THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, November 15, 2026 10:00AM

REGULAR PRINT =PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER
BOLD PRINT = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES
✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP *service book and hymnal is used for the liturgy.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)
Words to be spoken or sung by the assembly are indicated in **bold type**.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know the thoughts and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise to serve.

Call to Worship: Marvelous Things
Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him. Psalm 98:1

We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things!

When we were walking in darkness
you were there, you were there,
when we were kneeling in weakness
you were there, you were there,
when we drew near feeling worthless
you were there, you were there,
when we were needing forgiveness
you were there, you were there,
when we were searching for your grace
you were there, you were there.

We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things and deserve our worship!

GATHERING HYMN **ELW#705 (Red book)**

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. II Corinthians 13: 13
And also with you.

LITANY OF WELCOME

God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?
To act justly; to love mercy;
and to walk humbly with our God. Micah 6: 8

Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the One who sent me." Matthew 10: 40
The Spirit says, "Come."
Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come," Revelation 22: 17
for all are welcome here.

In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,
to strengthen and sustain us,
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.
Let us worship God now
With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,
With works that bring forth God's powerful justice,
And with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,
Now and always,
Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Kyrie and Antiphon II (Nov. 15)

Cantor: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...



All: **Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer- cy, Lord, have mer- cy.**

For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the...



Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer- cy, Lord, have mer- cy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the...



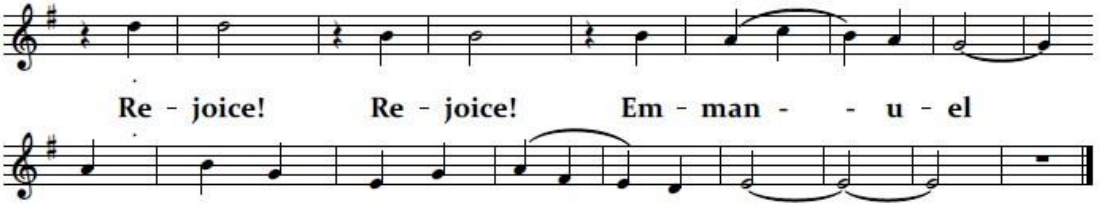
Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer- cy, Lord, have mer- cy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, O God...



A - - men.

O come, O come, our Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the Law, In cloud and majesty and awe...



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - u - el

shall come to you, O Is - - ra - el.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Message Pastor Steven

Nursery provided for children 3 years of age and under. Activity bags are provided in Narthex for children remaining during worship.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A reading from 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.

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.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90 **Read responsively**

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.

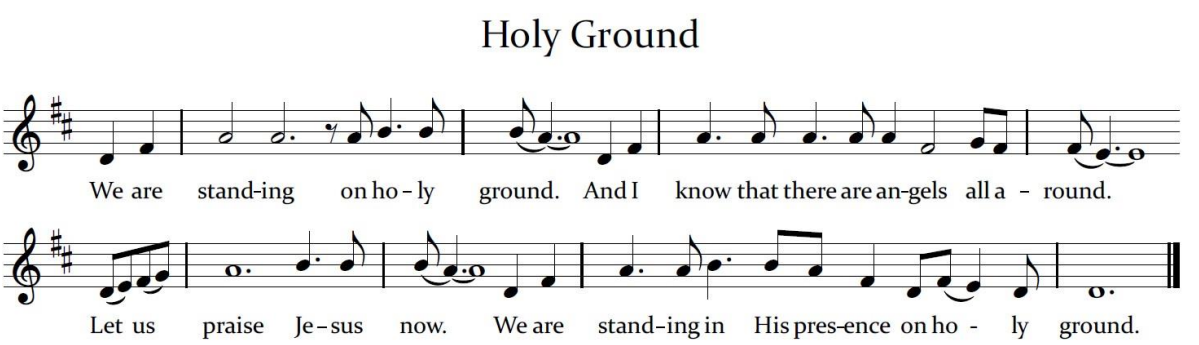
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON **Pastor Steven**

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW#632 (Red book)**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: St. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

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The service then continues with the affirmation of faith.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being,
author of heaven and earth, architect of time,
quilter of the cosmos.
You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,
and by your breath we are given life.
We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.
You lived among us to reveal your justice,
died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.
We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit,
draws us into community, moves us to action,
and inspires us to hope against hope.
You breathe new life into a fallen world
and equip us to proclaim the Good News of resurrecting love.
All thanks and praise to you, O God,
our beginning and our end. Amen.

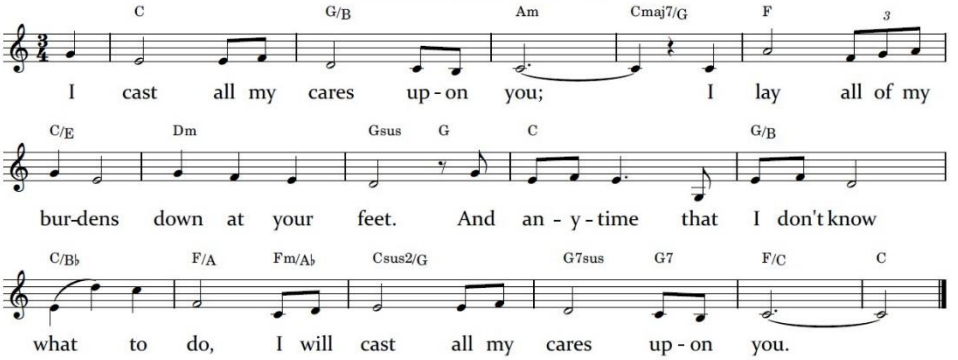
The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the Church and Response

Cares Chorus

Rusty Edwards, 1997 — North American traditional

from Worship and Praise #27



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

A brief silence

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy, Hear us, O God.
I cast all my cares…

We lift up before you, O God, the members of our human family around the world—for those who are afflicted or suffering at this time—for those who need healing, for those who require bread or shelter, for those who live in violent homes and communities, for those who are grieving, and for those whose needs are known to you alone, especially those we remember silently or in our hearts with voice upon our lips (*pause*) the family of *(Barbara Hamilton)*, Jamale Jeffery (*friend of PJ Whitehurst*), Levi Boyd (*retired custodian of Reformation*), Lisa Gardener, Frosty Lohr, Micaela (*niece of Peggy Thompson*); Sharon May (*wife of Peggy Thompson*) Larry Harden, Nancy Beaver, Ava Jarvis (*granddaughter of Marc & Jill Mann*) David Cossey (*stepfather of Ben Bullock*); Maria Gallego (*mother of Pastor Steven*); Tiffanie Reeves; Joe Black (*father of Lynn Black*); Bill Black (*brother of Lynn Black*); Sharon Baldwin; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Emmy Reeves; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle;
Merciful God, ***I cast all my cares…***

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.

PEACE **ELW pg. 106**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.

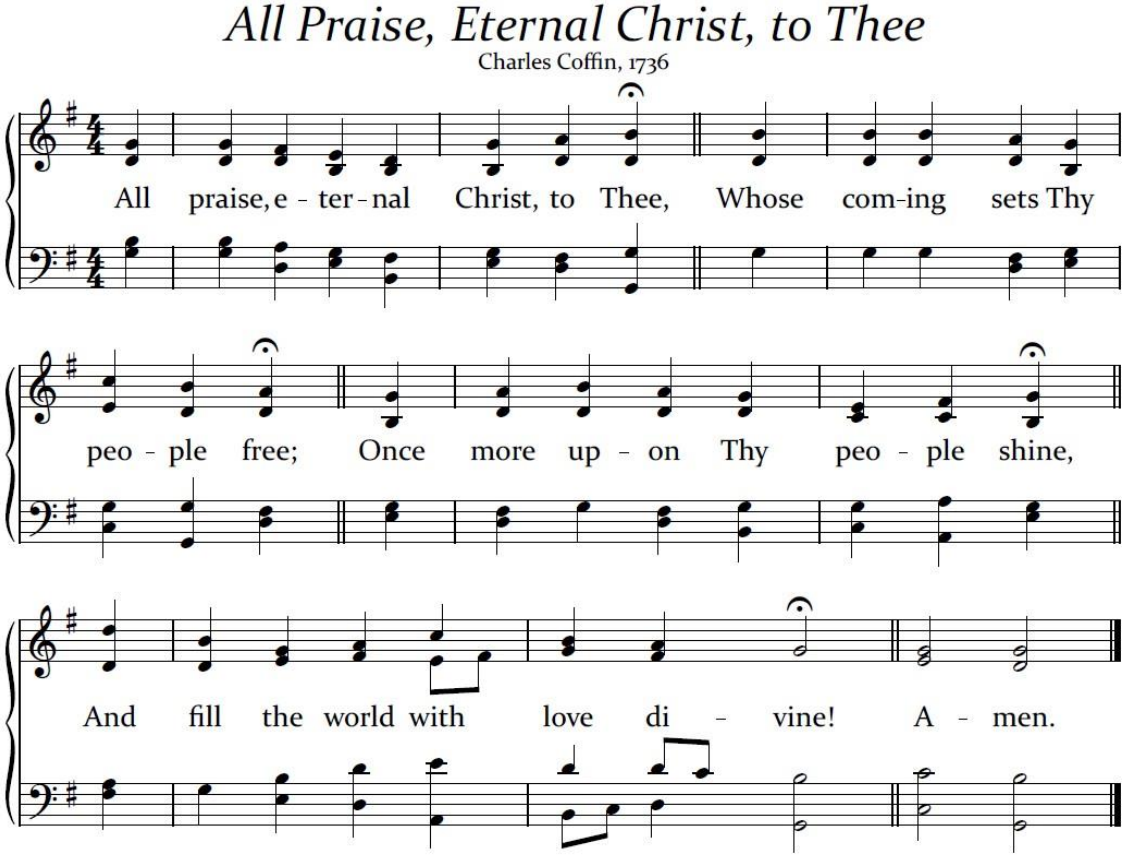
The assembly is seated.

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem *"Consideration"* **Choir**

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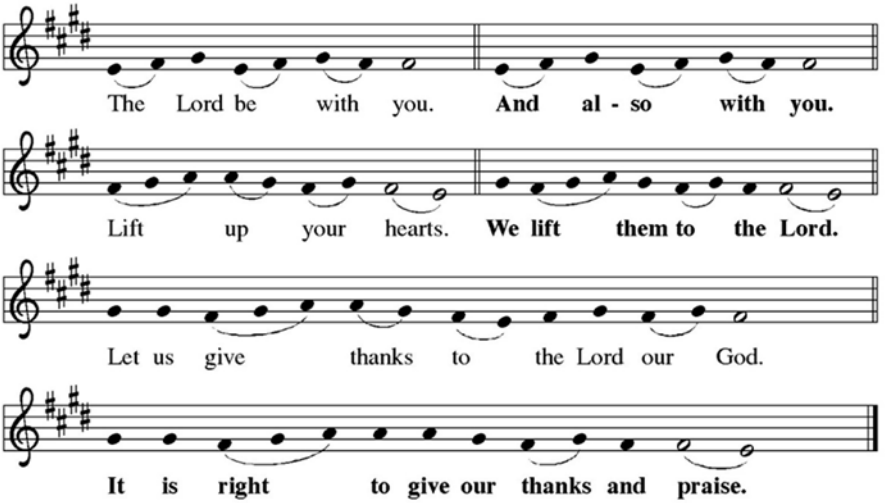


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

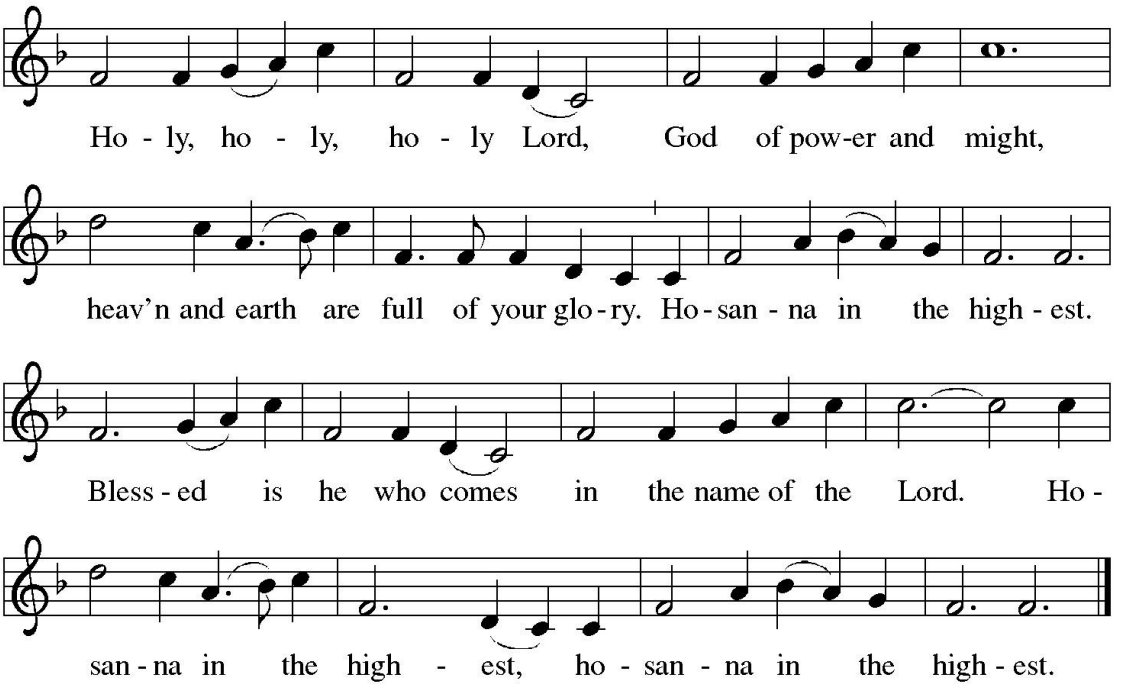
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE and SANCTUS

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

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of this wild and wonderful world. In the beginning, you called forth light from the shadows; You filled land and sea with life; You filled us with your own Spirit. You so loved your own creation that you set your rainbow in the sky; You promised life in a world that brings death;
You sent Jesus, your Son, to gather us close to you, Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this, in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to those gathered at the table, saying: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of many names, pour out your Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this meal of shared life for the sake of the world, and fill us with your own thirst for beauty and hunger for justice, that we may continue in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. All things bright and beautiful are entrusted to us by you, and with all creation we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and always. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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.

LAMB OF GOD



THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

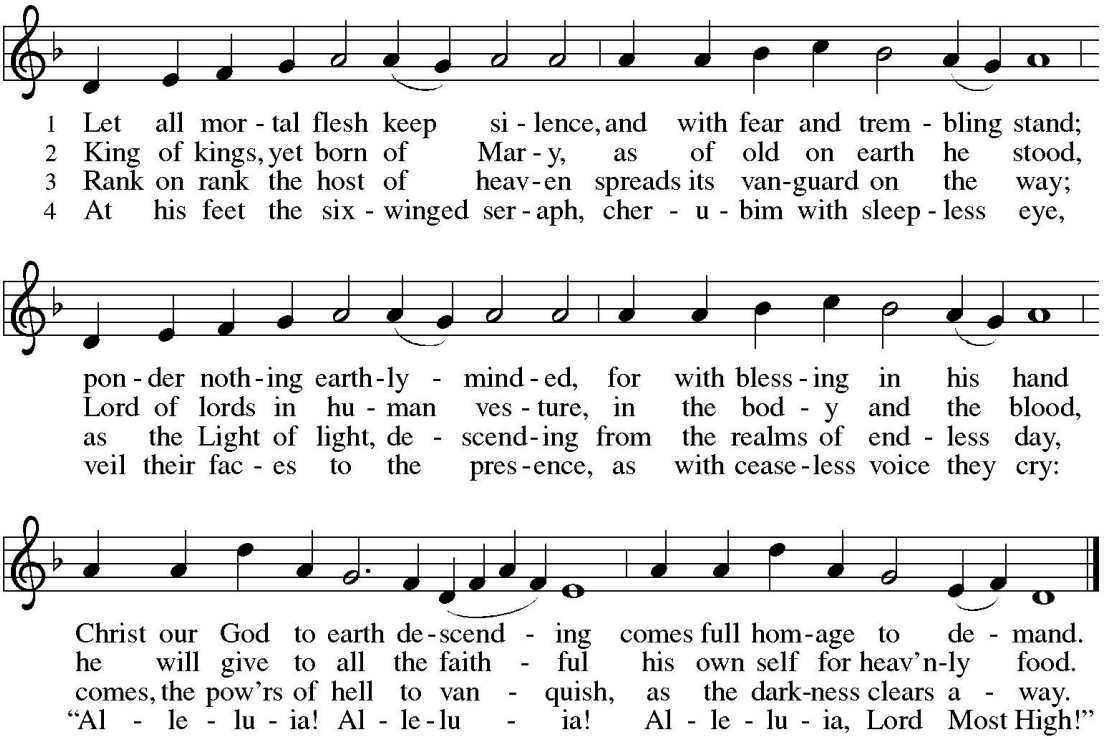
AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

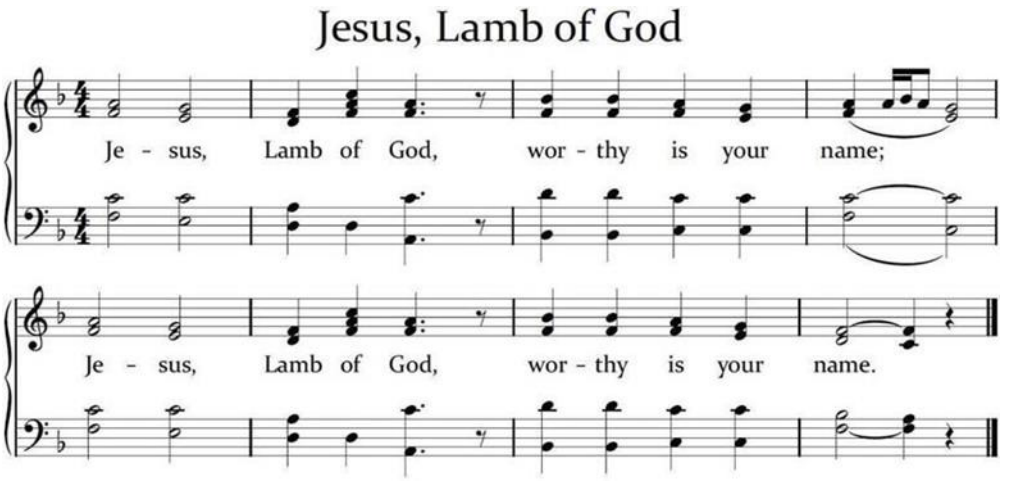
The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose. The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

COMMUNION SONG **ELW#461**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



COMMUNION HYMN



The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BLESSING
As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and give us peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN **ELW# 439 (Red book)**

Soon and Very Soon



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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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DISMISSAL

(inspired by Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18-19)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!
We have been called,
we have been anointed,
we have been given a task.

So go out from this place
into the mission field that is the world.
We go carrying Good News to the world:
news about freedom from oppression
and healing for the afflicted.
The time of the Lord's favour is now!
Hallelujah! Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

Alicia Javis Food Pantry
Help stock the Alicia Javis Food Pantry by bringing canned goods and placing them on the counter near the church office. Your donations help provide food for neighbors in need. If you have questions, please see Pastor Steven.

Reformation T-Shirts Available
Only eight Reformation crew neck T-shirts remain! Available sizes are Small, Medium, and X-Large. Shirts are $26 each. Contact Dot Jeffcoat or Lynn Black to purchase yours while supplies last.

Volunteers Are Always Needed
Ministry at Reformation happens because members generously share their time, talents, interests, and passions. Opportunities to serve include worship, Christian education, the Justice Team, SafeSpace, the Kindness Team, outreach, stewardship, communications, fellowship, property, finance, archives, and more.
Interested in getting involved? Speak with a ministry team leader or the pastor, or update your information form so we can help connect you with an opportunity to serve.

Stay Up to Date
Stay connected with what is happening at Reformation! Watch for the pastor's weekly "Happenings" and church news through our Google Group and Constant Contact communications. Contact the church office if you would like to be added. Weekly bulletins and announcements are also available at reformationcae.org.

Support the Ministry of Reformation
Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Reformation Lutheran Church. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by check or cash or given through our online giving options.

Decorate the church
We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Sunday, November 22**, after the worship service. Please plan to stay and help out.

Potluck at Reformation
This next Potluck will be on November 29th.

Save the Date for Sights and Sounds!
Saturday, December 5th, 3:00p-6:00p
Sunday, December 6th, 4:00p-7:00p
There are many volunteer opportunities, information upcoming

Book Discussion December 13
The next book discussion will be *on Mother Emanuel Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness* and *One Charleston Church* by Kevin Sack.

Safe Space Dinners – Angel Tree
Each year we put up an angel tree for the kids at Safe Space Dinners. They tell us what they would like with a $25 limit and the church and friends of the church get gifts. This is just a reminder that this event is coming up soon,

Thank You, Levi Boyd
Because of his health, our longtime and faithful sexton, Levi Boyd, has decided to retire. We are deeply grateful for his many years of dedicated service caring for our church, both inside and out. We invite the congregation to contribute to a love offering in appreciation for Levi's service. Please designate your gift **"Love Offering."**

As we prepare to hire a new sexton, **volunteers are also needed** to assist with basic inside and outside church upkeep.

Volunteer Duties:
Mow, edge, weed-eat, and maintain church grounds
Pick up trash and blow leaves
Trim trees and spray weeds
Sweep, mop, and vacuum floors
Clean and restock bathrooms, empty trash
Restock soap, toilet paper, and paper towels

Scheduled Meetings

Weds at 7 Choir Rehearsals – Harold Jefferies, Director of Music
Pending Walk Humbly Team – Ben Bullock, Chair
Pending Justice Team –
Pending Anniversary Team, if needed – Dot Jeffcoat, Chair

WORKING CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS – see details in announcements

Bulletin Deadline is Mondays at noon. If you have announcements, please send to the church office prior to the deadline. Include basic information: Who, what, when, where, why. Details help people get involved.

November

Thanksgiving Service Projects (pending)
1 All Saint's Day – Daylight Savings Ends
3 Election Day Polls at RLC: Hospitality by Member Hosts (Kindness team)
8 Annual Meeting of the Congregation as set by Constitution
8 Narcan Presentation
11 Veterans Day
22 Christ the King Sunday (Begin Advent decorations after church on Nov 22 & 29)
26 Thanksgiving Day
29 5th Sunday: Welcome/New Members –Advent Begins (continue decorating)

December

Holiday Service Projects (pending)
1-4 Set up week for Sights and Sounds
4 Nativity Set Displays set up by those sharing sets for display
5-6 Sights and Sounds Event for Community (Kindness team)
21 Longest Night/Blue Christmas Worship
24 Christmas Eve Worship
27 Lessons and Carols

ADD or KEEP YOUR CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE
Complete any new information below, tear it out and put it in the offering plate. If you are not receiving information, it may be because we do not have contact information.

Name(s) _____
Current Mailing Address _____
_____

Name	Current email	Current Phone

We would like to be involved in planning and leading Reformation activities:

Kindness Team (outreach	Justice Team (service	Humbly Team (worship
Blessing of Animals	Service/Season Projects	Worship leader
Trunk or Treat	SC PRIDE	VBS Event
Sights and Sounds	Safe Space	Clean up/work days
Poll Host in 2 hr shifts	100th Anniversary--Oct	Other: _____

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING congregation that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color.

The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of gamesto play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.

Do Justice:

Below is information on ways to contact your elected officials to voice your opinion on issues.

SOUTH CAROLINA ISSUES

SC state legislative issues: SC Womens' Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN) keeps you informed about legislation that affects women's rights in the state. The American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina is broader in scope and addresses all legislation affecting civil liberties. Both sites have an "Action" section which allows one to sign petitions and call or write state officials regarding issues. Each organization also provides talking points for calls and letters; prewritten letters which can be modified are also provided. It's easy to identify your legislators on both websites.

The URLs below take you to the action section of each organization:

scwren.org/act-now
aclusc.org/actions

NATIONAL ISSUES

A popular national website for letters and petitions is resistbot. It provides an easy way to write or petition both federal and state legislators. Choose from a variety of already written letters and petitions, or write your own. Emailing officials is free with the service, or you can buy "coins" to either fax or send your correspondence via first class mail.

The URL is below:
resist.bot/petitions

If you prefer to call your federal legislators, 5Calls provides the names and phone numbers of your Congressperson and Senators, and scripts for a variety of national issues that you can use when calling them. It also provides additional talking points for each issue so that you can customize your message.

The URL is below:
5calls.org

Ask the Pastor

Have a question about the Christian faith, worship, Scripture, or life?

Pastor Steven welcomes your questions—anonymously!

Wondering why we celebrate Holy Communion? Curious about the meaning of the hanging cross in our sanctuary? Have questions about theology, marriage, Lutheran beliefs, prayer, baptism, or other topics of faith?

Simply write your question on the blank sheet provided in the back of this bulletin, or pick up an "Ask the Pastor" form from the table in the Narthex.

Place your question in the offering plate during worship. Questions may be submitted anonymously.

Listen for additional details and answers from Pastor Steven through future newsletters, educational forums, classes, and church communications.

No question is too simple or too complex. We invite you to ask, learn, and grow in faith together.

ASK YOUR QUESTION