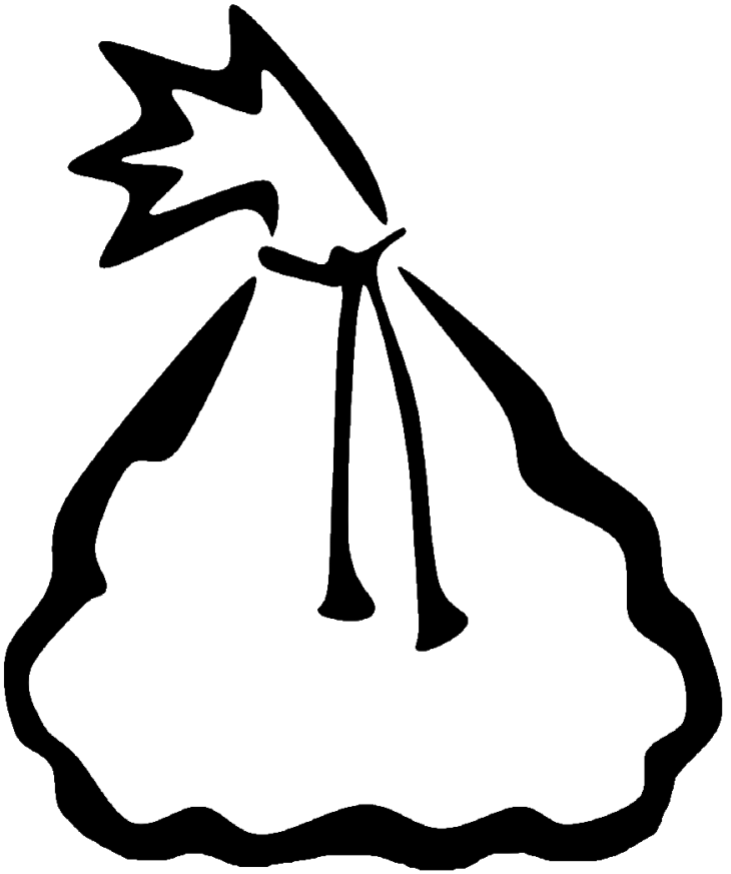


November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

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COUNTDOWN SLIDE at 9:20

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS at 9:25

SHARING ODF THE PEACE

HYMN:
Here In This Place (VIDEO)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 56
L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.
L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection
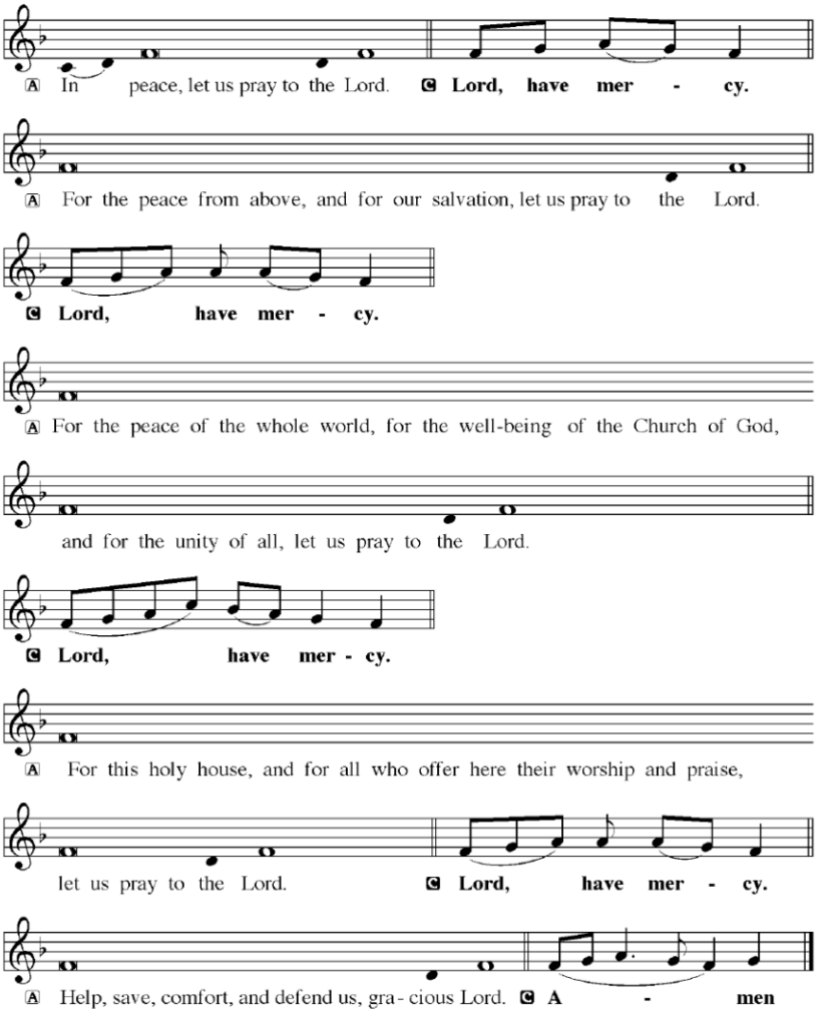
L: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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.
L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.
C: Amen.

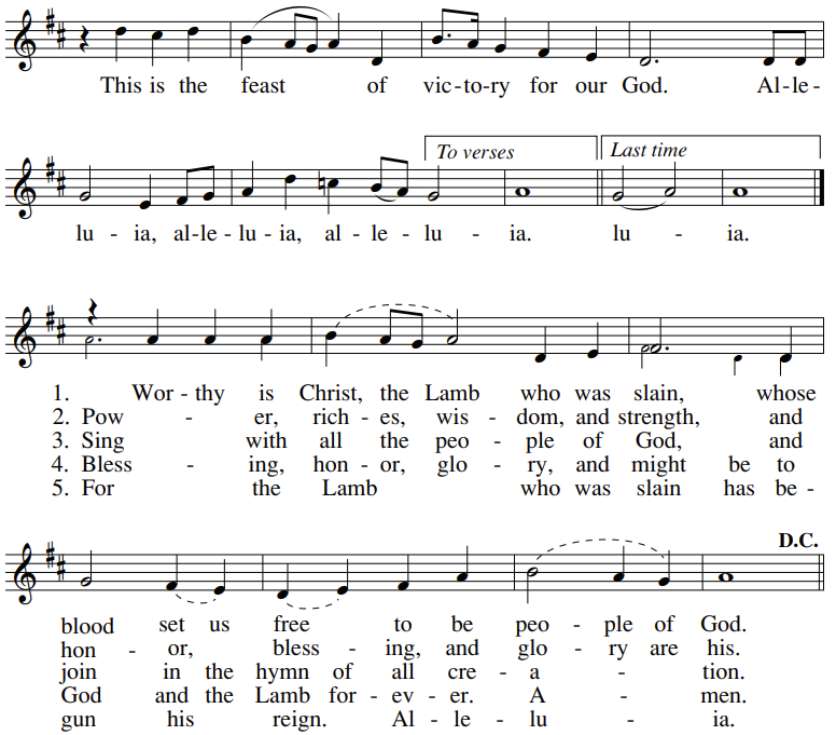
APOSTOLIC GREETING p. 57
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.
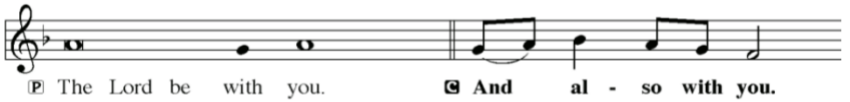
KYRIE *("In peace let us pray to the Lord...")* *(TIMELINE)* p. 57-58



HYMN OF PRAISE *("This is the feast...")*(TIMELINE) p. 60



SALUTATION(acapella)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

L: The First Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Zephaniah.

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice
I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who dress themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
all who leap over the threshold,
who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 On that day, says the Lord,
a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 The inhabitants of the Mortar wail,
for all the traders have perished;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

PSALM 90:1-12

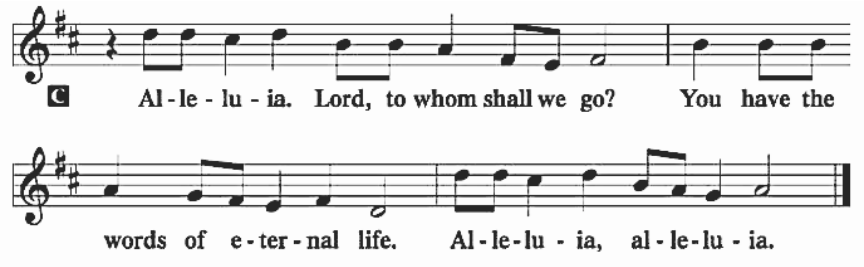
1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
10 The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
12 So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L: The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of 1 Thessalonians.
5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like
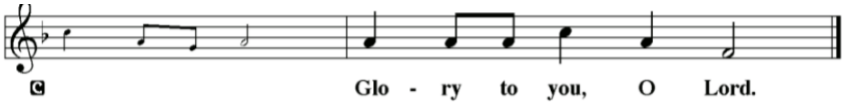
a thief in the night. 3 When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (acapella) p. 62
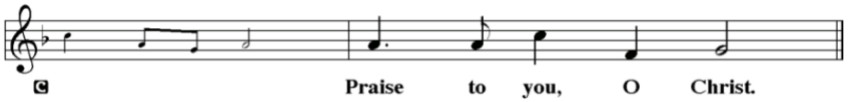


HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 25th chapter. (acapella)



14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
L: The gospel of the Lord.
(acapella)



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten
"What Are You Afraid Of?"

SONG AFTER SERMON:
Thy Word (VIDEO)

NICENE CREED p. 64

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian the Apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH p. 75-76

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
L: Lord, in your mercy
C: hear our prayer.
L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

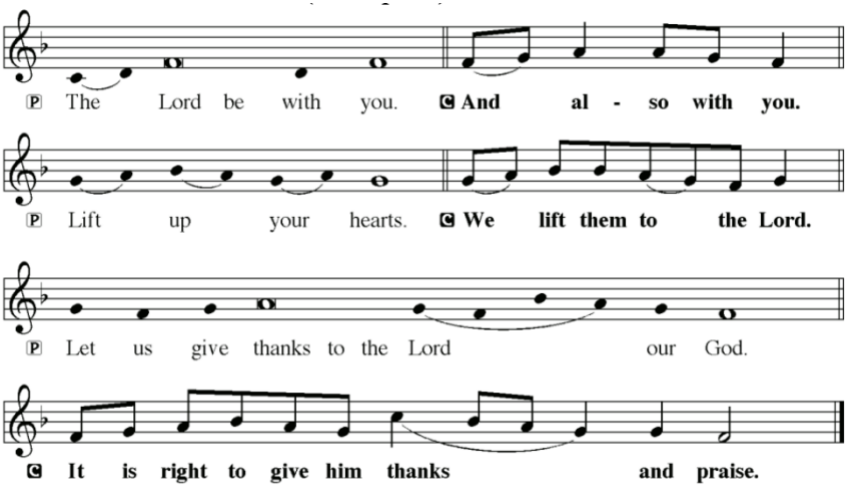
RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vinyards (ACAPELLA)*

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes be a blessing to others as they have been to us. Amen

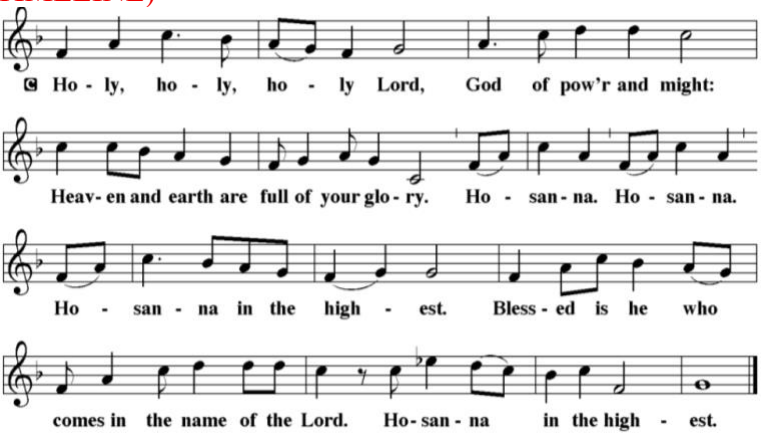
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p.68
(acapella)



PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(TIMELINE)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave tit 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.

LORD'S PRAYER p. 76

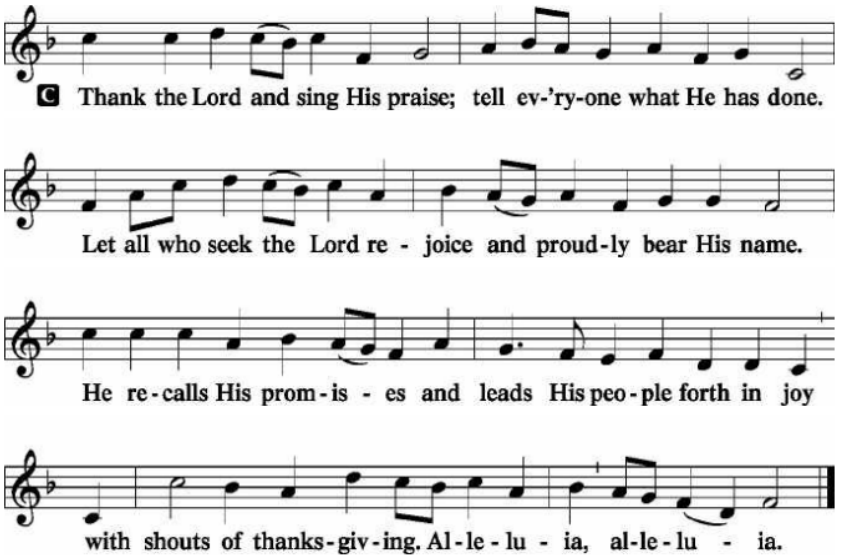
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION
I Speak Jesus (VIDEO)
Draw Me Close (VIDEO)
Thank You Lord for Everything (VIDEO)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE p. 72



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

BENEDICTION & AMEN p. 74

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord made his face shine on you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN:
Everlasting God (VIDEO)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:
Nov. 17 - @ 6:30 PM Daniel Bible study in person or online!
Nov. 18 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
@ Noon – Bulletin and Newsletter Deadline
@ 4:45 Confirmation
@ 6:30 Choir Practice
Nov. 19 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Add these dates to your calendar:
Nov. 22 - Women's Group Thank Offering
Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Service - Each person is asked to bring a food item for the pantry as part of your offering.
Nov. 29 - First Name Friendsgiving after Service

The Little Church Box is next to the offering plates in readiness for your input for our annual meeting in February. Please add your thoughts and suggestions!

November 22 Women's Thank Offering to be given to food pantry.

November 29th 5th Sunday "Friendsgiving". Please bring something that starts with the first letter of your first name. (Example- Ann brings apple pie, Bob brings bologna sandwich. Brenda & Gary can bring biscuits & gravy, Mike & Sue can bring spaghetti & meatballs.)

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Soups, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, cereal and any other food you would like to share. Toilet paper is always in need. "Be joyful in hope,

patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:12-13

NEXT WEEK: Christ the King Sunday
Sermon Title: “Bow to Your King!”
Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-46