

## **Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**November 26, 2023**

### **First and Foremost**

**As We Gather** - Too often we think about God's being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today's Readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and foremost, then, today is a day to let God's Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to "make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" (Psalm 95:2).

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

**GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

## PREPARATION

### Hymn of Invocation:

### Come, Thou Almighty King

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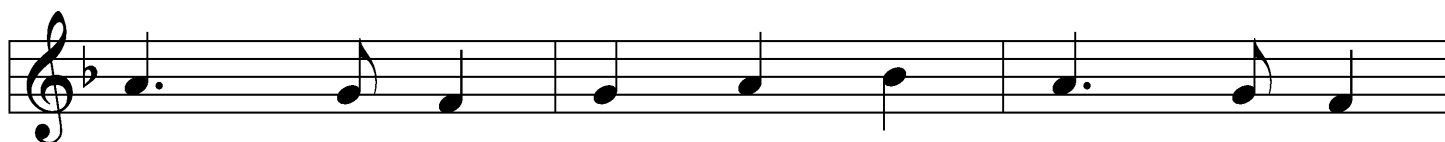
△ Please stand after a brief interlude



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-96  
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*Remain Standing*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Ezekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27*

**P** Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy.

Through Ezekiel, God said that He would “search for My sheep and will seek them out.”

**C** **We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Paul wrote that “God has put all things in subjection under [Christ’s] feet.”

**C** **We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

**C** **We confess that we have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. 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.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Introit

**P** In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

**C** **Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

**And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?**

**My hope is in you.**

**P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,**

**the home of righteousness.**

### Kyrie

**P** Lord, our Maker and Shepherd,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord, our King and Savior,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

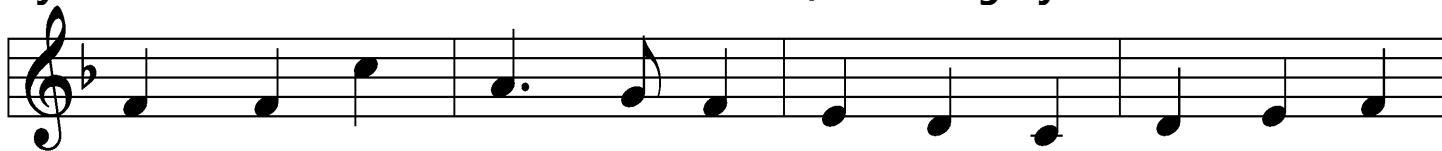
**P** Lord, our Judge and Redeemer,

**C** **grant us Your peace. Amen.**

### Hymn:

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
 Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead.
- C** **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;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

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

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle***1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Verse**

*Revelation 22:13*

**P** Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,

**C** **the beginning and the end. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 25:31–46*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>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.'

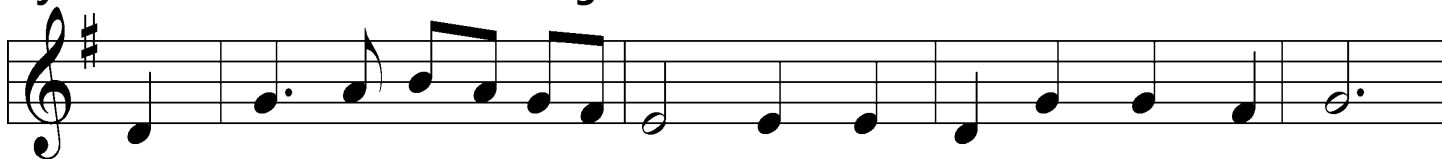
<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn:****Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

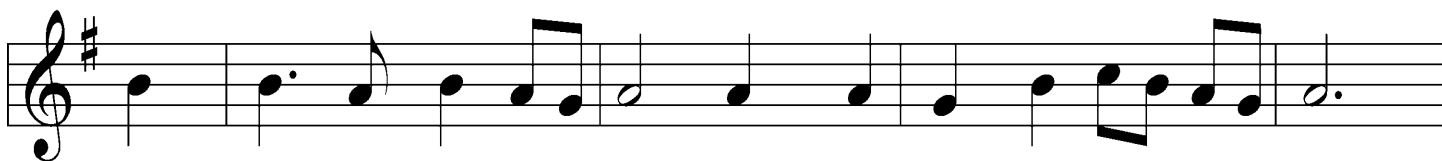
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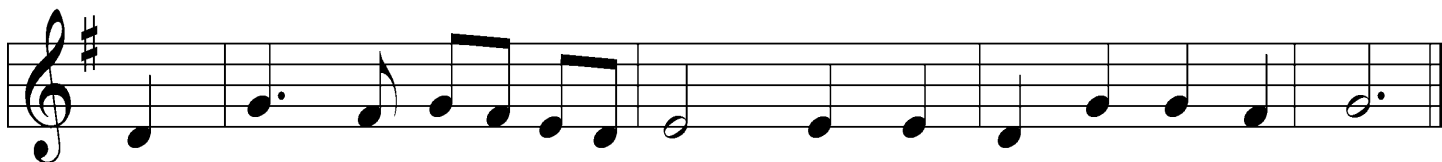
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
 2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
 The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
 The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
 Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
 He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
 And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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**Sermon:****“The Shepherd King”****Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**



## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for people here and around the world who are destitute, fearful of God's wrath, shunned by society, unjustly accused, or dealing with issues of health.

As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out, we pray, those who, devoid of basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future.

**C** **For the sake of our Good Shepherd, lead them to the food, shelter, and security they desperately need.**

**P** With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable our brothers and sisters to answer the spiritual thirst of people here and around the world.

**C** **Grant them faith that they may join us in singing praise to You, the rock of our salvation.**

- P** Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You.
- C** **Increase our faith, Lord Jesus, that we may reach out to them with the news of Your resurrection and the Kingdom You so graciously offer to all. Guide the Church wherever people gather around Your Word for nourishment and strength.**

- P** Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts.
- C** **Guide them, Lord of all, to use the gifts You have given them, so that praise may resound to You, the Lord, our Maker.**

- P** Where people are forgotten, unjustly imprisoned, or oppressed in any way, O God, surround them with caring people intent on meeting their physical and spiritual needs.
- C** **Use us to serve You and love them according to Your gracious plans for us all.**

- P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) “Come Now and Praise His Name”**

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)**

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*

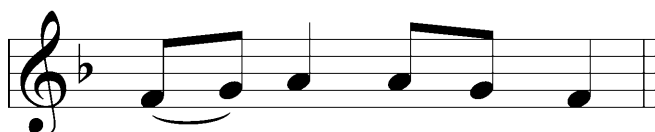
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**SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

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- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** 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 singing:

### Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** 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, which is 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."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Pax Domini

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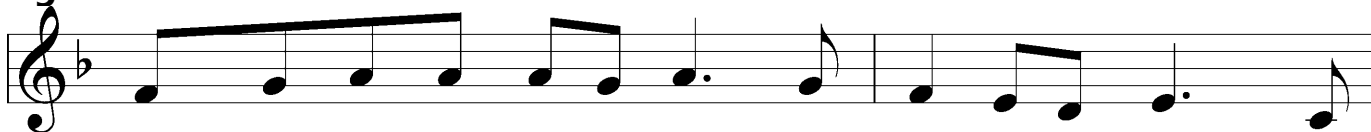
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



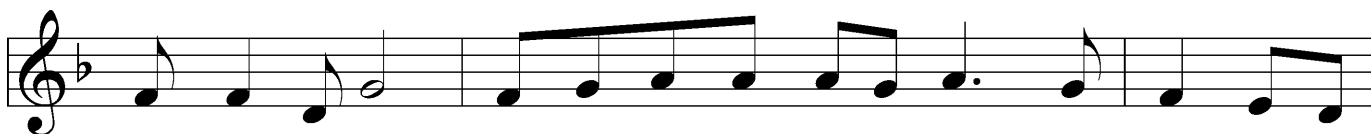
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



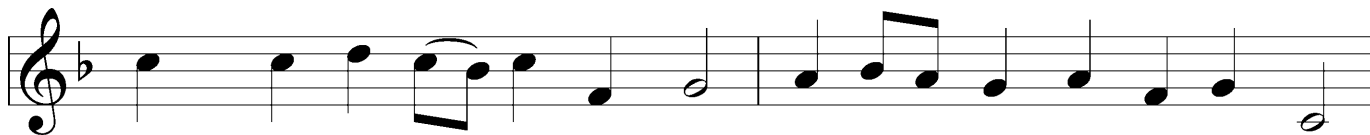
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution:

### *Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)*

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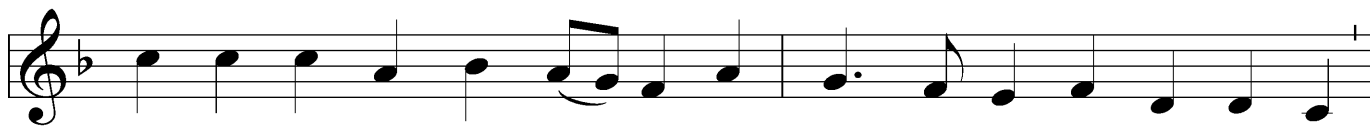
LSB 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

### (Saturday)

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### (Sunday)

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** 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;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**C** A - men.

**Closing Hymn:**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

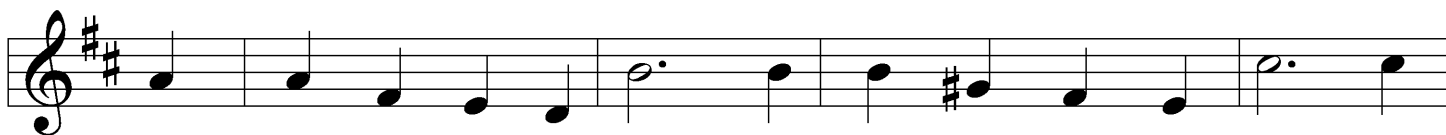
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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



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.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude:

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.  
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## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska

### *Saturday*

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo

**Lector** ..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten

**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson

### *Sunday*

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana

**Lector** ..... George Czanko

**Greeter** ..... Robert and Cheryl Langanke

**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch

**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch

GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox

**Altar Guild** ..... Rita and George Czanko

## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska



<b>Elder</b> .....	Carlos Orellana
<b>Lector</b> .....	Jon Lindstrom
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Joanne Shepker
<b>Audio</b> .....	Maria Hazzard
<b>Video</b> .....	Video TD: Kris Welch GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Barbara and Alfred Miller

### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK**

Saturday Worship Attendance.....	23
Sunday Worship Attendance.....	100
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings .....	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco.....	\$0
Paypal Offerings .....	\$0
Website (ShareFaith).....	\$0
<b>Total of Offerings Received</b> .....	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....	\$0

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Pentecost XXIV** – Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – No Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 3 is serving today; team 4 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAYS** – The Church Office will be closed this Monday and each Monday in the month of December.

**CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING** – There will be a Congregational voters meeting on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after service. We will be voting on the Nominating Committees' recommendation of a Slate of Officers. A sample ballot is in your mailbox.

**MARY MARTHA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Mary Martha Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the 1916 Irish Pub inside Cleveland Heights Golf & Country Club. We will order from the menu with \$15-\$20 entrees, plus tip. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** - Mary Martha will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ornament collection box in the entry to the Fellowship Hall beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the tree in the Fellowship Hall which will go up November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please write your family name on the ornament and place in the box.

**ANGEL TREE** – Once again Outreach will have the Angel Tree for the children at Lighthouse Ministries. The tree will go up this week with cards that will have the names of the children and the gifts requested. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, after service, an Outreach representative will be available to answer any questions. Please bring the UNWRAPPED gifts – with the tag attached - in by December 14<sup>th</sup>, and place in the marked box in the Narthex.

**RUMMAGE SALE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help with the rummage sale on January 20<sup>th</sup>. While this event is a lot of fun, it requires a lot of work. If you can help with the sale, please sign up. If we do not sign up enough volunteers by December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will not be able to hold the sale! Thanks so much! Mary-Martha.

**2024 FLOWER CHART** - The new Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. You can sign up for flowers for the new year. Please write your name and what occasion is being celebrated. If you would like real flowers, please let us know, otherwise they will be silk flowers. When you donate money for the flowers, please mark it for the Flower Fund. The monies in the Flower Fund pay for the Christmas and Easter flowers that are put in the church. If you have any questions, you can call me. Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

**UNUSED HEARING AIDS:** Unused hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you. Recently someone asked for a tax donation receipt, but Pastor Munz has forgotten who asked. He is holding your tax donation receipt.

**CLC BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW CANCELLED-** Due to the lack of participation, the Bazaar and Craft show has been cancelled.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at [stewardship@clclakeland.org](mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org).

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matthew 25:44 – “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?’”** With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday .....Church Office Closed

Tuesday .....Trustee Workday @ 9 am  
Quilters @ 10 am  
New Member Class @ 6 pm

Wednesday ..... Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran  
Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm  
Jr. Confirmation @ 7 pm  
Choir @ 7 pm

Thursday .....In Person & Zoom Bible Study @ 10 am

Friday..... Church Office closed, Pastor’s Day Off

Saturday .....Bible Study @ 4 pm  
Worship @ 5:30 pm

Sunday .....Bible Study @ 8:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10 am  
Bible Study @ 11:15 am  
Elders Meeting