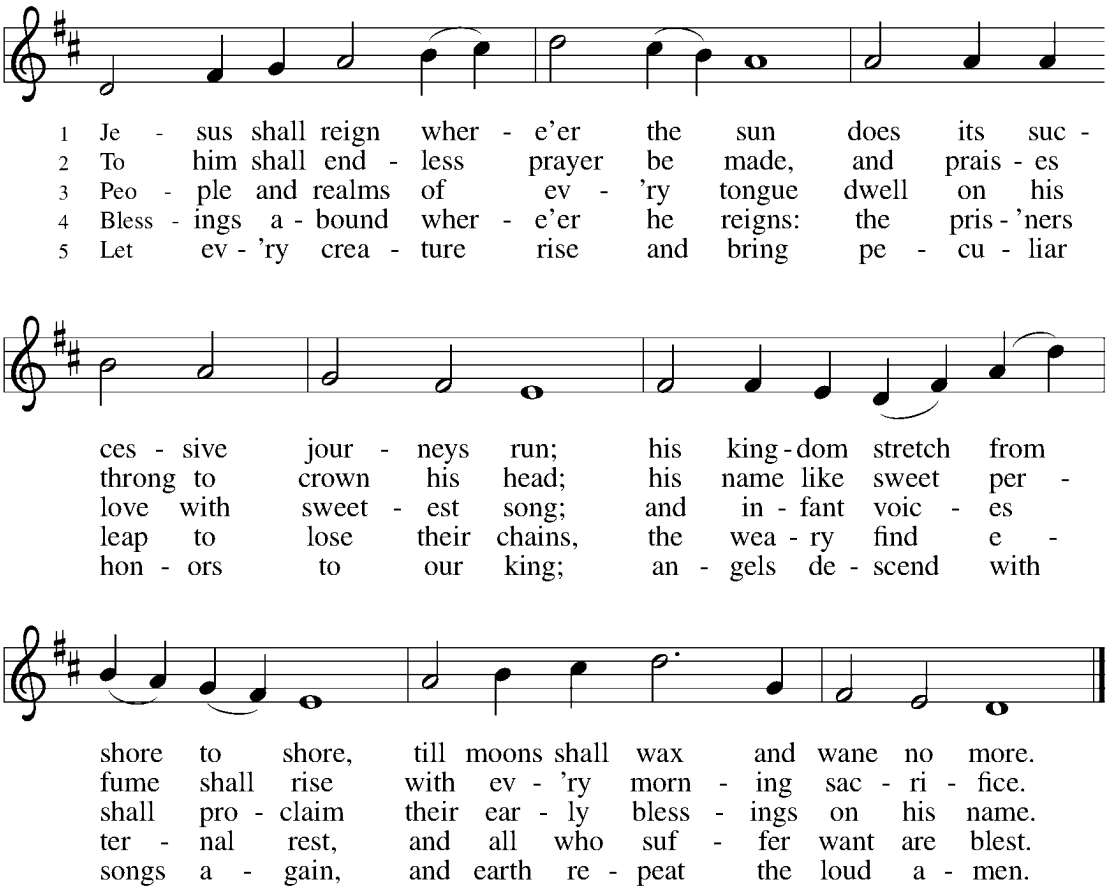
Jesus said to the disciples: [31]"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he 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 that
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 who are
members of my family you did it to me.' [41]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; [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."

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

HOMILY

Please stand

Jesus Shall Reign



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

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING
The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Ushers will come by to collect today's offering, or you can use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.

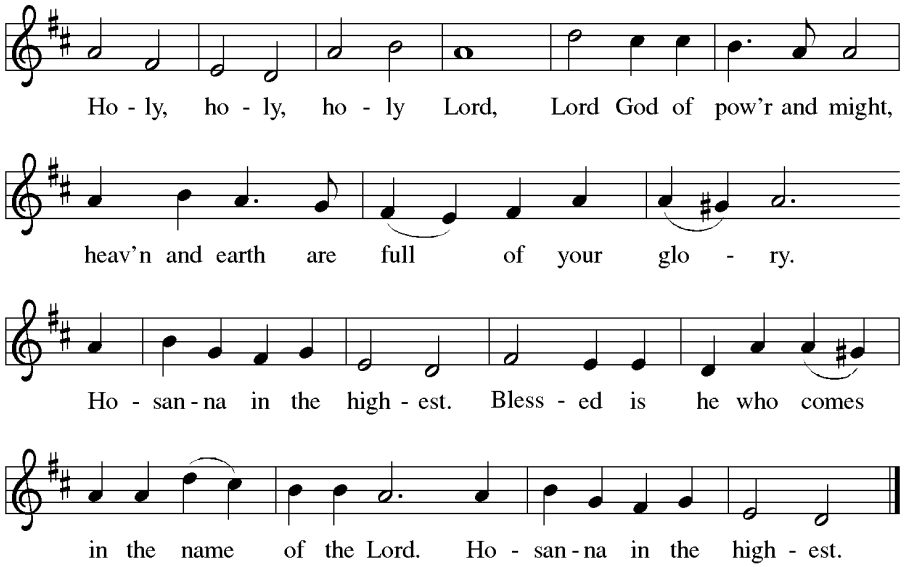
CHOIR ANTHEM *The Least of These*

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

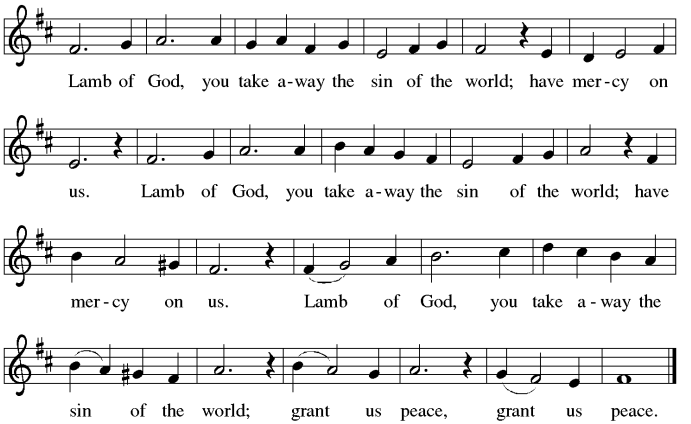
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

FAMILY TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

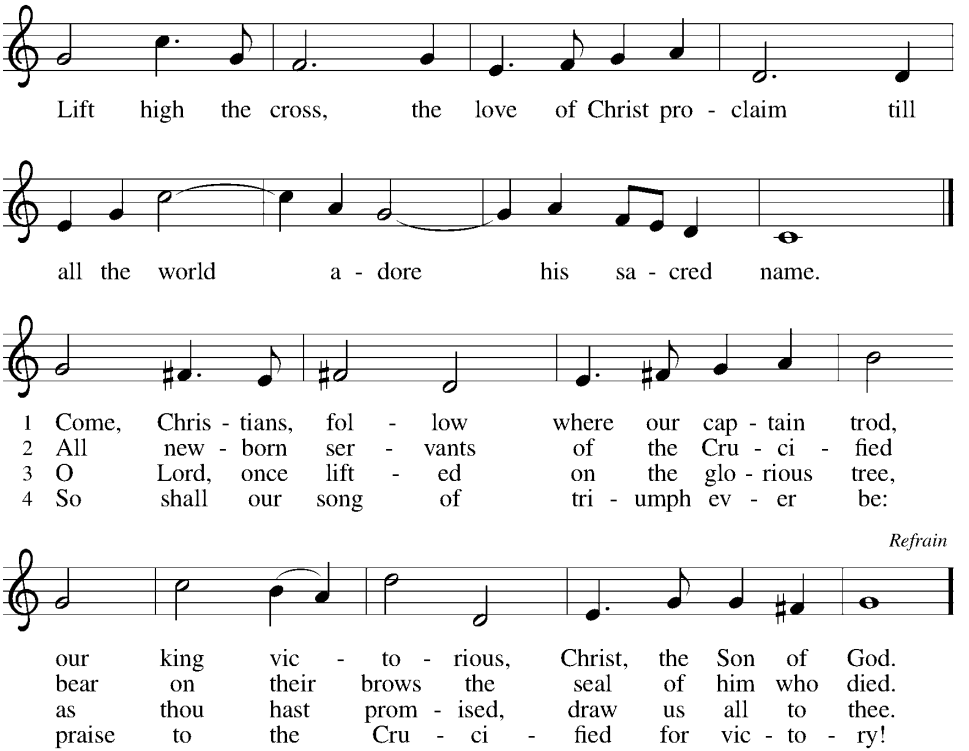
BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✢ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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"Crown Him With Many Crowns"
"Jesus Shall Reign"
"Lift High The Cross"

Women of the ELCA

Naomi Circle will have their Bible Study on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 10am in the church library.

Abigail Circle will have their monthly Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00pm on Monday, November 23, 2026. Please contact Carol Crouse (703-200-1965) for additional information.

GENTS MEN'S GROUP

GENTS will not meet during the month of November.

Monthly Financial Summary

	Monthly: October 2026			YTD: January - October 2026		
	Total	**Church**	**Little Lambs**	**Total**	**Church**	**Little Lambs**
Budgeted Expenses	$79,873	$26,051	**$53,822**	$806,476	$268,256	$538,220
Actual Expenses	$83,498	$25,390	$58,108	$872,882	$288,625	$584,257
Budgeted Giving / Income	$81,294	$20,356	**$60,938**	$814,596	$205,216	$609,380
Actual Giving / Income	$85,175	$10,974	$74,202	$864,052	$175,213	$688,839
Surplus / (Deficit)	$1,678	($14,416)	$16,094	($8,830)	($113,412)	$104,582

Annual Deficit will be funded from the Good Shepherd Bank Reserves

Balances as of October 31, 2026			
Bank Reserves			$224,102

In-person attendance last week: 66

Assisting in Today's Service

Rev. Keith Walbolt

Deacon	Gini ZeRuth
Lector	Bret Meyer
Communion Assistants	Diane Supplee
	Nancy Meyer
Ushers	Diane Supplee
	Nancy Meyer
Greeters	Leslie Walbolt
	Henry Walbolt

Good Shepherd Council Members

Nancy Meyer
Diane Supplee
Kate Herrington
John Mennel
David Mickley
Erica Ottmann
Patti Nickol
Gus Dueben
Laura Blauvelt
Keith Walbolt

C*hurch Treasurer*

Dave Supplee

Opportunities for November 22 – November 29, 2026

Sunday, November 22, 2026
9:45am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, November 23, 2026
10:00am Naomi Circle Bible Study, Library
7:00pm Abigail Circle Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
10:00am Staff meeting
10:00am Quilting – Quilting Room

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office & Preschool Closed

Friday, November 27, 2026
Church Office & Preschool Closed

Saturday, November 28, 2026

Sunday, November 29, 2026
First Sunday in Advent
9:45am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship