

Zacchaeus

*"For the Son of Man came
to seek out and to save
those who are being erased."*

Pentecost 23

November 16, 2025

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that
confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust
in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you
and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to
repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace
and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be
strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to
your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love.
[Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus
Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

As We Gather At Your Table

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1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

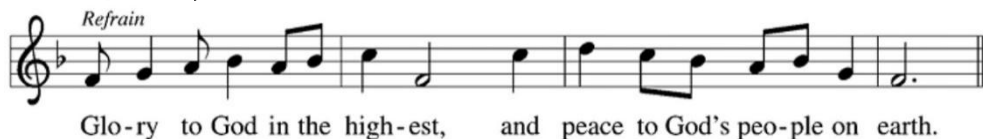


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



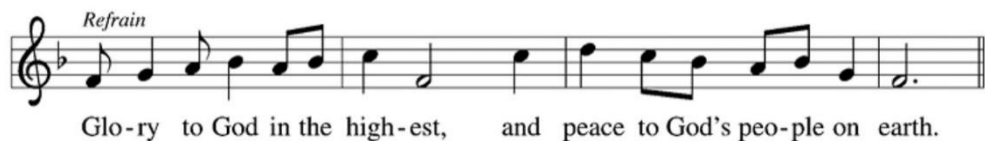
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, we give thanks that you do not judge as we judge, but welcome with joy and compassion all who come seeking you. Keep us from becoming barriers to those who want to come to you and empower us to not be hindered in our own pursuit of knowing Your Son and following in His Way. In the name of the one who teaches us to rejoice whenever the lost are found, Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Malachi 3

Malachi, the last prophet in the Old Testament, speaks words of warning and hope to God's people, imitating their own words of defense against God's accusations of them and proclaiming God's continuing faithfulness and mercy.

God declares, "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then, suddenly, the Lord you are seeking will come to the true temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come!"

But who can endure that day of the Lord's coming? Who can stand when the Lord appears? For, the Lord will be like a Refiner's fire or a Dry Cleaner's soap. The Lord will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver . . .

God declares, "So, I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against: those who charade as religious leaders, those who follow the false 'gods', those who tell lies even when they have sworn in my name, those who defraud laborers of their fair wages, those who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and those who deprive the foreigners among you of justice, and yet do not fear me. Yet, I the Lord do not change. So, you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have

not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to “return?” Can a mere human rob God of what God is due?’ Yet, *you* do rob me. But you ask, ‘How are *we* robbing *you*?’ In tithes and offerings! You are under a curse — your whole nation — because *you* are robbing *me*. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

“You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the Lord. “Yet you ask, ‘What have *we* said against *you*?’ You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out God’s requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly, evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.’”

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

“On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “*they will be* my treasured possession. I *will* spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And *you will again* see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

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Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

*Put not your trust in princes,
in a 'son of man,' in whom there is no salvation.*

**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

*Blessed are all whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord our God,*

**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,**

who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

*The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.*

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the sojourners;

*The Lord upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.*

**The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

Second Lesson

I John 4

Unconditionally loved, do not have faith in every spirit, but test the spirits to learn if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you will know the Spirit of God - every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus, is not from God - this is the spirit of the antichrist - you heard he comes - and now is in the world already. You are from God, children, and have overcome those spirits that are not from God, for God, who is in you, is greater than that which is in the world. They are from the world - therefore, what they say is from the world and the world listens to them. We are from God - the one knowing God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error.

Wholistically-loved,

let us wholistically-love one another,
 since The Wholistic-love is from God;
 and all those wholistically-loving are born of God and
 know God.

Those not wholistically-loving do not know God,
 for God is Wholistic-love.

In this was revealed God's Wholistic-love in us –
 that God sent his only Son into the world so that
 we might live through him.

¹⁰ In this is The Wholistic-love,
 not that we wholistically-loved God
 but that he wholistically-loved us and sent his Son
 – The Atonement for our sins.

Wholistically-loved, if, then, God wholistically-loved us,
 we are obligated to wholistically-love one another. No one
 has ever seen God, if we wholistically-love one another,
 God in us abides, and his Wholistic-love is being perfected
 in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Verse

S124



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 19

Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho on his last journey to Jerusalem. In Jericho there was a chief tax collector named Zacchaeus. He was rich. Zacchaeus was seeking to see Jesus, to know who he really is, but because Zacchaeus was rather young,

the crowd on the sides of the road who had gathered to watch Jesus walk past would not let Zacchaeus through. So, Zacchaeus moved down the street, in front of the crowd of the crowd, and climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus as Jesus went past.

When Jesus got to that spot, Jesus looked up in the tree and said, "Zacchaeus, be hurrying down! For today it is God's divine plan for me to abide in your house."

And Zacchaeus, hurrying, came down and welcomed Jesus, rejoicing.

Everyone in the crowd who saw what was happening grumbled, saying, "Jesus has gone to lodge with a sinful man."

But, having stood up, Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "Look, half of what I have, Lord, I give to the poor, and if for some reason I have mistakenly extorted more than what is due from someone, I give them back four times as much."

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house - because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For, the Son of Man came to seek out and to save those who are being destroyed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

We Are Called

720



1 Come! Live in the light!	Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart!	Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song!	Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called	to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called	to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign,	and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom	of the cit - y	of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness	. . . will be . . .	no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers	. . . u - nit - ed	in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 & Passing of the Peace



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to Grace
here!

Offering / Offertory

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We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving


ELW Setting 2

S 152

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.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 144b



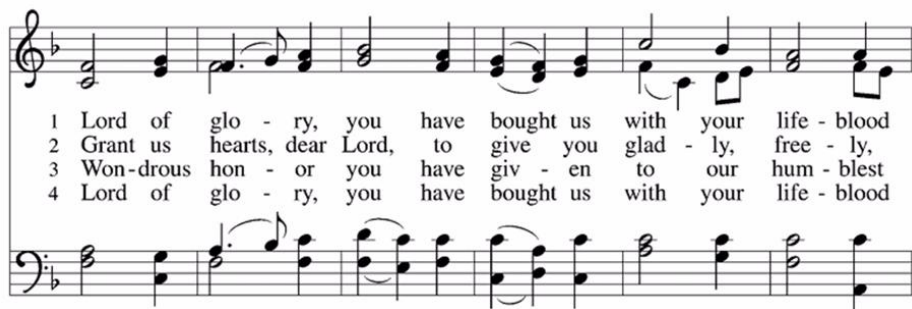
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

707, 712, 722



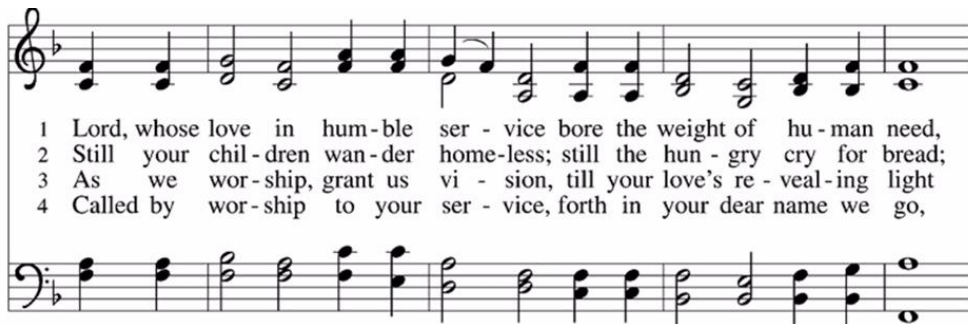
1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

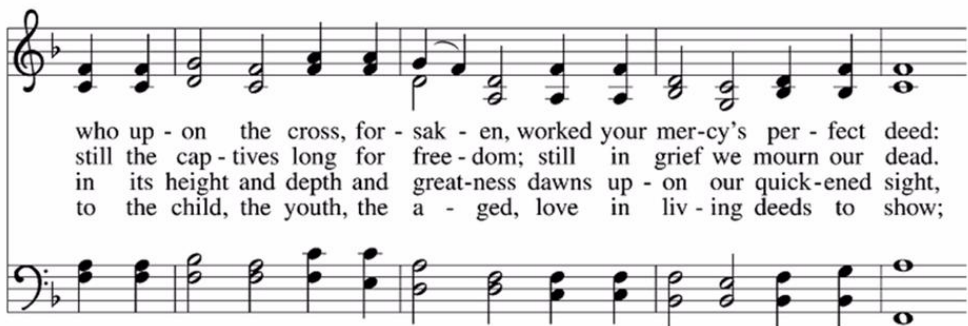
men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

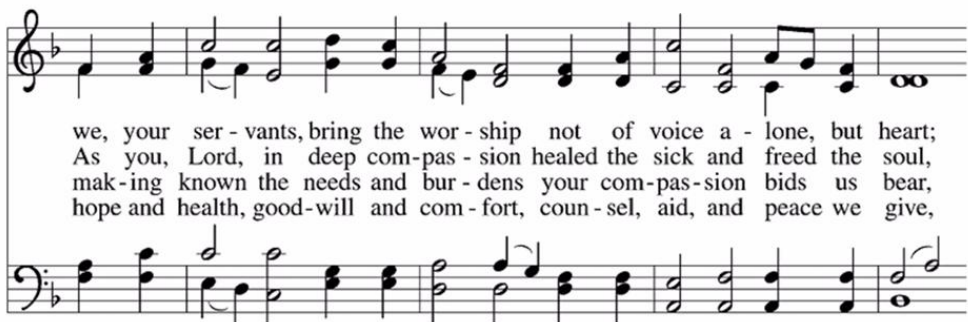
and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.



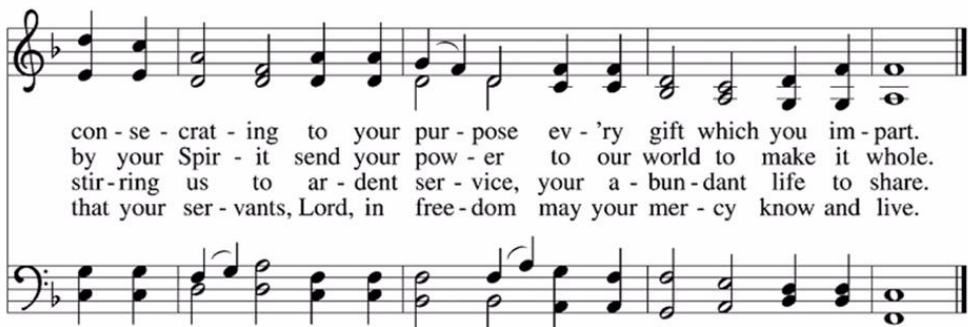
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



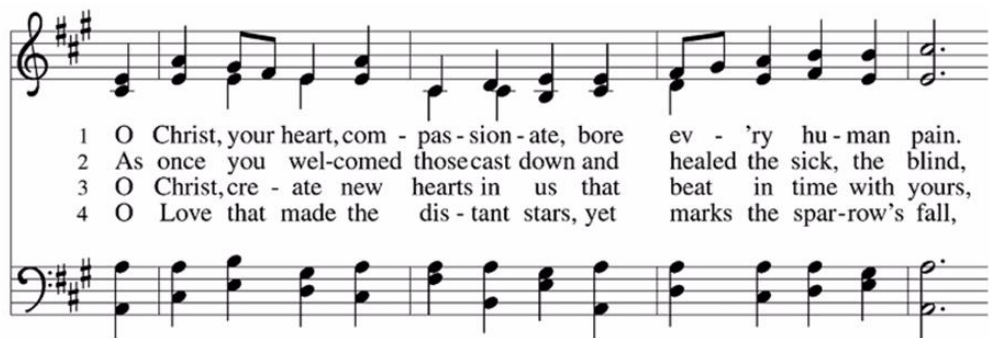
who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



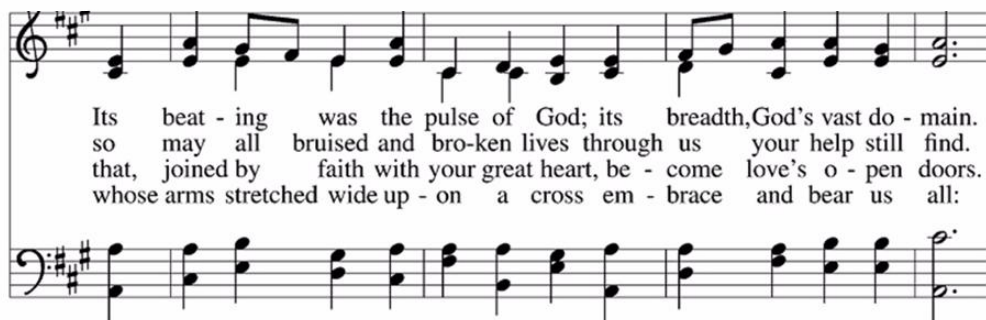
we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



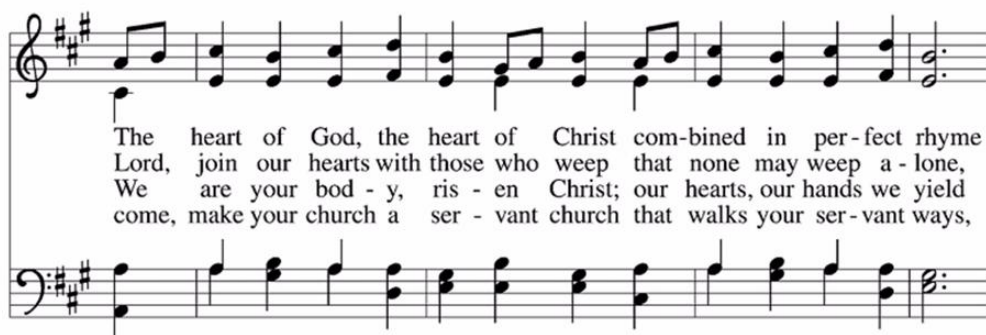
con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.



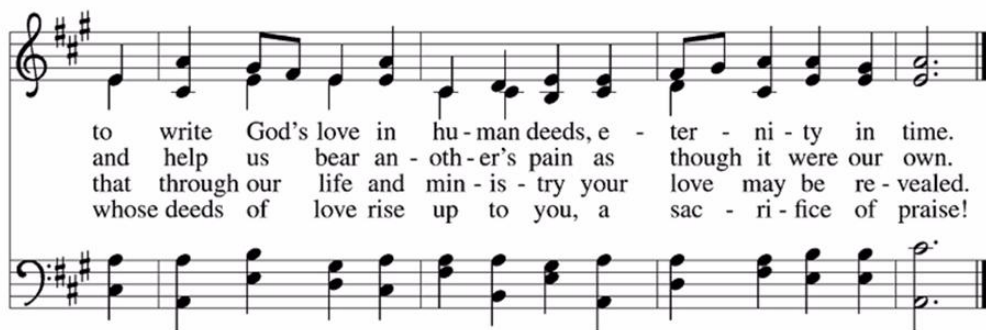
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

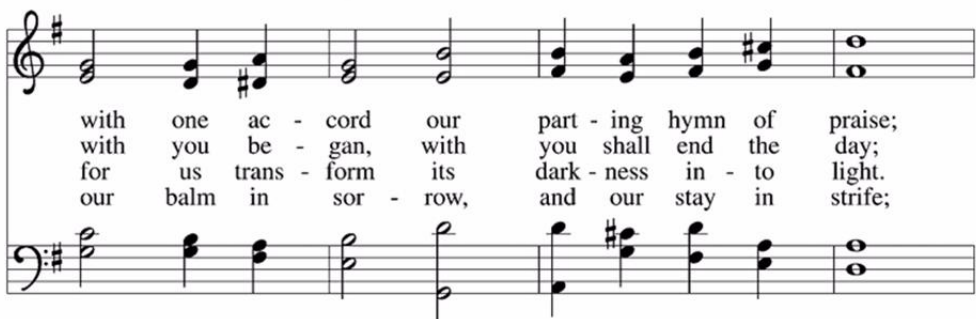


to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer & Benediction



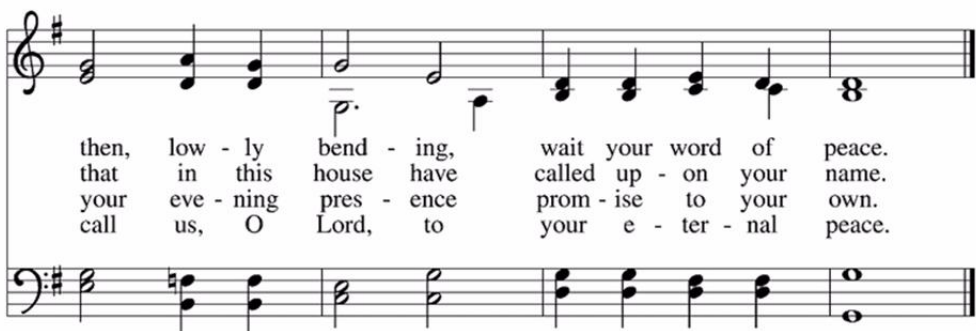
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace, up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace, through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Postlude & Dismissal

Flowers are placed on the altar by Marlene Sabanosh in loving memory of Roger Sabanosh and by Carol Straub in loving memory of Walter Straub.



Sunday November 16

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Family Advent Wreath Making Event

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class & Post-Confirmation

Student Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting in the sanctuary

Tuesday November 18

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00am Bible Study with Pastor Chris – in person or online

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Chris (online only)

Wednesday November 19

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday November 20

Deadline to donate to Thanksgiving Food Drive

Friday November 21

7:00 p.m. Grace Women's Group Meeting

Sunday November 23

Christ the King Sunday

Deadline to donate to Sunday School Stocking Project

6:30 a.m. Youth Group Breakfast Run

8:00 a.m. Choir Warm-up

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class & Post-Confirmation Student Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

Congregation Meeting Agenda November 16, 2025

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Review of The Annual Meeting Process and Today's Events
- IV. Review/ Approval of minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting
- V. Presentation of 2026 Congregation Council Nominees
- VI. 2027 Nominating Committee
- VII. Renewal of Call for Grace's Three Deacons
- VIII. Presentation of the 2026 Proposed Budget
- IX. Questions, Accolades and Concerns for the good of our Congregation or the Glory of God!
- X. Motion for Adjournment



Holiday Fellowship

Four special opportunities to share your Christmas cheer and gather over a good cup of fresh coffee and lively conversation after each worship service!



Nov 30 - *Thanksgiving Leftovers*

Bring your leftover Pumpkin Pie or other Thanksgiving treat to share.



Dec 7 - *Cider and Donuts*

No need to bring anything but an appetite for donuts and cider courtesy of the Fellowship Committee.



Dec 14 - *Christmas Cookies*

Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies and the recipes to share.



Dec 21 - *Christmas Breakfast*

After the 10 a.m. Christmas Pageant, Bring a traditional dish from your Christmas Breakfast table!



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