St. John's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

Christ The King Sunday

November 22, 2026



Welcome!

Out of a broken and divided world, all are welcomed into the whole body of Jesus Christ at St. John's. We trust in a God who loves all people, no matter their economic status, age, marital status, ethnicity, race, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, diversity of ability, or religious background. Together we join in sharing God's grace and serving through love, experiencing the transforming love of our Savior.

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St. John's offers online worship opportunities by streaming services at www.Facebook.com/StJohnsBeaufort. Generally the earlier of our two Sunday services and other special services are streamed. You may join live or watch on Facebook or YouTube at a later time.

Personal Listening Devices and Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(10:30 only)* ***O Worship The King*** **Lau**
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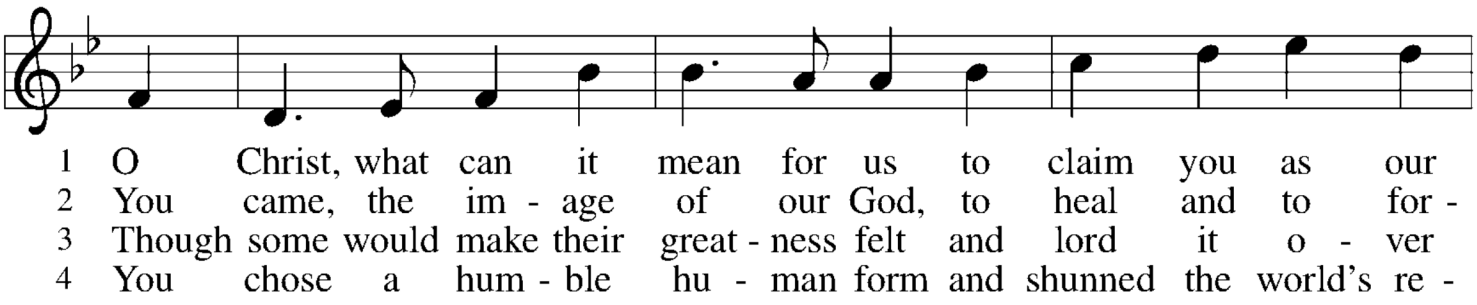
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, including the waterways of Port Royal Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us*** **ELW 431**




1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for - give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that we might rise and live. To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring: a dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver all, you said the first must be the last and ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place, church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re - nown; you died for us up - on a cross with thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

GREETING

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

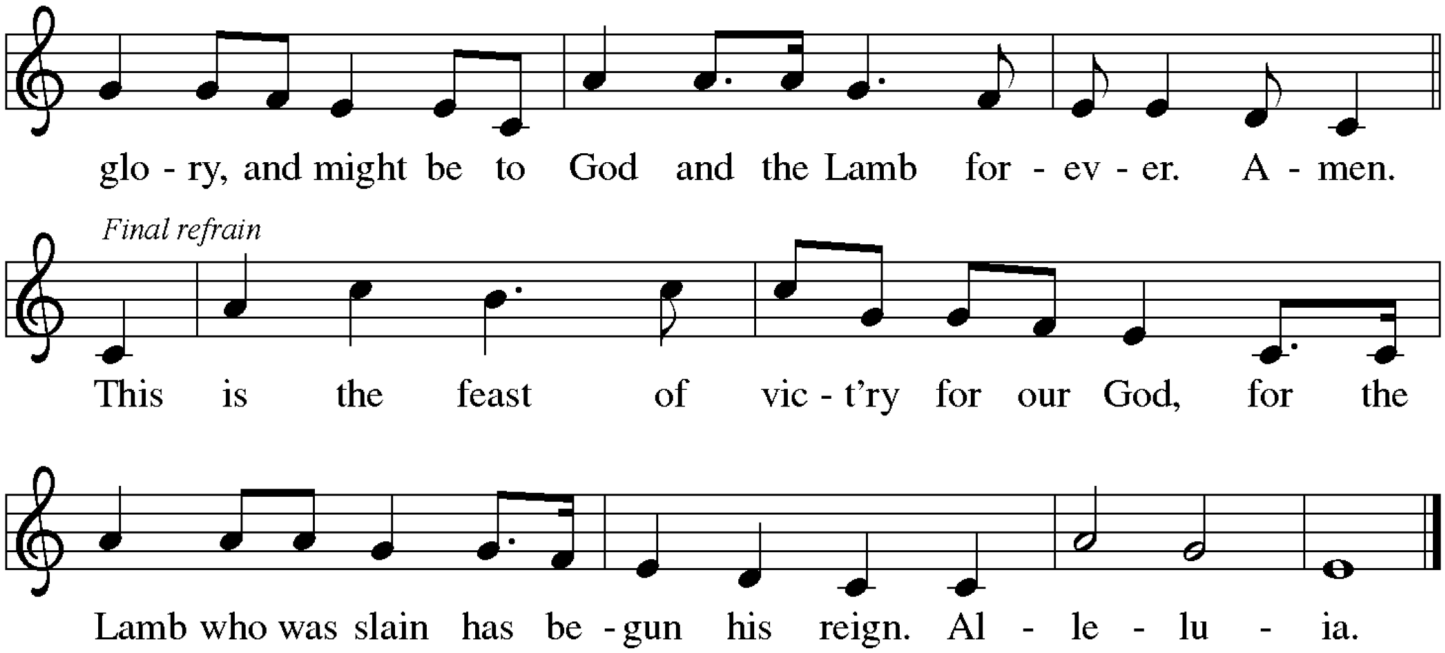
And also with you

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

A reading from Ezekiel

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.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm **Psalm 95:1- 7a**

Read responsively

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**

A reading from Ephesians

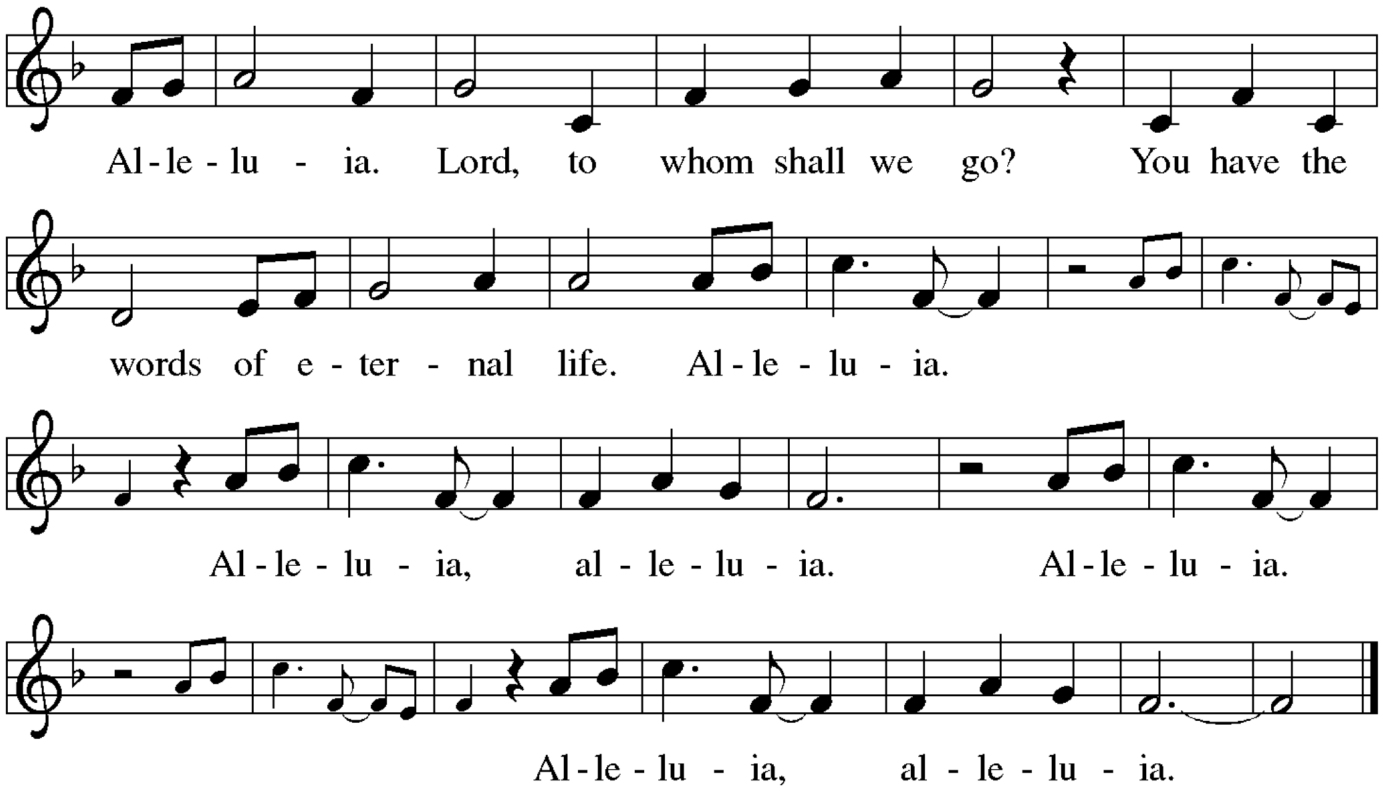
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Matthew 25: 31-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Now, You Blessed* *ACS* 1059



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

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

Each petition ends: God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE

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

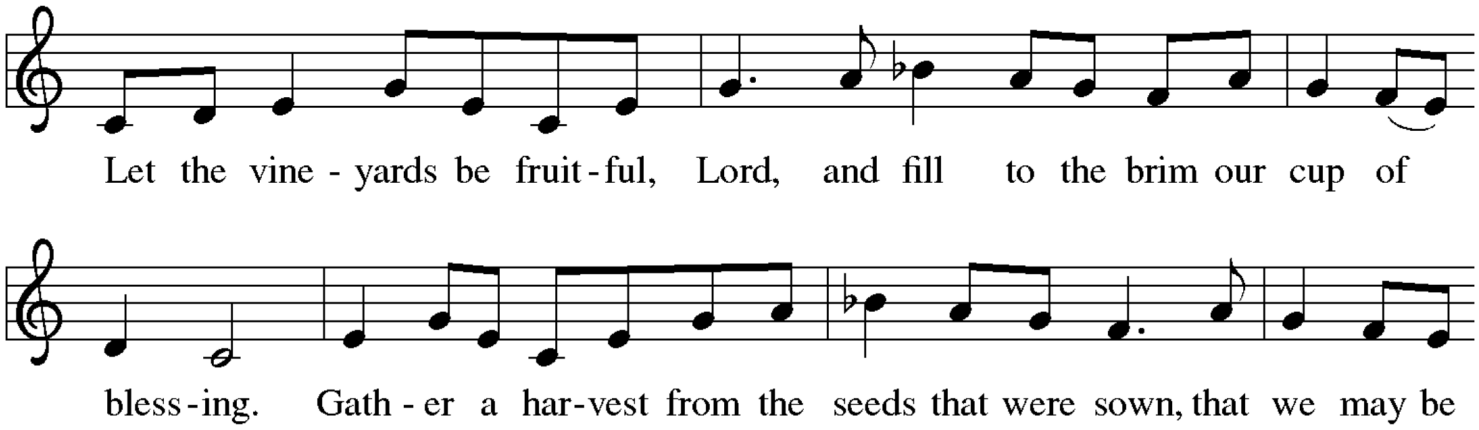
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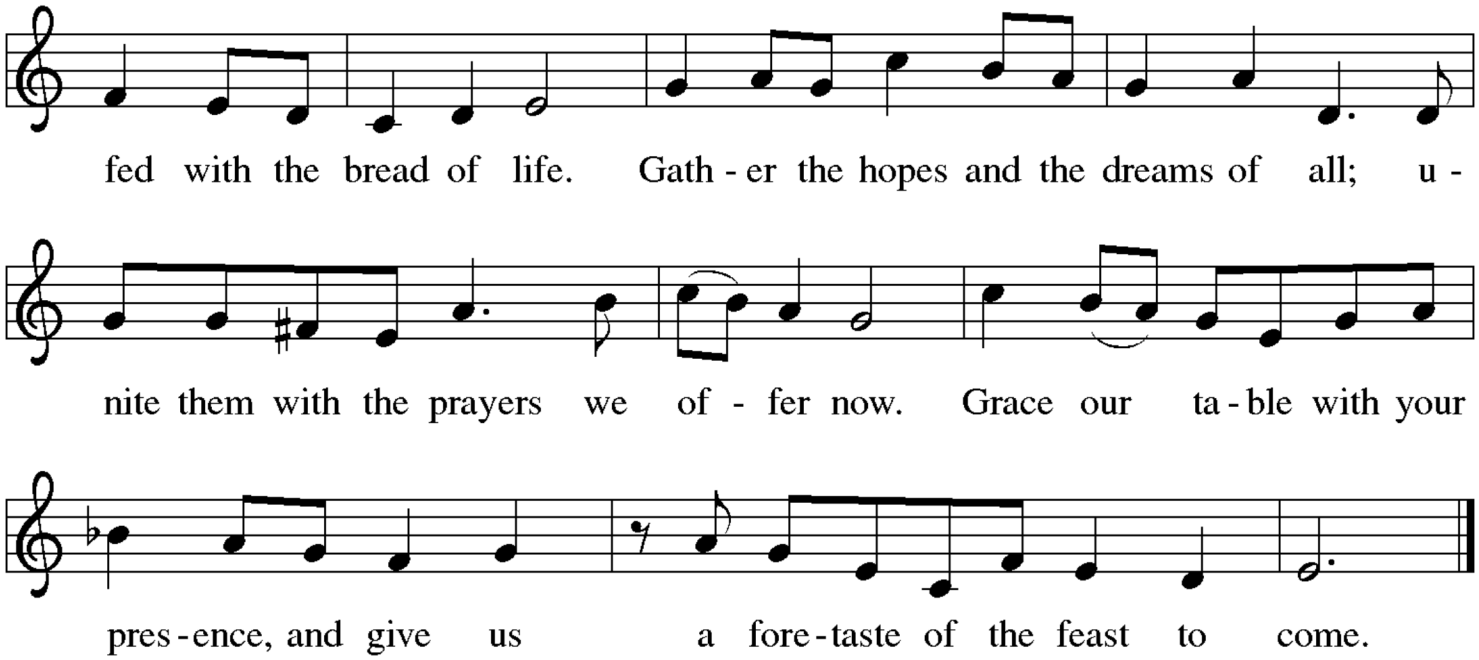
As church together we are dependent on one another to meet the financial needs of the congregation. We are grateful to all who generously support the mission we are called to share. In addition to giving during the passing of offering plates in worship, options for giving include

+ *mailing checks to the church office*
+ *using your personal bank's online bill payment system to set up a recurring gift*
+ *using St. John's online giving system to make one time and recurring gifts, using either a bank draft or a credit card. To access this online giving system, you can scan this QR code with your phone or tablet camera, or navigate to* ***www.SJBft.org/GiveToStJohns*** *on any browser*

ANTHEM *(8:15 only)* ***O Worship The King*** **Lau**

OFFERTORY





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray

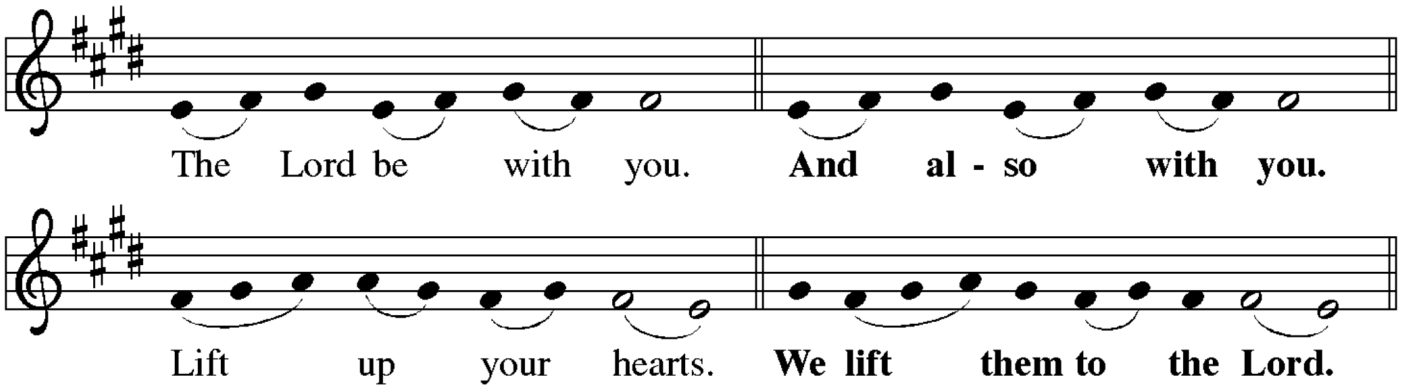
Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

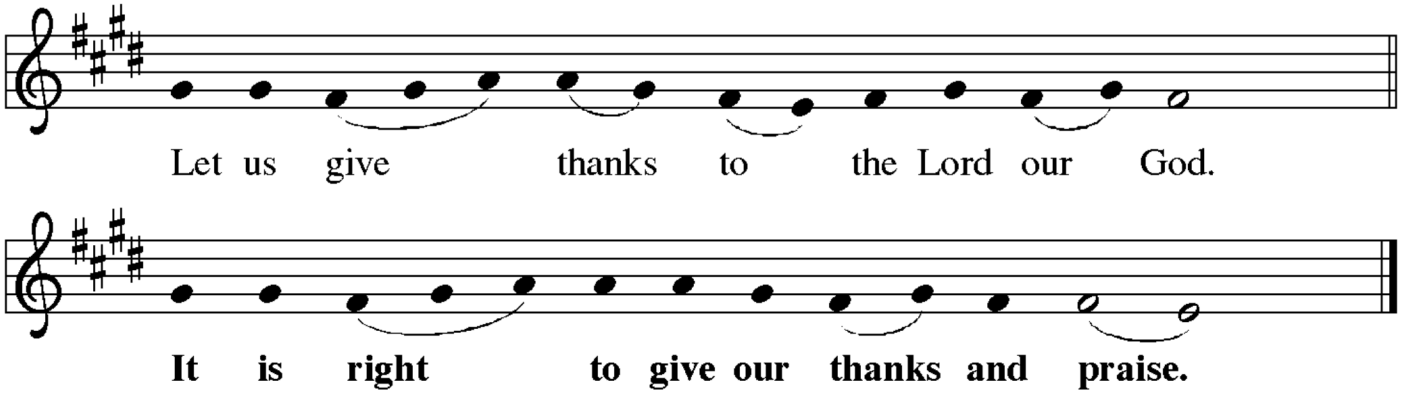
LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the Lord are invited to share in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine with his own body and blood, to gift us with grace, mercy, forgiveness, community, and new life.

Because all are not able to gather in person, we also celebrate Holy Communion together in streaming worship. Households unable to gather in person may prepare bread and wine, taking them together as a community gathered, even while distanced. Any kind of bread or cracker and any kind of wine or juice may be used.

Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms at your heart.

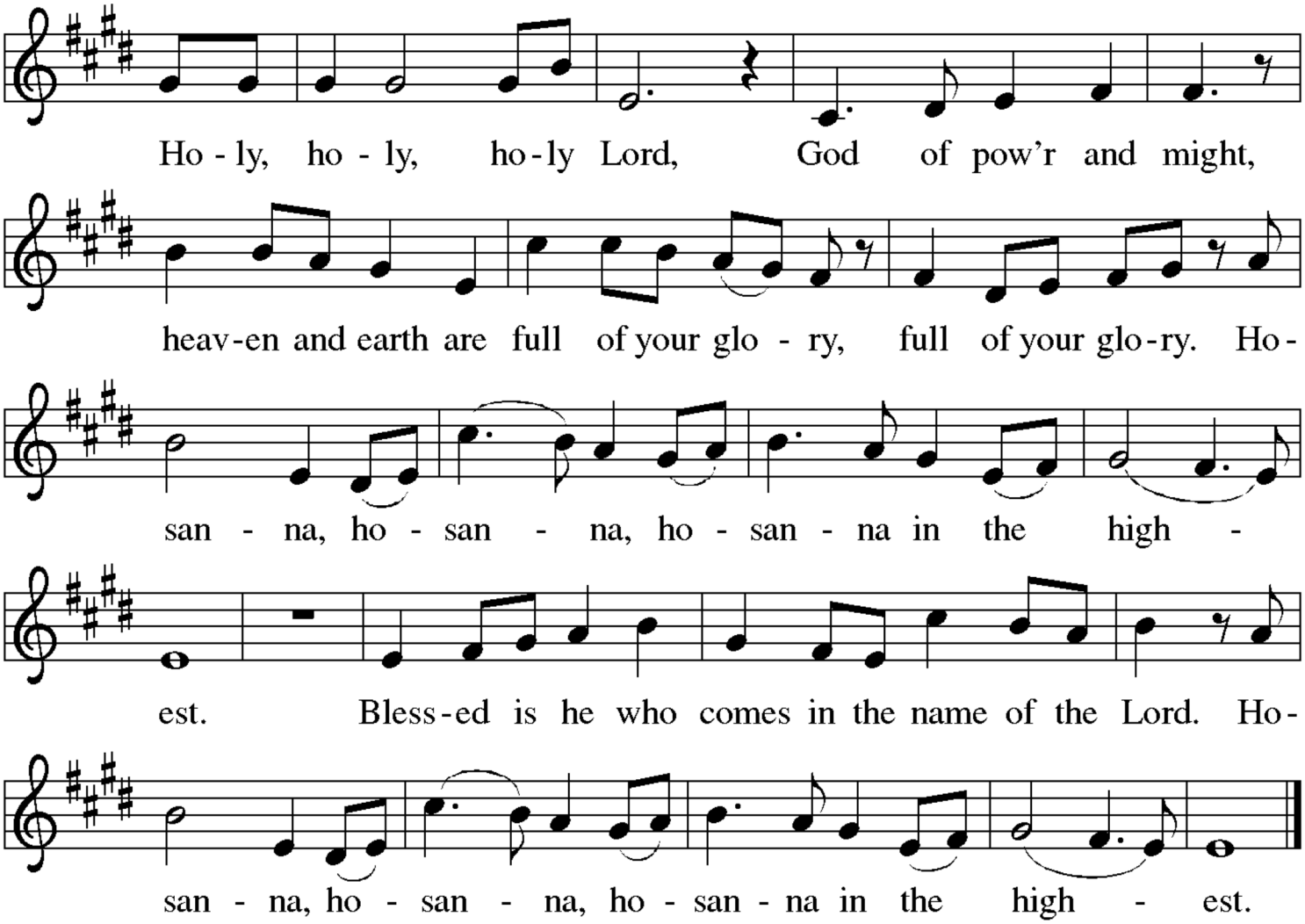




PREFACE

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

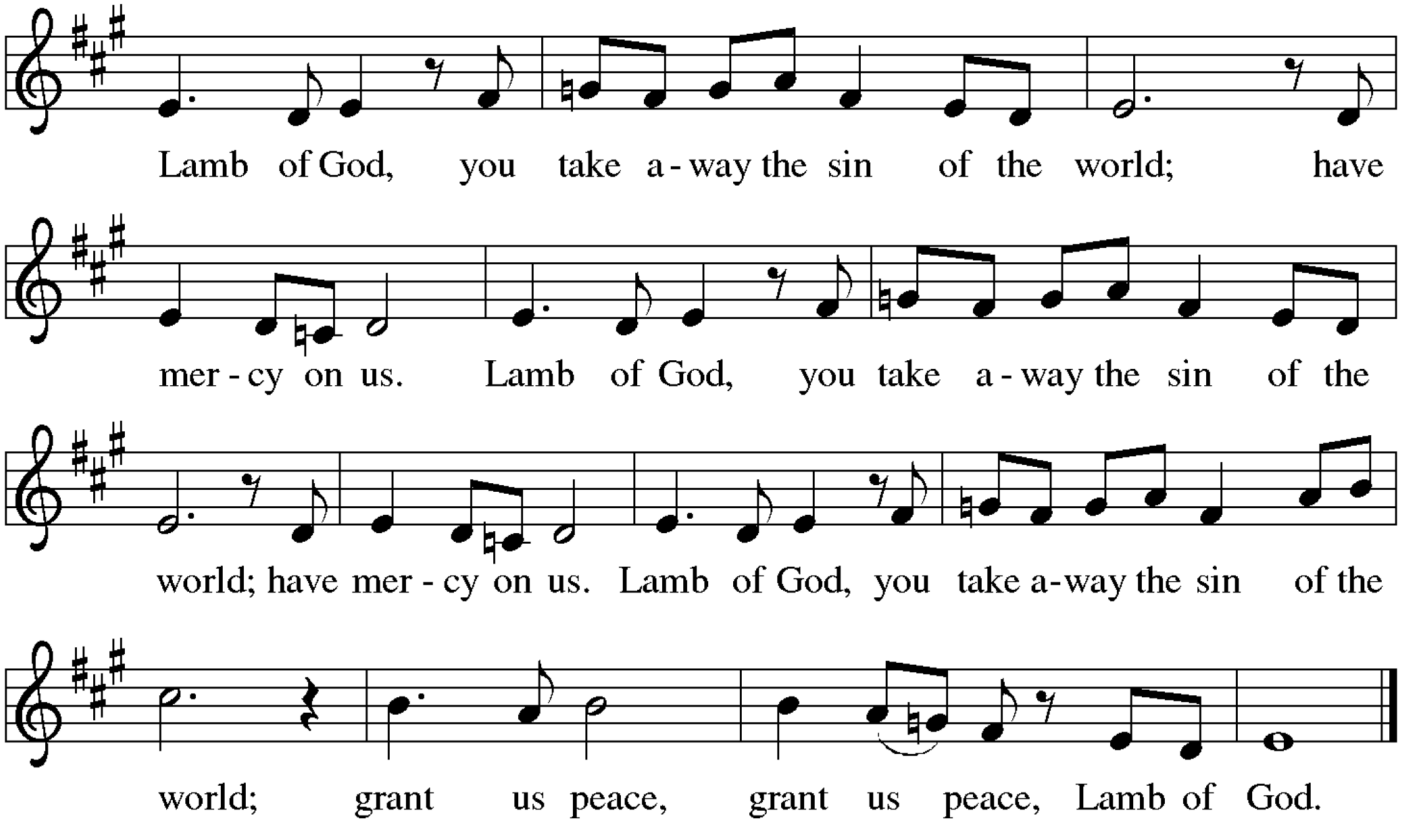
LORD'S PRAYER

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, 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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared

COMMUNION SONG



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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,

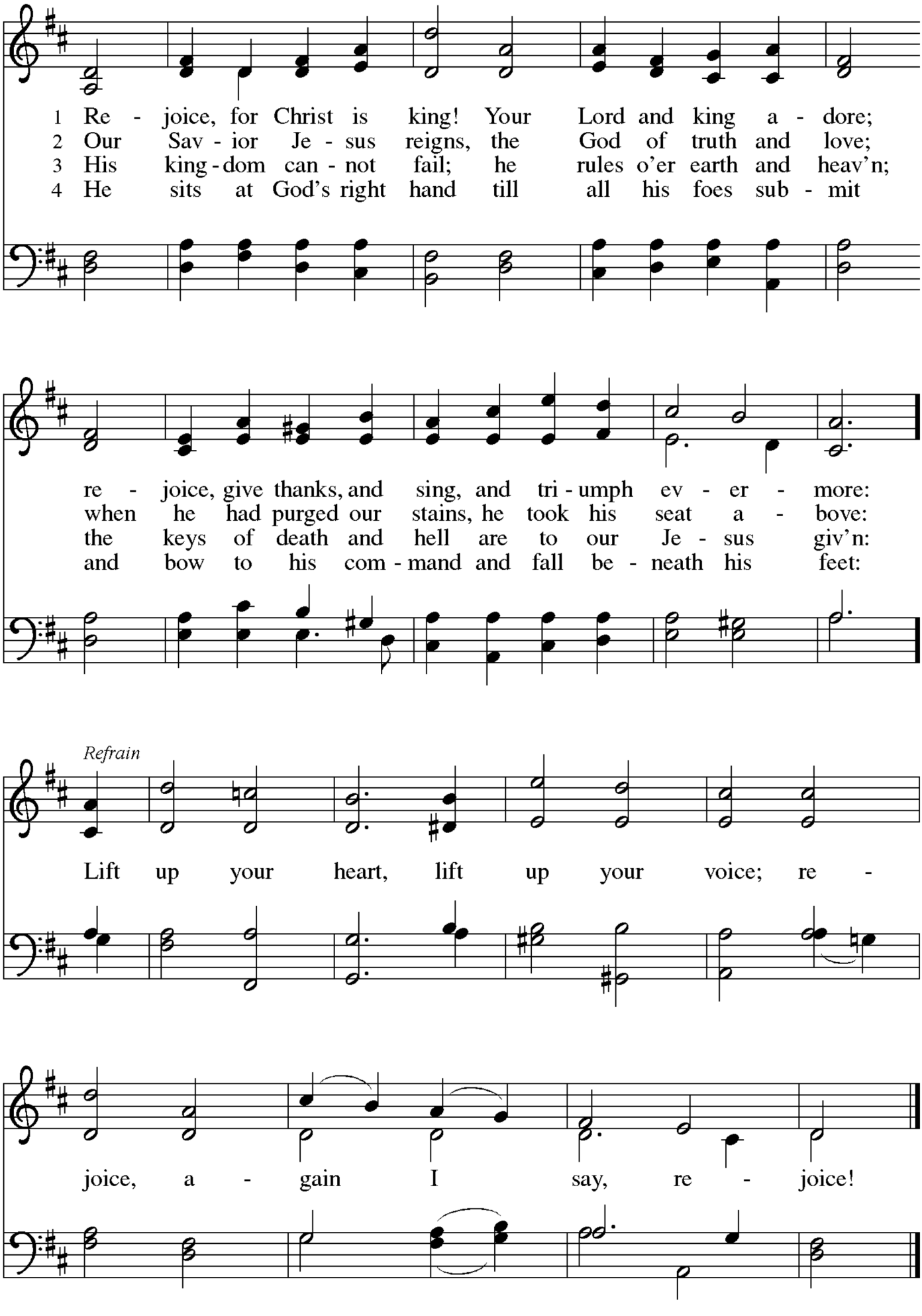
Holy God, **we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.You continuously seek the, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***Rejoice, For Christ Is King!*** **ELW 430**

on the following page


1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit
re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:
Refrain
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

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8:15 AM Service	Today November 22	Next week November 29
Reader	Fred Park	Sarah Anderson
Communion Assistant	Arno Moellenhoff	Jerry Anderson
Ushers	Fred Park Chuck Gorgen	Patsy Bishop Tammy Verheyden
Acolyte	Hailey Bishop	Molly Ferguson
Sound	Zachary Bishop	Zachary Bishop
Camera	Curt Cianci	Theresa Blackburn
Hosting	Tim Bockelman	Tim Bockelman
10:30 AM Service		
Reader	George Holden	Elizabeth Penn-Sanders
Communion Assistant	Nancy Dukes	Linda Bloomer
Ushers	Dan Stoddard Linda Bloomer	Jim and Pat Palmer
Sound	Perry Dukes	Larry Barone
Altar Team	Rhoda Moore and Melinda Ellis	

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Mission Statement:
Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

Core Values:
We hear the Good News of God's Love in worship and scripture.
All are welcome and valued, with no exceptions.
We serve and help our neighbors, community, and those who are in need.
We love, care for, nourish, and support one another.
We are boldly generous with time, talents, space, and resources.

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The Altar flowers are given by the Colwell family
to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Gordon and Bette Colwell.

The flowers were arranged by Bonnie Miller.

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