



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**October 11,
2026**

**Twentieth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**9:00 am
Service of
the Word**

**11:00 am
Service of
Holy
Communion**

**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
Buresh**

**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori
Puttkammer**

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**

*Everything is ready;
come to the
wedding banquet*

MATTHEW 22:4



Welcome

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. Amen.

A LETTER FROM CHRIST



Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

“And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as “a letter from Christ.”



PASTOR APPRECIATION: GRATEFUL FOR FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP

October gives us a special opportunity to thank the pastors who teach, encourage, pray and care for our congregation. May we honor their faithful service, support them with our prayers and remind them that their ministry makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

GATHERING

The Prelude: "Gather Us In" Cotter

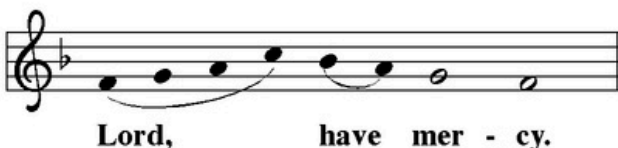
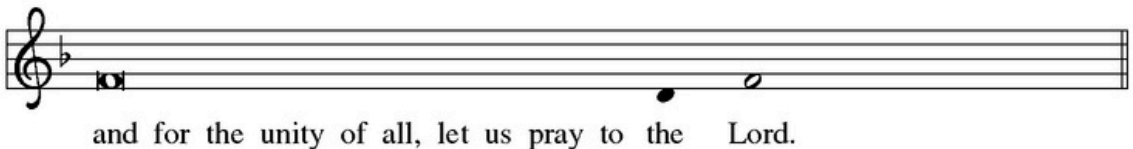
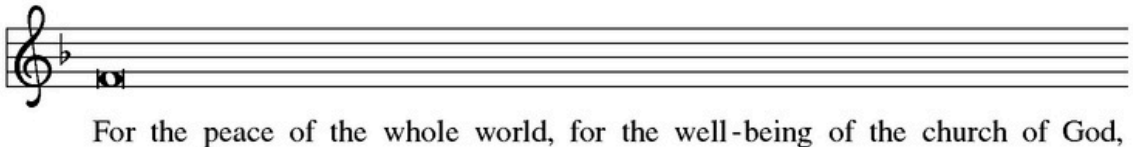
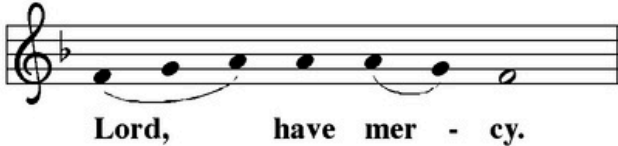
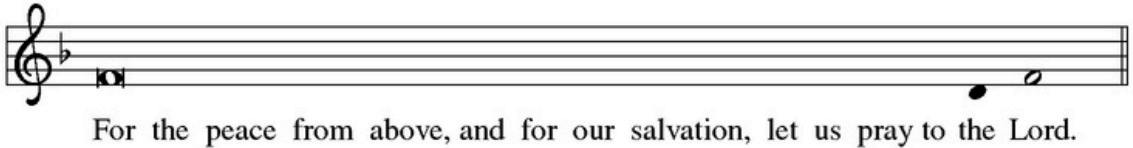
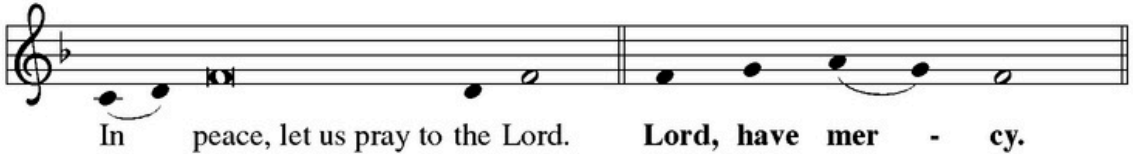
+The Opening Hymn: "AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING" No. 362
(vs. 1, 2, 4 & 8)

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

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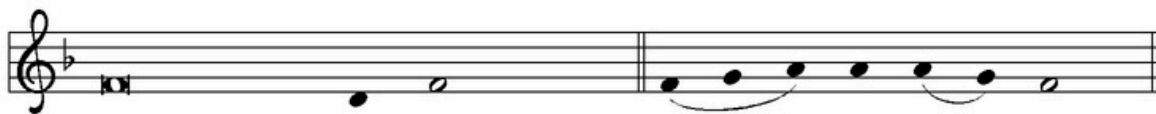
The Service of Holy Communion - 11:00 am

+ The Kyrie:





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

+ The Canticle of Praise:



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

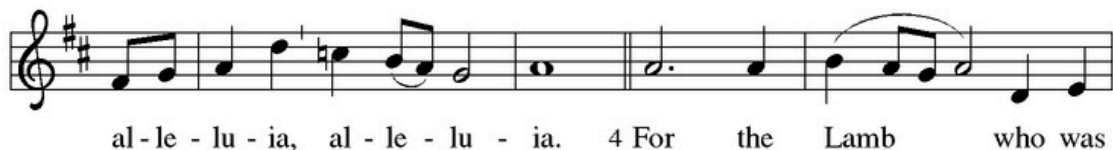
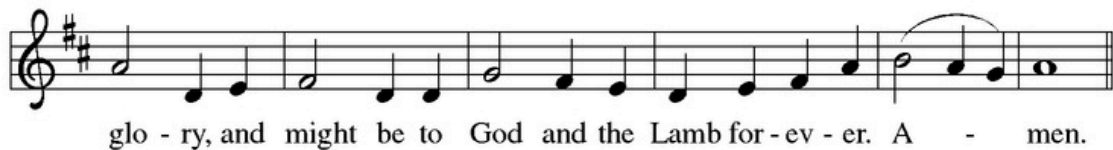
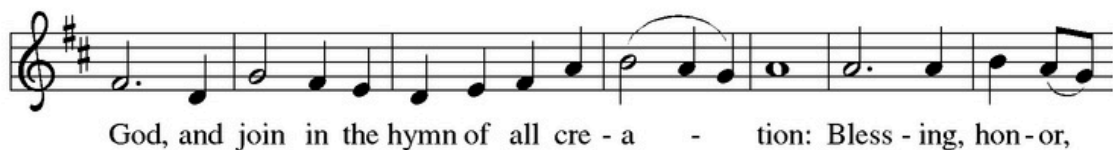
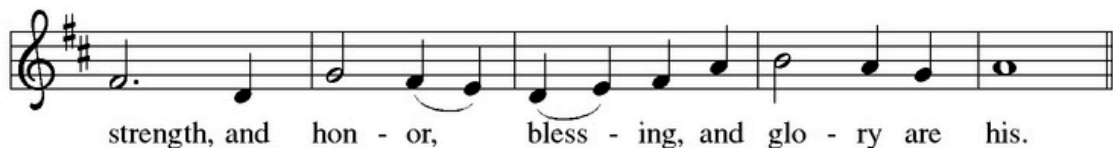


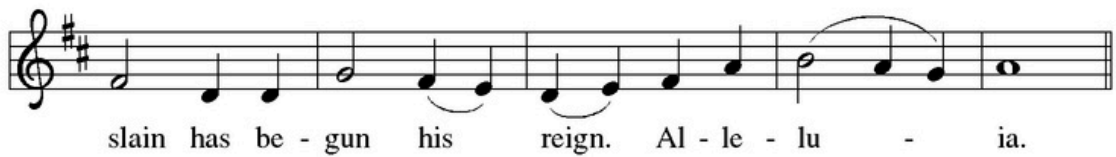
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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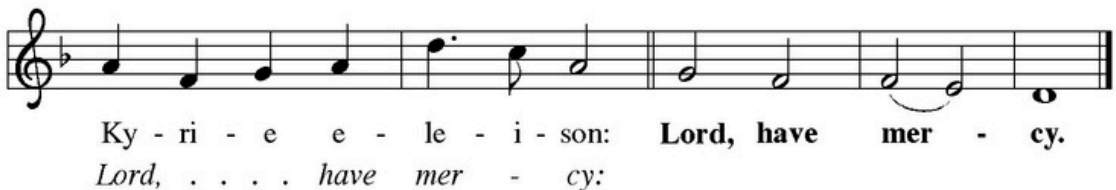
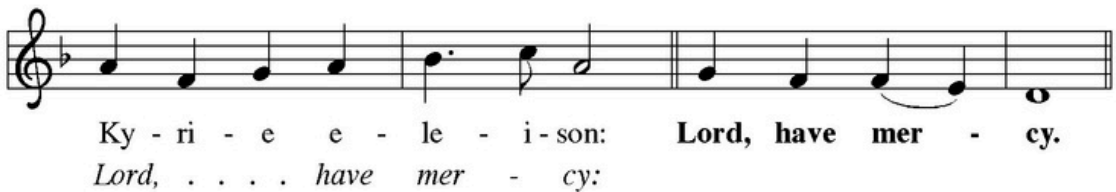
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The Service of the Word -9:00 am

+ The Kyrie:



+The Canticle of Praise:

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Sing Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Sing Refrain



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



+ The Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

+ The Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Anthem: 9:00: ***"Down to the River to Pray" McDonald***

11:00: ***"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Gordon/Ingram***



WORD

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

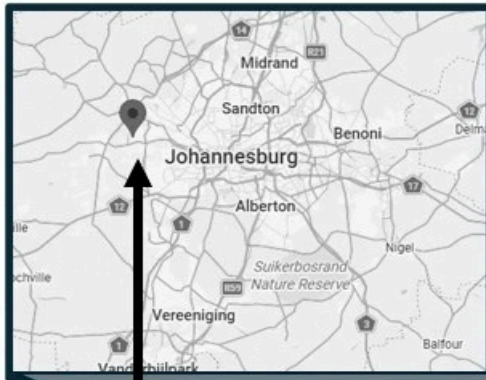
⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

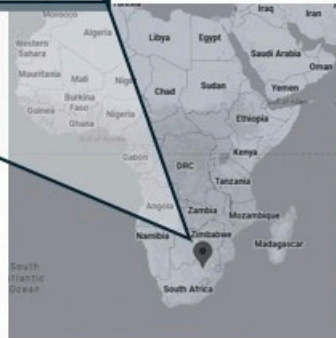
L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **“Party Faux Pas”**



Jubilate Parish



+The Hymn of the Day: "NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION" No. 462

+The 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.

+The Prayers

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower us, our partner Jubilate Parish in Kagiso and all those working across differences, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storms and disasters. Renew all communities facing and recovering from tragedies and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge us to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Voluntary: 9:00 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* Larson

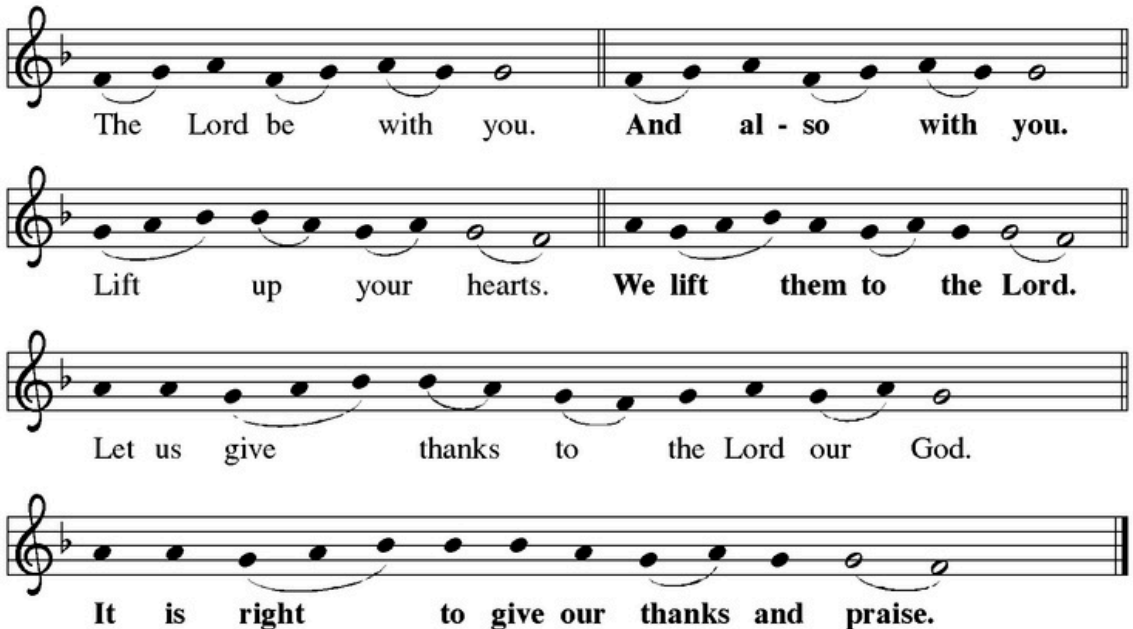
11:00 *"Ash Grove"* Page

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Service of Holy Communion - 11:00 am

MEAL

+The Offering Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving



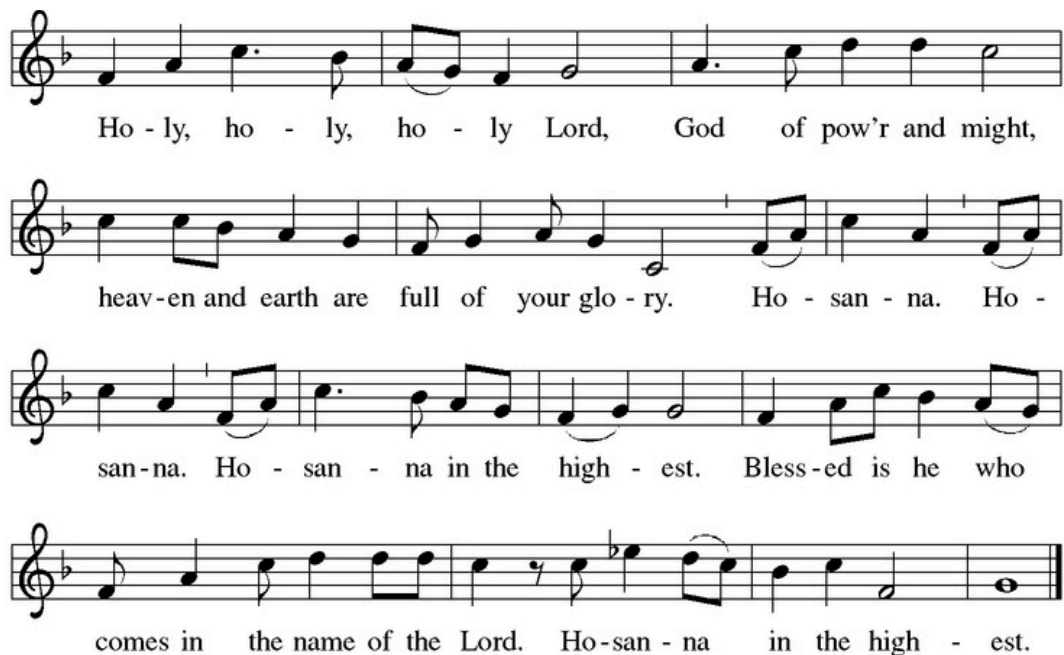
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

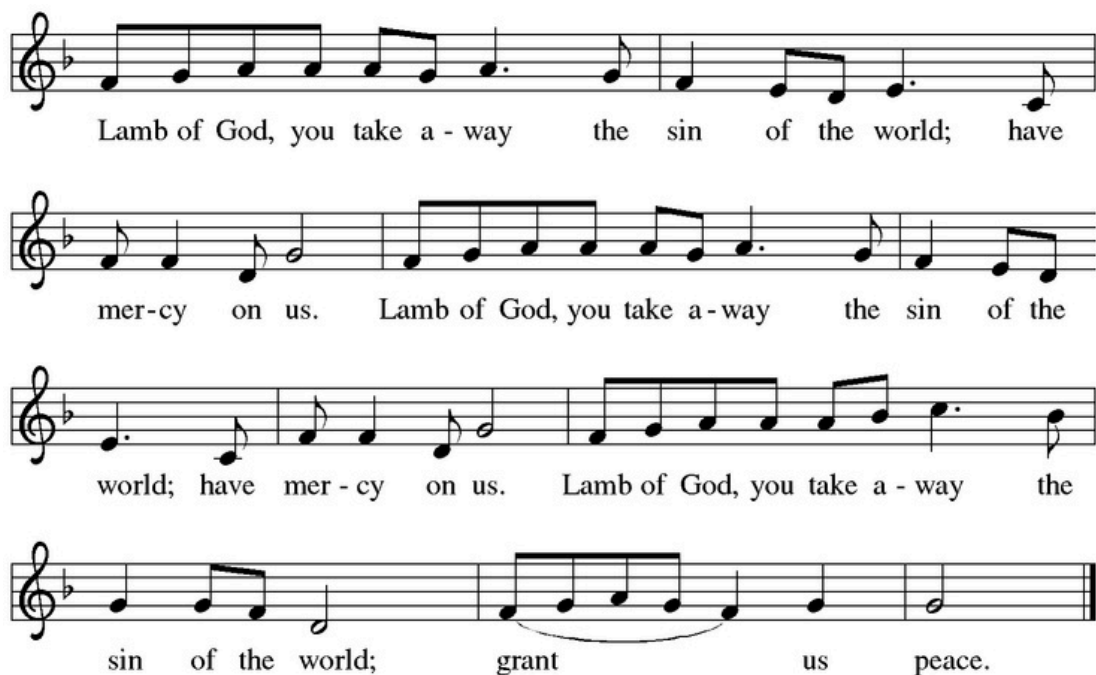
+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



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.

+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer



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.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion

Service of the Word - 9:00 am

Refrain



Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -



ev - er and ev - er. | Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O



God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O



Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

Refrain



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and
 bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All
 praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! *Refrain* Sal - va-tion be-longs to our
 God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

- + The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
- + The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

- +The Benediction
- +The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.
- Response: **Thanks be to God**
- +SENDING HYMN: "SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING" No. 547
- The Postlude: "Menuetto Haydn"

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SERVING TODAY:

The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Director of the Adult Choir - *Aaron Basch*

The Director of the Carillon Choir - *Michelle Podewell*

The Readers -9:00 - *Cindy Gansel*

11:00 - *Andrew Behrman*

The Acolytes - 9:00 - *Joe Enderle and Nathan Enderle*

11:00 - *Lucas Johnson and Ron Krapf*



Today's chancel flowers are given by the Altier and Kapustianyk families in loving memory of William Altier and by Beverly Ladewig in loving memory of Lowell.

Our Intercessions Include:

The hospitalized: Matt Brett (Northwestern)

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Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

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| -Drawing nearer to God | -Welcoming All |
| -Prioritizing Love over Judgment | -Generously Serving |
| -Practicing Grace | -Fostering Community |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warm Hearts Spread Warmth! The Missions Committee is sponsoring a coat & blanket drive and will be collecting new and gently used coats and blankets now through Sunday, November 22. Bring your items to the narthex on Sunday mornings. This will benefit the communities supported by Beds Plus and South Suburban Pads.

Calling all Confirmation Students and their families! Our fall service project is at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on Saturday, October 17 from 2 pm to 3:45 pm. To RSVP, sign up at church or contact Pastor Bell!

Attention: Jr. High and High School Students! Join us for Second Sundays tonight at 6:30 pm with a competition called Taskmaster. Invite a friend! Sign up on the youth bulletin board or through the church email.

SAVE THE DATE: Trunk or Treat is being planned for October 24 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. We are seeking trunk decorators! See October's newsletter for all the details. All members, families, friends and neighbors are encouraged to attend and join in the fun!

We are seeking candy donations for our Trunk or Treat. Please bring donations to Mrs. Lori's office by October 18. Thank you!

Sunday School is teaming up with "Danielle Cares for Chairs" to collect plastic bread tags. The tags are recycled and the proceeds received from recycling are used to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. So, start collecting tags and turn them in to a Sunday School classroom, the Welcome Table or Mrs. Lori's office.

Attention Parents of infants through kindergarten!! Join us on Saturday, November 7 as "Miss Angie" entertains both child and parent with musical fun! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church nursery.

Nursery caregivers are available to care for your little ones while you attend the 11 am worship service. We have wonderful caregivers who are ready and waiting for their young friends.

The calendar for the week of October 11, 2026

MON	1:00 pm 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	"OFF" Club Board Meeting "Just a Quick Word" - YouTube/FB "Body & Soul"
TUE	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	"Cooking with Care" Faith, Prayer & Joy Group Bible Study Discovering the Bible
WED	2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Peace Village Service Adult Choir
THU	6:30 pm 9:00 pm	Carillon Choir Prayer Walk
SAT	2:00 pm	Feed My Starving Children - Aurora Facility
SUN	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:10 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Service of Holy Communion <i>Online Service</i> 8 th Grade Confirmation Cherub Choir Service of the Word Sunday School Youth Gathering Deadline



Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website.
Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Ellen Thiele	Gail Kendall
Joyce Pedersen	Lori Cronin
Matthew Vitt	Barry Garr Jr.
JoAnn Montecki	Gerhard Haigis
Barb Bergamo	Jim Srbeny
Matt Brett	Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

Shirley Smith	Adrienne Manley
Kathy Dompeling	Ron Warnke
Gary Gamauf	Craig Chismarick
Bob Stevens	Marilyn Veselack
Dorthy Norris	Walter Kroll
Linda Mazurek	Dolores Wrzesinski
Judi LaBuda	Kaylee Wynn
Chuck Johnson	Andre Swanson
Donna Herpich	Chuck Singleton
Sylvia Rodriguez	Laura Nicholson
Steve Hayward	Tom Elsner
John Ledwitch	Debra Casey
Nicholas Lyon	Laura Reynolds
Matt Mansfield	Joe Kaderabek
Donna O'Malley	Louise Sims
Pattie Hayes	Jason Randall Glugla
Linda D'Oyley	Tim Hennessey
Kathleen Cantillon	Katy Peterman
Linda Celesia	Dale Koch
Kim Heck	Maryanne Campbell
Robbie Glocker	Alex Gersic
Christina Carroll	Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!