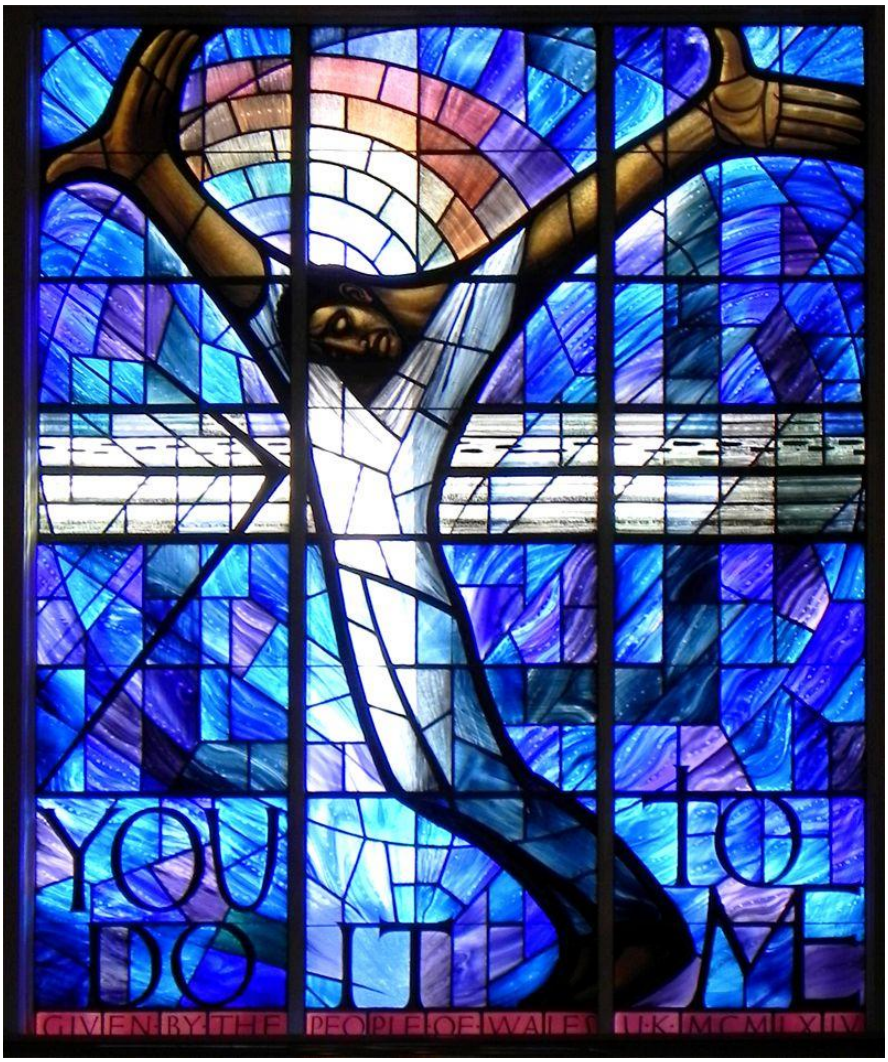
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026



"Christ Crucified" by John Petts (1964). A gift by the people of Wales, U.K. to 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL

We welcome and thank Rev. Scott Lee
for sharing the good news with us today.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Website Address:
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Church Email:
Holyspiritsecane@verizon.net
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
"KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD'S LOVE!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

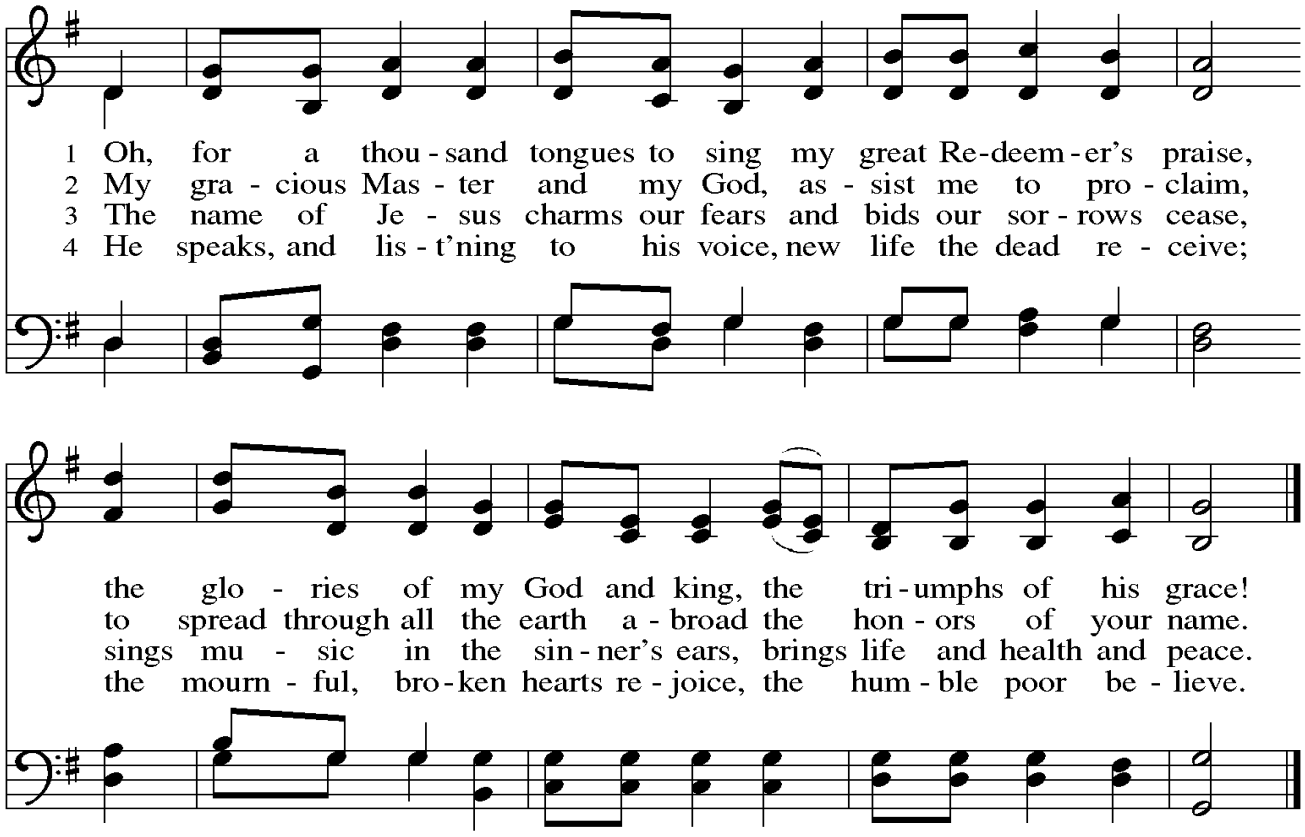
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
C: Amen.

(A: Pours water into the font.)
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, forgiven, and restored
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and gracious,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and grace, you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

P: In baptismal waters, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are washed away, you are ✢ forgiven,
and in them, you are born anew.
C: Amen.

*GATHERING SONG: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues (ELW 886)



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious and ever-loving God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

C: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

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

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort 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 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 strays, 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

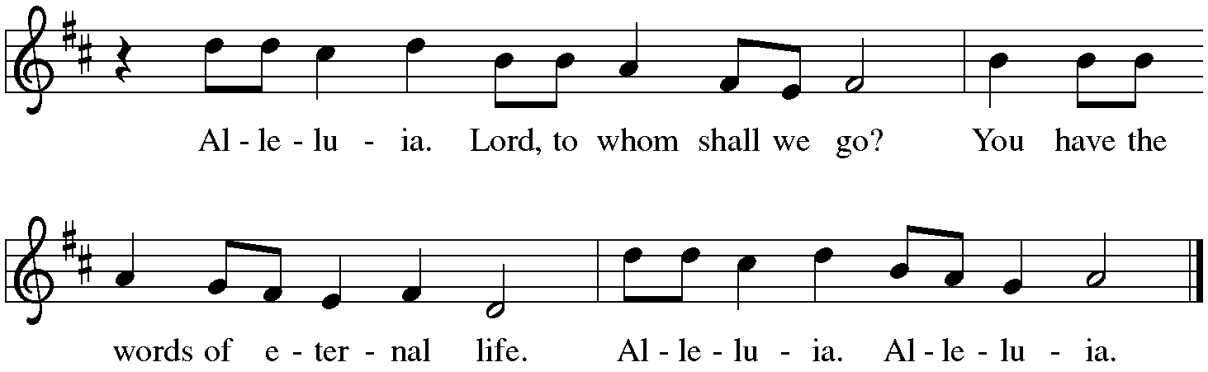
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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 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 perceive 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 3)



GOSPEL: Matthew25:31-46

P: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
C: 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 who 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

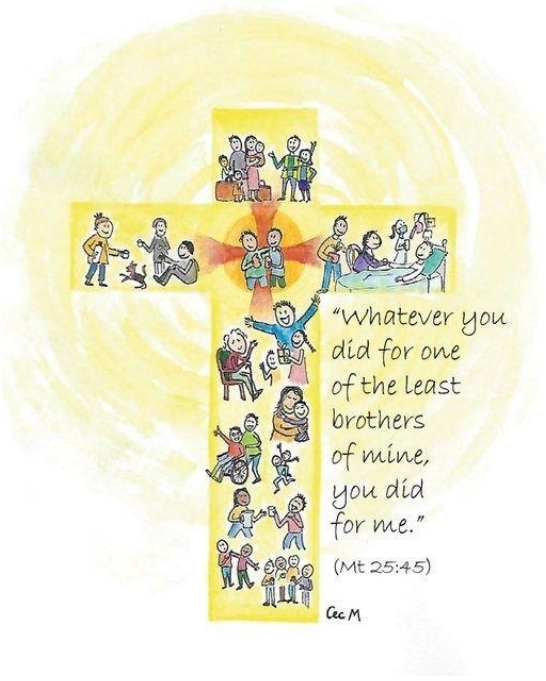
these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] 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."

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.
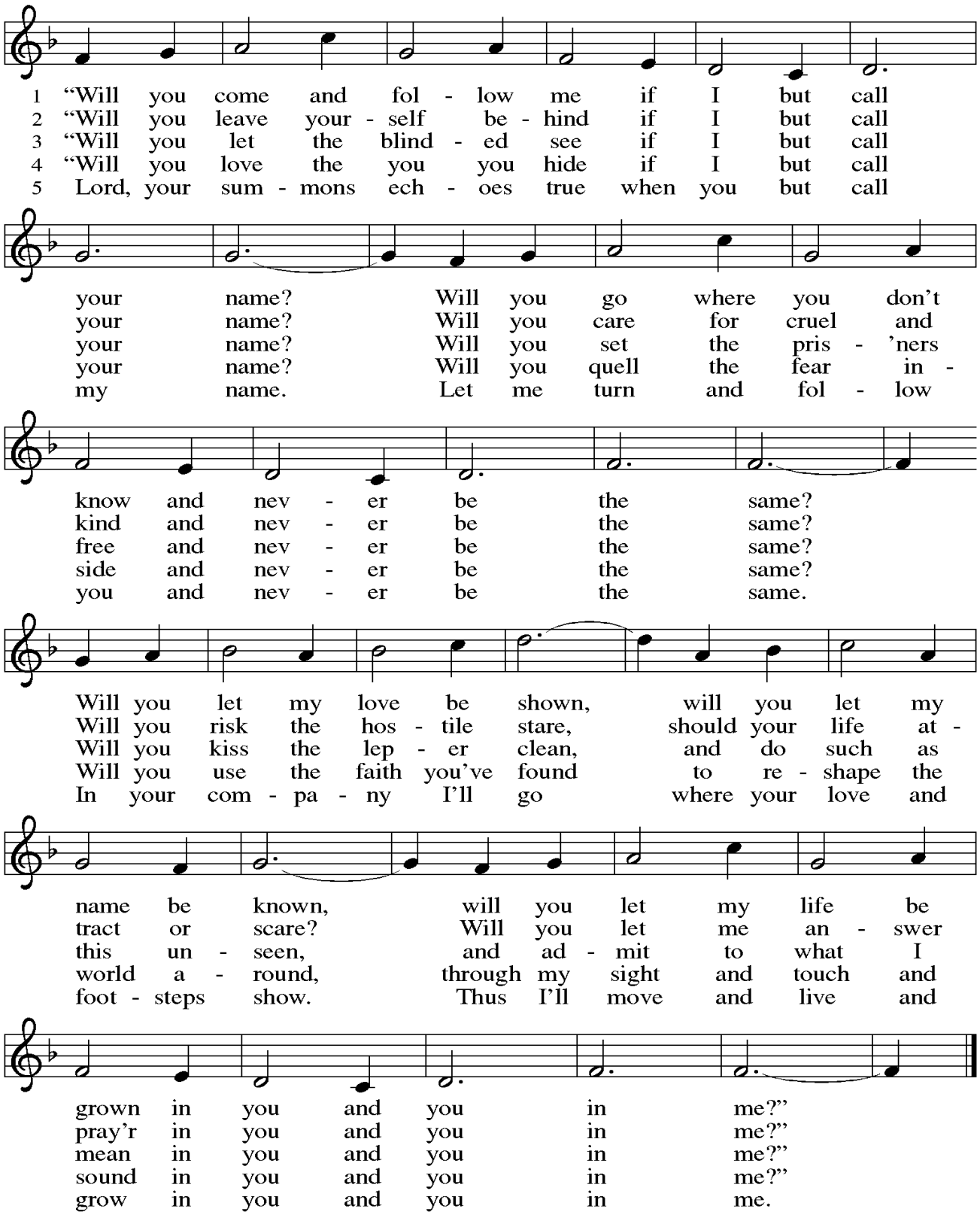
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Rev. Scott Lee**

(Please stand as you are able)



*HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me (Vs. 1,3,5)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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***PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)**

P: We believe in God,

C: Who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God, in your mercy,)

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

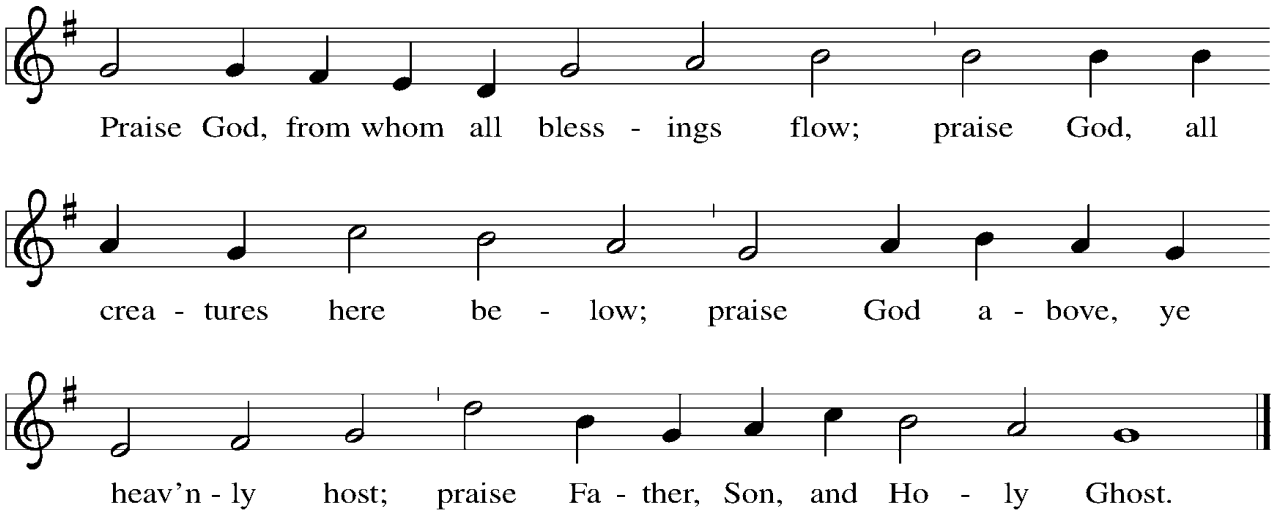
OFFERING:

A: Let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving of time, talent, and treasure.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

DOXOLOGY (ELW 885)



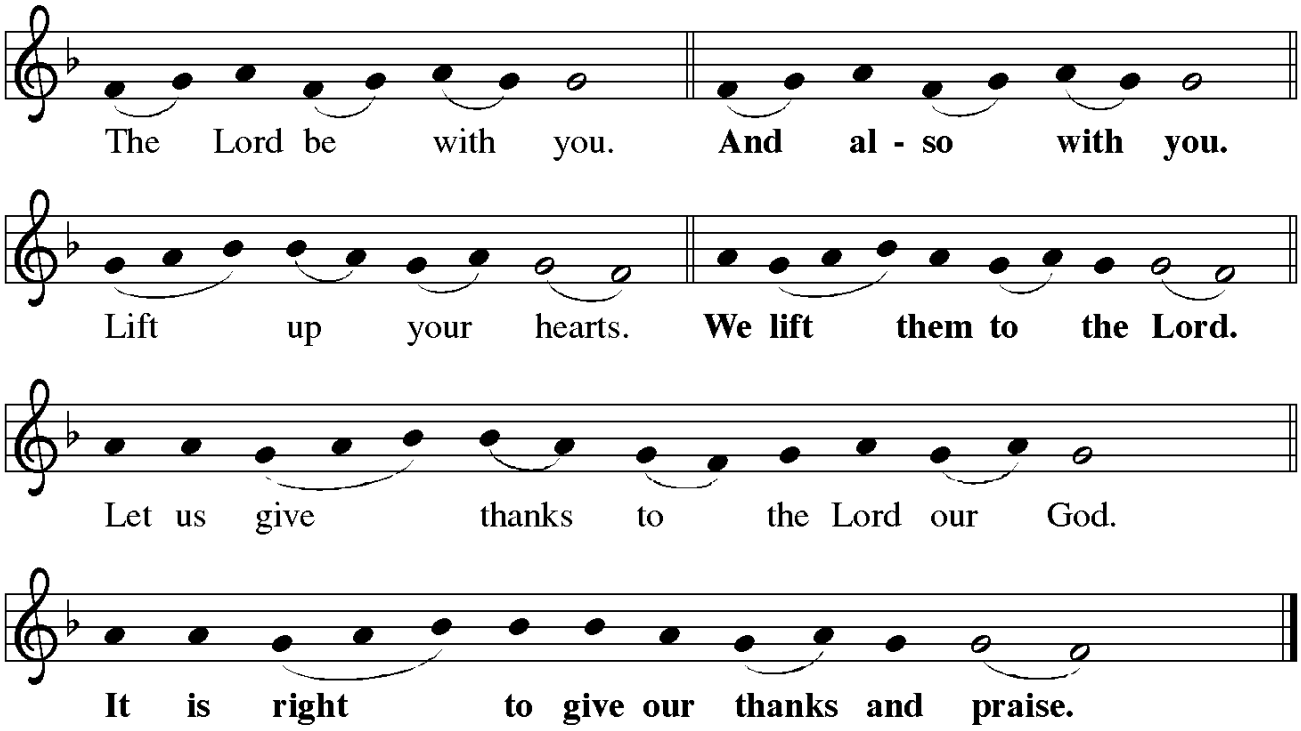
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Generous God, all good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor.

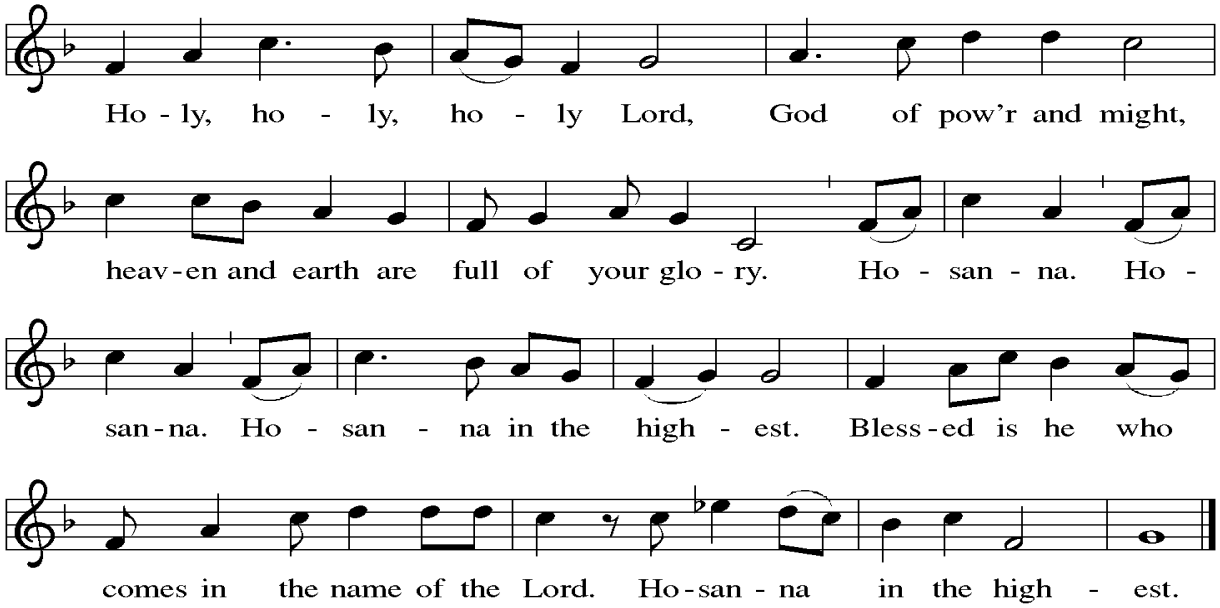
C: Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy […] 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, as we sing:



P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C: 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.

On the night before he died, 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: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!

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.

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

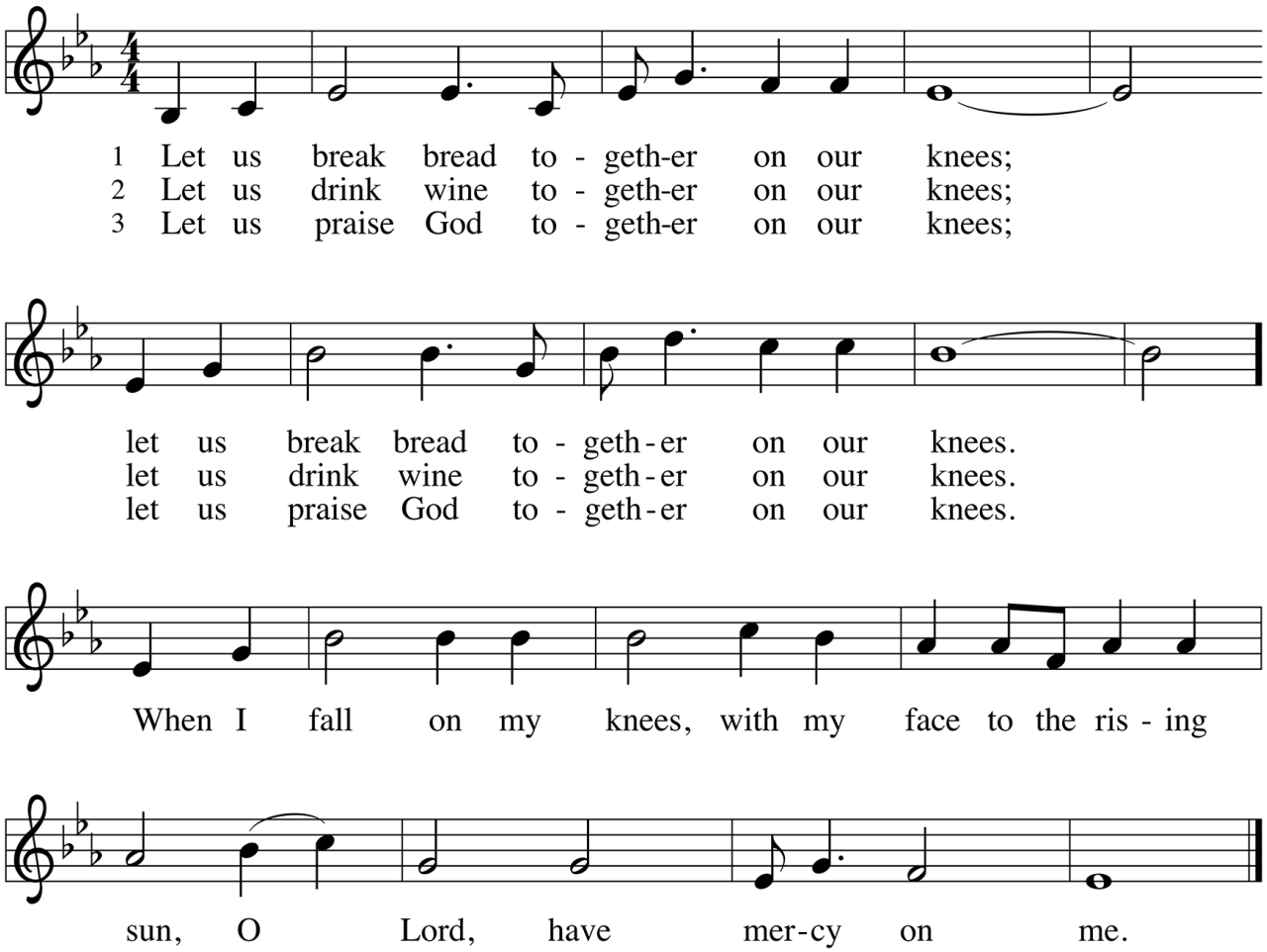
P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG: Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

(Please stand as you are able.)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Most Holy One,
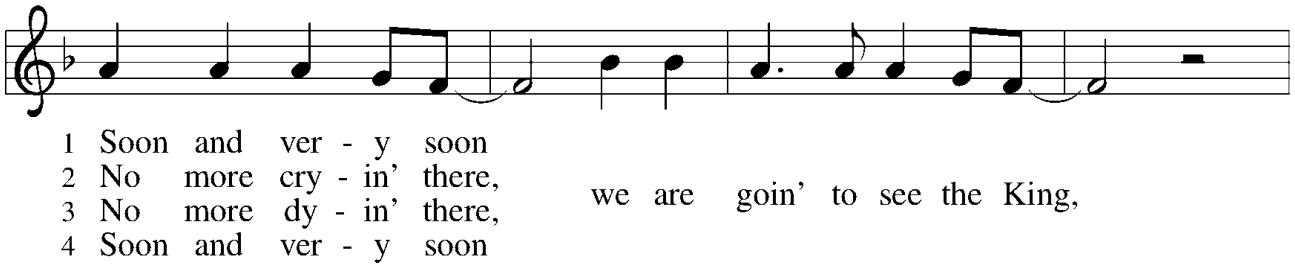
C: We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son, our savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Creator, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
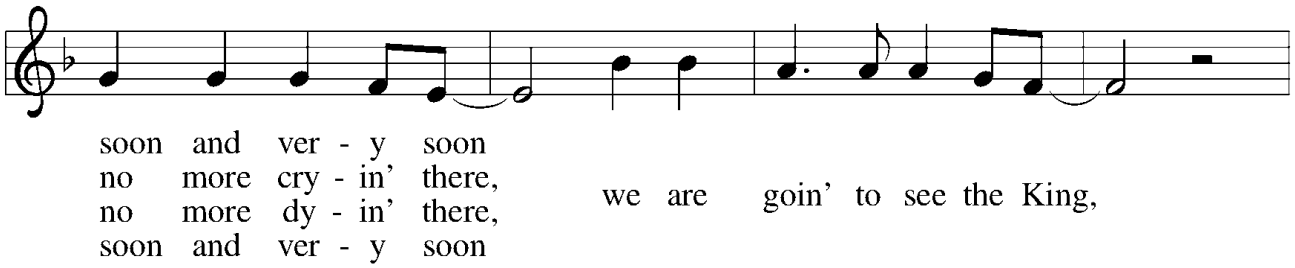
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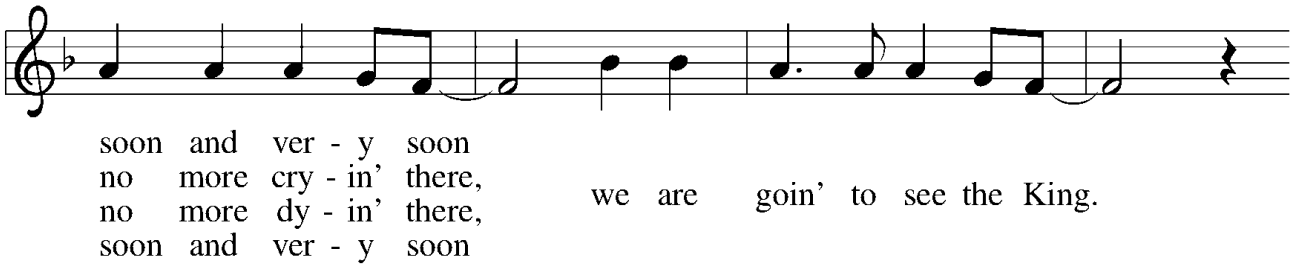
*BLESSING

P: Please bow your heads.
Life is short,
And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of our most-loving God: ✢ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.
C: Amen.

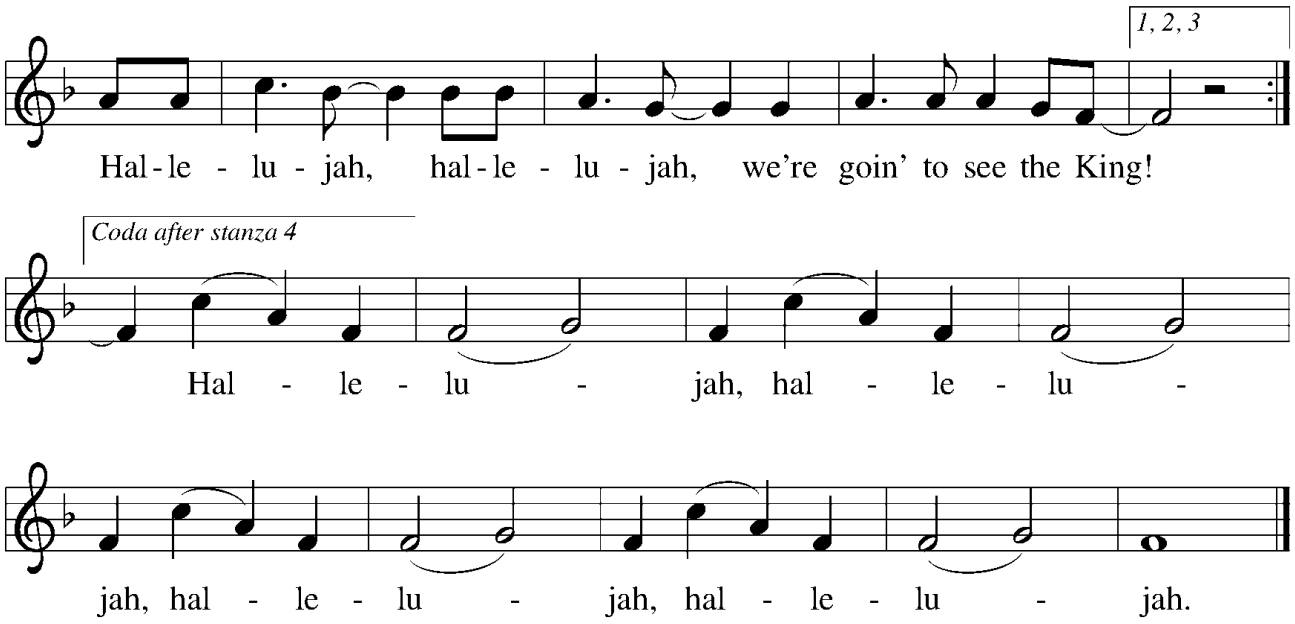
*SENDING HYMN: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)







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Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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*DISMISSAL

A: God is love.
C: Jesus teaches us to love.
A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us
C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Esther Binder by Lois Saunders and Joyce Shaw.

Oct's Income: $11,268
Oct 's Expense: $9,861 Average Attendance: 22

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 11/22	**Scheduled to serve 11/29**
Meghan G. – Assisting Minister	*Greg C.– Assisting Minister*
The Colahans – Ushers	*Gary P.– Ushers*
Downey/Deemer– Counter	*Colahans – Counters*
Volunteer– Altar	*Gary P. - Altar*

********************WEEKLY CALENDAR*****************

Mon, Nov 23	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Nov 24	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
Wed, Nov 25	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
	7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Nov 26	**Thanksgiving – Office Closed**
	10:00am – AA (Hall)
	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Fri, Nov 27	**10:00am - She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
Sat, Nov 28	**10:00am – AA (Hall)**
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Nov 29	**10:15am – Worship**
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **On 11/22 (Sunday), a "Pulpit Swap"**; Pastor Lee will preach and lead the 10:15am service here at Holy Spirit, and Pastor Drummond will do the same at St. Matthew (9:00am) and Immanuel (11:00am).
- **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!** On **12/11 (Friday)** Caroling will take place at Immanuel to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Immanuel's Manger Scene. Caroling will start at 6:30 at Immanuel. There will be no chili or caroling on Saturday 12/12.

**********PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**********

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan
Diane Kuhn
Naomi Mastrocola
Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris
Sonya Baxter
David Pysher
Joan & John Grossi

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, Joan Grossi and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NURSERY SCHOOL COIN HARVEST - Once again this year, the Nursery School will be doing a "Coin Harvest" during the month of November. This year we would like to invite the Holy Spirit congregation to join us in our coin collection. During the month of November, there will be a container marked "Coin Harvest" in the hallway. Please consider

helping us by bringing some extra change each week to donate! All proceeds will be donated to help feed the homeless.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS – Orders will start **Nov 22nd thru Dec 13th**. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Each year during the Advent season we decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Eve. Just like you decorate your home, **we need help to get ready** for Jesus here also. We need help to put up the tree, decorate the tree, hang the lights and roping and wreaths on the doors. There are bows to tie and candles to prepare for the Candlelight Service. This year we will meet on **Monday, Nov 29th at 10:00am**

TEDDY BEARS - It has been a Holy Spirit tradition in recent years to dress Teddy Bears at the holidays and distribute them to CAADC and Fair Acres. We are experiencing some issues with the distributor this year in addition to a significant cost increase.
Due to these issues we have elected to skip the Teddy Bears this year. With the difficult economic environment right now we felt it would be more sensible to use that money to provide additional clothing items for those people in need through the CAADC.
Hopefully we will be able to return to the Bear tradition next year.

ALTAR – We are in **need** of **volunteers for November** and **December** to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. **2027** Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office**. Flowers are $20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is $15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.

The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions.

With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven.

What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?



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