

**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Pentecost**

*Gathered to Worship!*



**To join worship on YouTube,  
use the link below:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/live/wRF19fpmopk>**

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## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

### CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*



## GATHERING SONG

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838



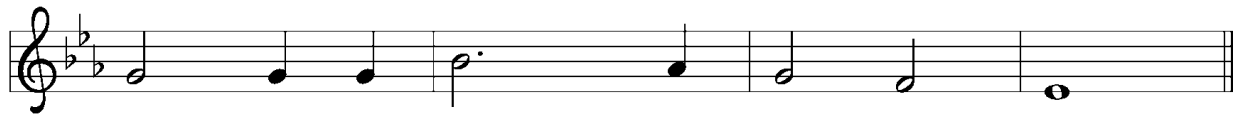
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## GREETING

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

**C:** And also with you.



# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



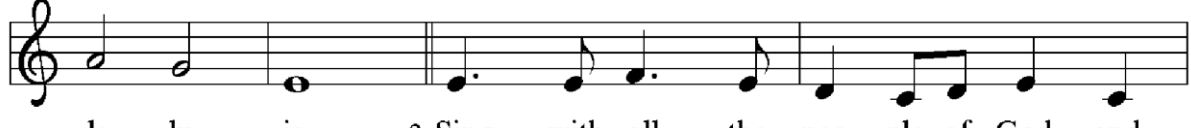
*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



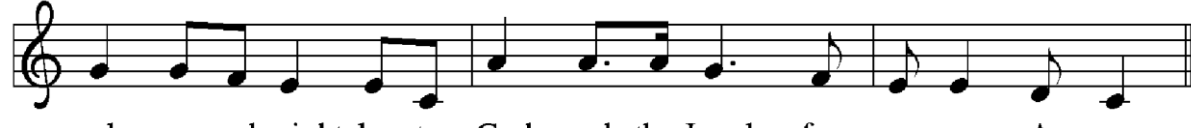
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## RE-CAP & SUMMARY “What I Learned During My Time Away” Pastor Luis Ochoa

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

*ELW 708*

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God.....

Hear us, O God.....**Your mercy is great.**  
..... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## SHARING THE PEACE

A: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us share a sign of God's peace.

## ANTHEM

**Choir**

## OFFERING

### THE DOXOLOGY

**ELW 884**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts:

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord our God:

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.



## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

**P:** The Gifts of God for the people of God.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

## LAMB OF GOD



*The assembly sits. We receive communion by kneeling at the altar; after receiving communion you may return to your seat.*

## COMMUNION

**P:** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.



## COMMUNION SONG

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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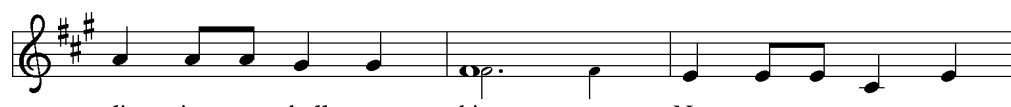
Leader or All



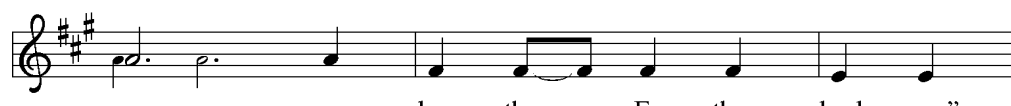
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me ev - er, . . . un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 blood, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 die, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."  
 come in - to . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 the . . . world. . . .

Refrain  
 All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, 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**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

P: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and may the blessing and peace of God be with you and the whole world. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*God Be With You Until We Meet Again*

*ELW 536*



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**





### **TODAY**

Opening Prayer: Diane Johnson  
 Assisting Minister: Corinne Cursi  
 Lector: Marilyn Bloom  
 Communion Asst: Susan Potter  
 Altar Guild: Susan Potter  
 Sunday School: Susan Potter

### **October 25**

Opening Prayer: Sharon Shields  
 Assisting Minister: Ellen Riske  
 Lector: Richard Renzema  
 Communion Asst: Rick & Barbie Luxem  
 Altar Guild: Susan Potter  
 Sunday School: Traci Laasch



Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays at  
 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Great Room.

### **Sunday School** has begun!

Join us for a time just for kids  
 Children grades K-5 are welcome.

They will be dismissed from the church service after the Opening Prayer.

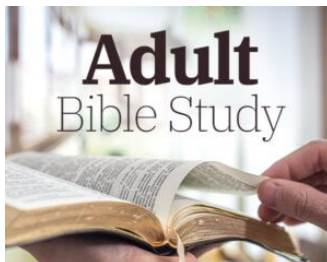


Confirmation Class will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.  
 That's THIS week!



### **Adult Morning Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Great Room



**We are studying the Old Testament.**

This study will take you beyond mere head knowledge to help you encounter God's Word as an active, transformational force in your daily walk—guiding your decisions, refining your motives, and anchoring your soul.

### **Change for Change**



Until the end of the year, we'll be collecting items for Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. You can donate these items through December or place money in the Change for Change Jar and we'll shop for you.



### **LSS-SW Resource Center on our campus has a Wish List:**

Baby wipes, baby toys, sanitary napkins, hair clips, brushes, belts, socks.

Gift cards for hair cuts.

Personal items like soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

## Manna Nights

have resumed every Tuesday night at 6 PM in the  
Concordia Charter School cafeteria.

The meal is followed by games and activities for children & adults.



## Mark your calendars!

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
will be on Halloween,  
Saturday, October 31  
6-8 PM  
in the parking lot.

There is a sign-up sheet on the church  
office door to provide:

a trunk full of fun 😊 or candy.

**OR** to supervise the Bounce House

**OR** help with grilling & nachos.