Sunday, November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday
10:00 AM



Homeless Jesus is a life-size bronze statue in Glasgow by Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz. It is installed on Nelson Mandela Place behind St. George's Tron Church. Castings of this statue have been placed in cities worldwide since 2013. Photo Credit: Lara Forbes, 2018

Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.
Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) contain a worship activity board to help children follow the service. Similar icons are in the bulletin, and they can draw or place a sticker on each square as we move through the service. Stickers, crayons and a snack are also in the bags. Please return the bags following worship.
"Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
"A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: https://SALC.church

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

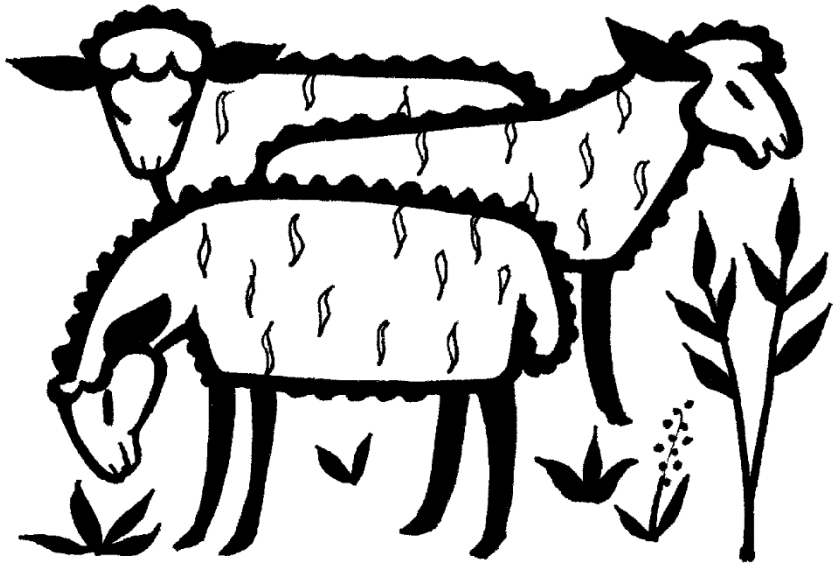
GATHERING

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Pachelbel
Will Simpson, Organ

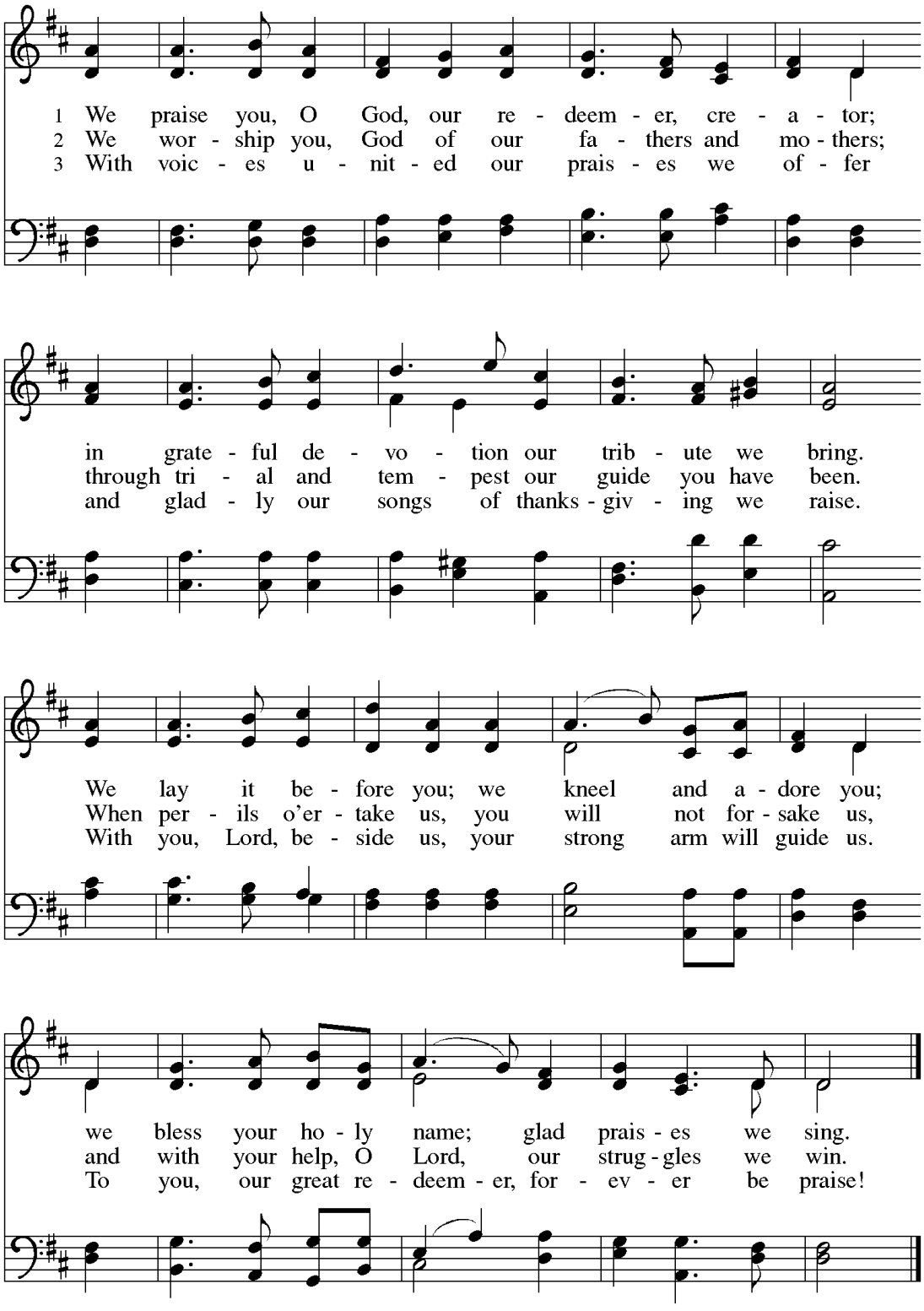
WELCOME  Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



OPENING HYMN **ELW 870**

We Praise You, O God

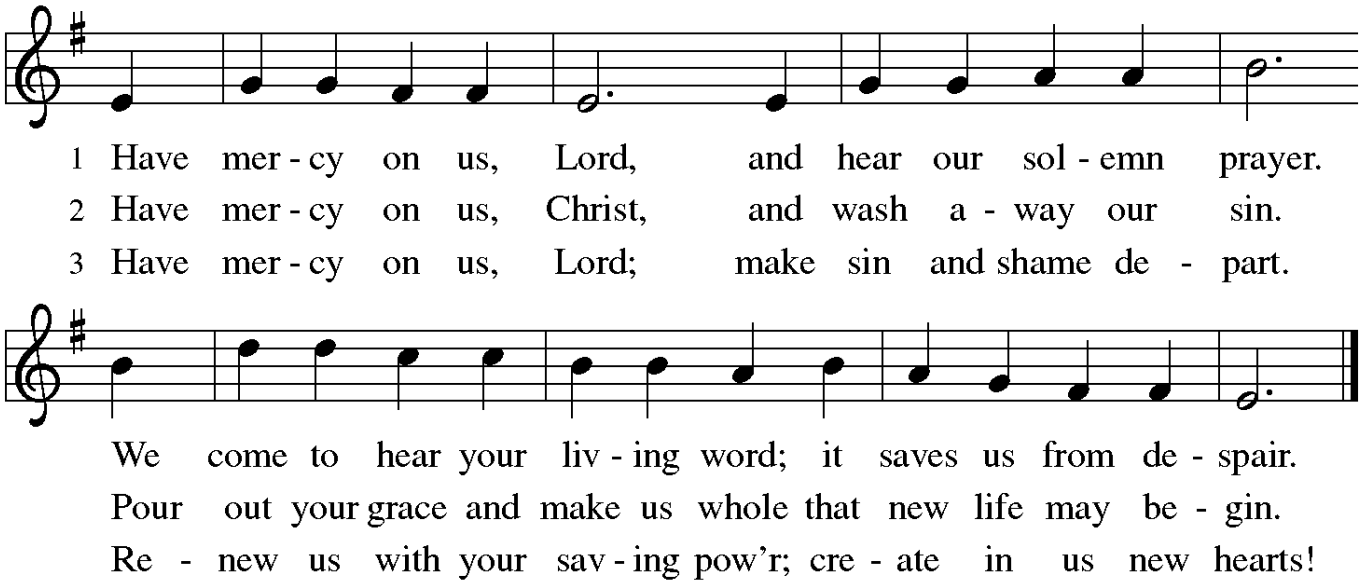


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

KYRIE (*Kyrie ["keer-ee-A"] is the Greek word for "Lord". We sing this simple ancient prayer to turn us toward God's compassion at the start of worship.)*



Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Forgive us and turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

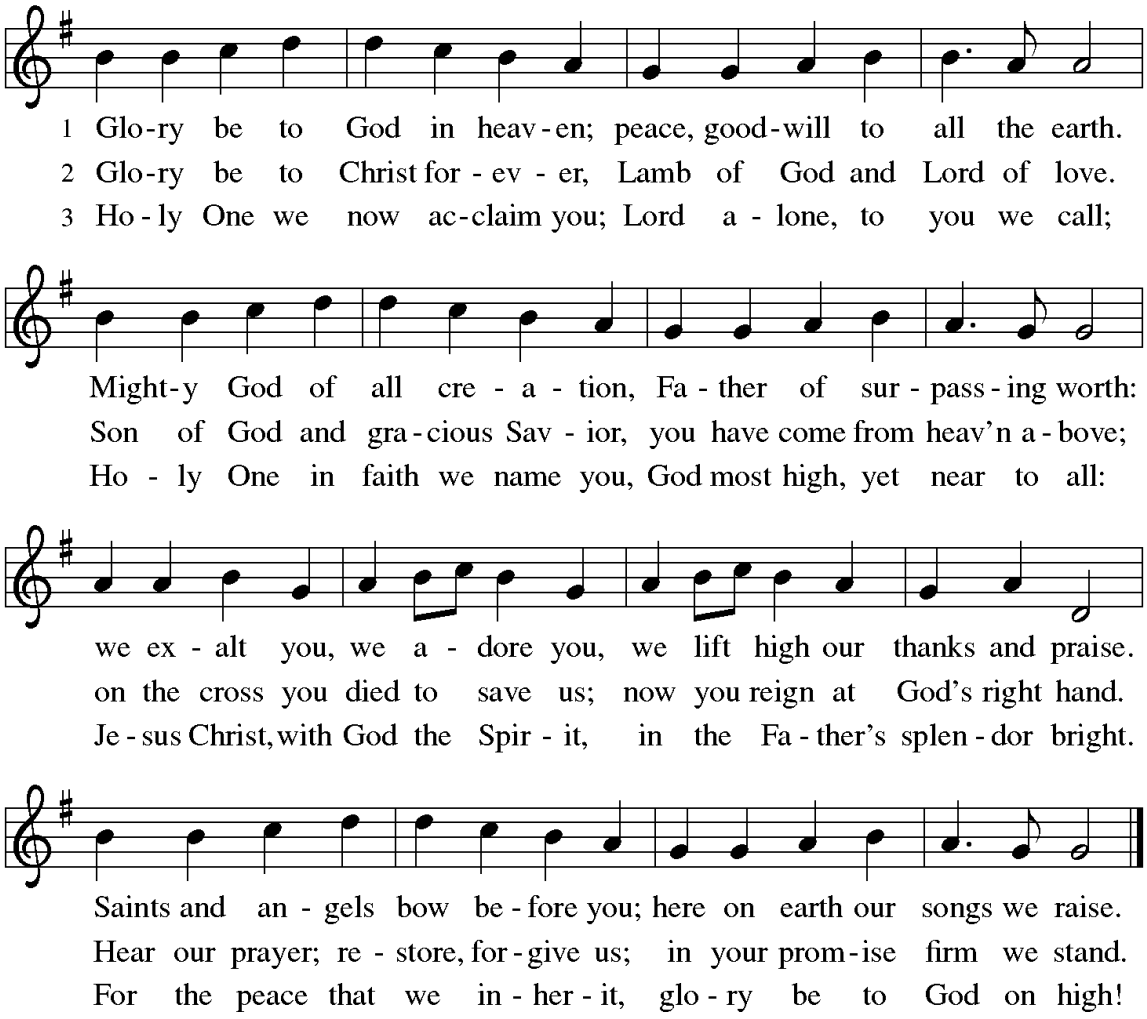
Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(This appears in our liturgy to celebrate God's presence as we begin worship.)



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.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES  Beth Donahoe

You will find the Gospel story in your Spark Story Bible page 318.

WORD



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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.

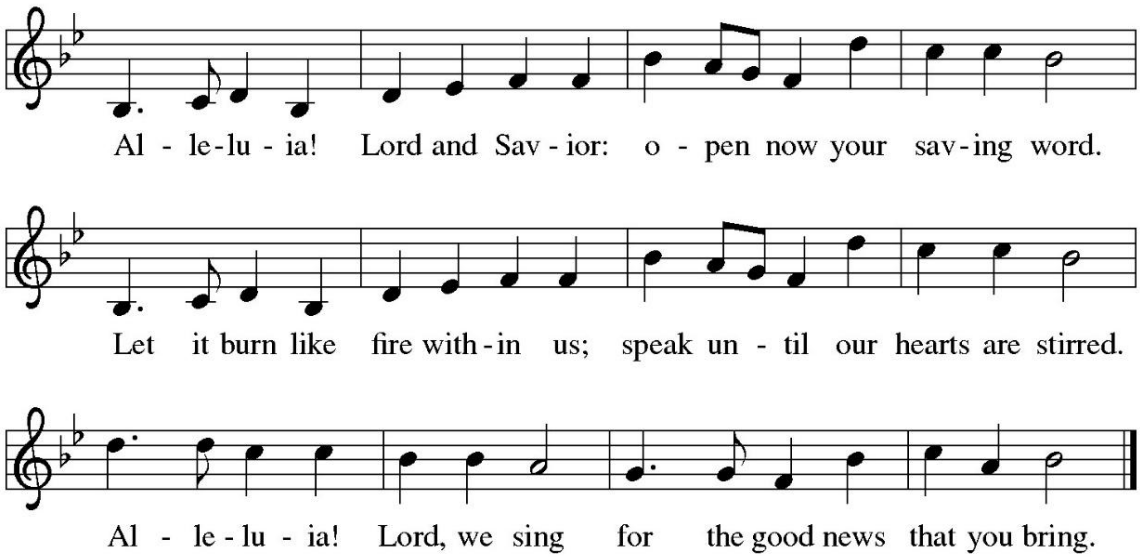
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 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.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(The Gospel Acclamation is included in the order of worship so the congregation can joyfully welcome Christ, who comes to us in the reading of the Gospel.)*



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus continued, saying to the disciples] "When the Son of Humanity comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

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, 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, 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.'

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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

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.' 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, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.' 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?' 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON



Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY  **ELW 855**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed
Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of 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 power of 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.
*** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS
After each petition, the leader will say, "Hear us, O God. "
Your response is, **your mercy is great.**

THE PEACE



The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share God's peace to reconcile with one another so that we are at peace with each other before receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Lara

OFFERING 

Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Our God Will Go Before Us" Boswell, Getty and Papa

The Chancel Choir

Verse 1
Our God will go before us
And guide us by His presence
What confidence this promise is
We will never walk alone

Verse 2
Through unknown paths through shadows
Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step His faithfulness
Is the truth that lights our way

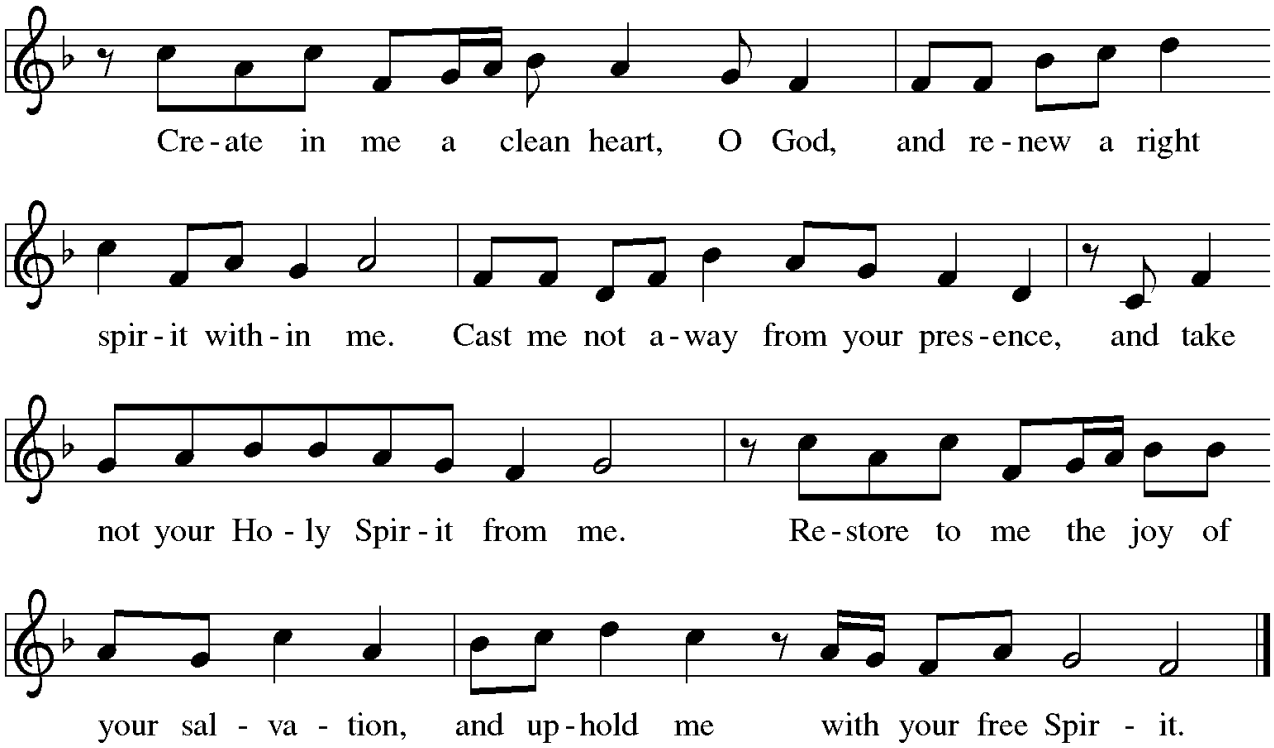
Chorus
Our God will go before us
The Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the One who leads us on
For His grace will bring us home
(For His grace will bring us home)

Verse 3
Though evil forms against us
All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail
For the battle is the Lord's

Verse 4
Now send us with Your presence
And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more
And our every breath is praise
O let our every breath be praise

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

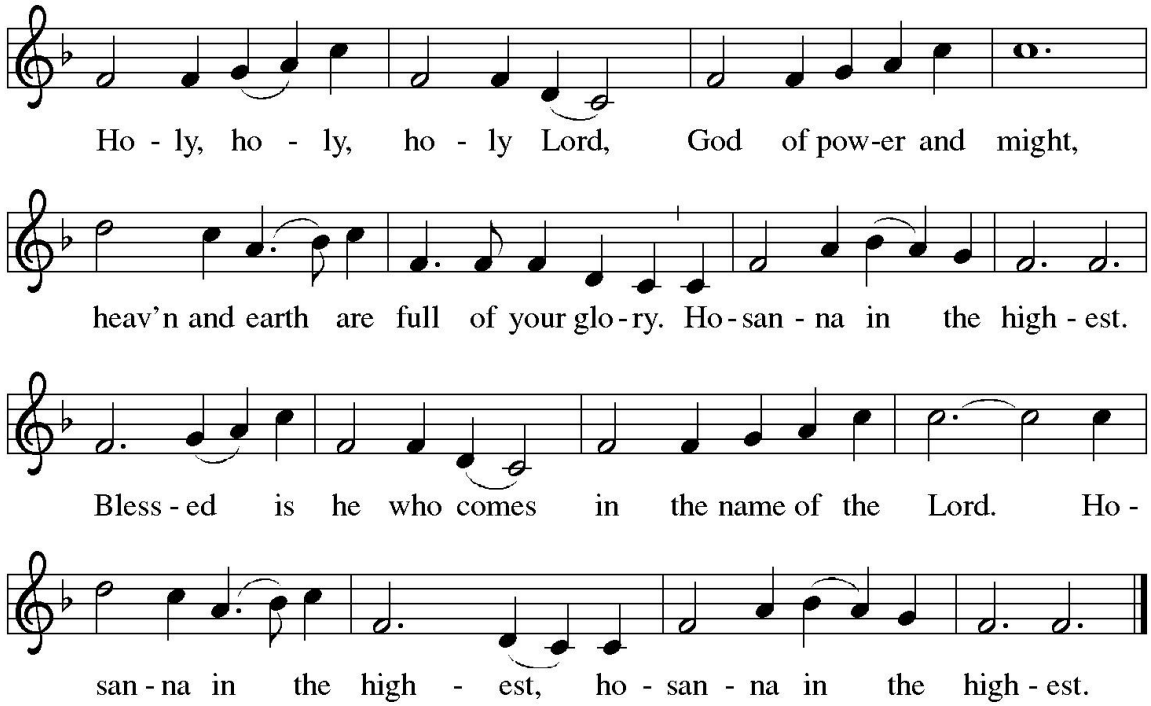
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

***** *We say "on this day" because we celebrate Easter every Sunday.*

SANCTUS *(Proclaiming God's holiness: the repetition of "Holy" three times emphatically declares God's unique, all-encompassing holiness, a core aspect of God that transcends human understanding.)*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER 

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

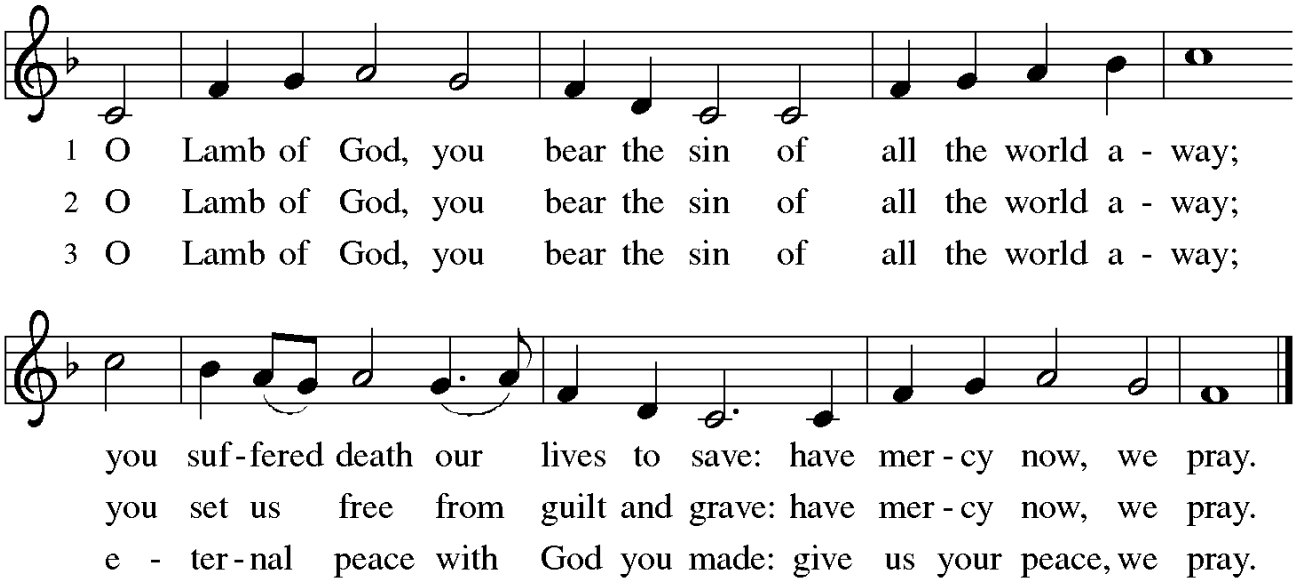
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.
In his name, all are welcome to receive this gift of grace.

Please be seated.

We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord's table.

LAMB OF GOD *(This biblical title for Jesus proclaims that the crucified and risen Christ is the one who takes away the sins of the world and gives us peace.)*

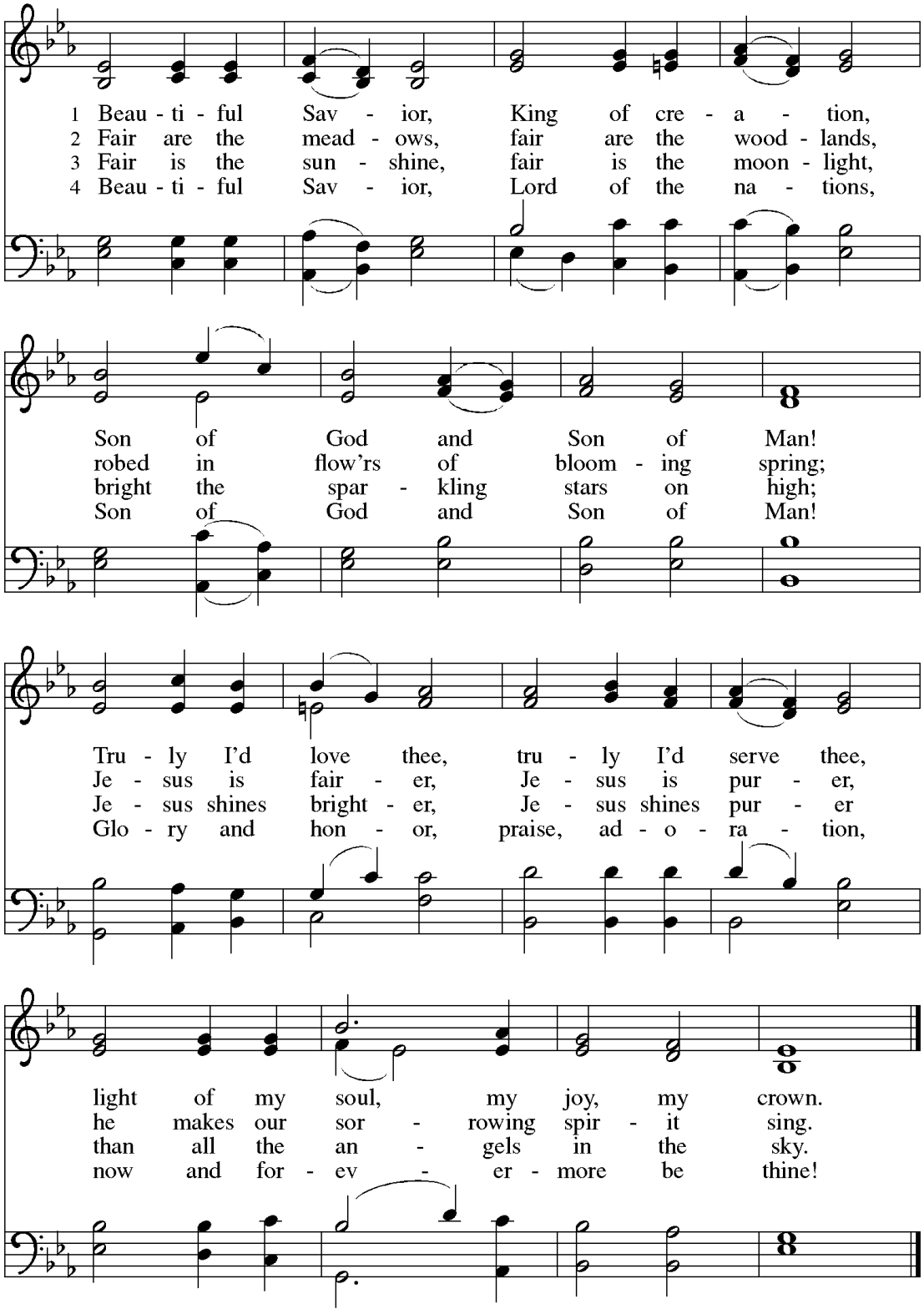


COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.
Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.
Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

Beautiful Savior



Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

BLESSING 

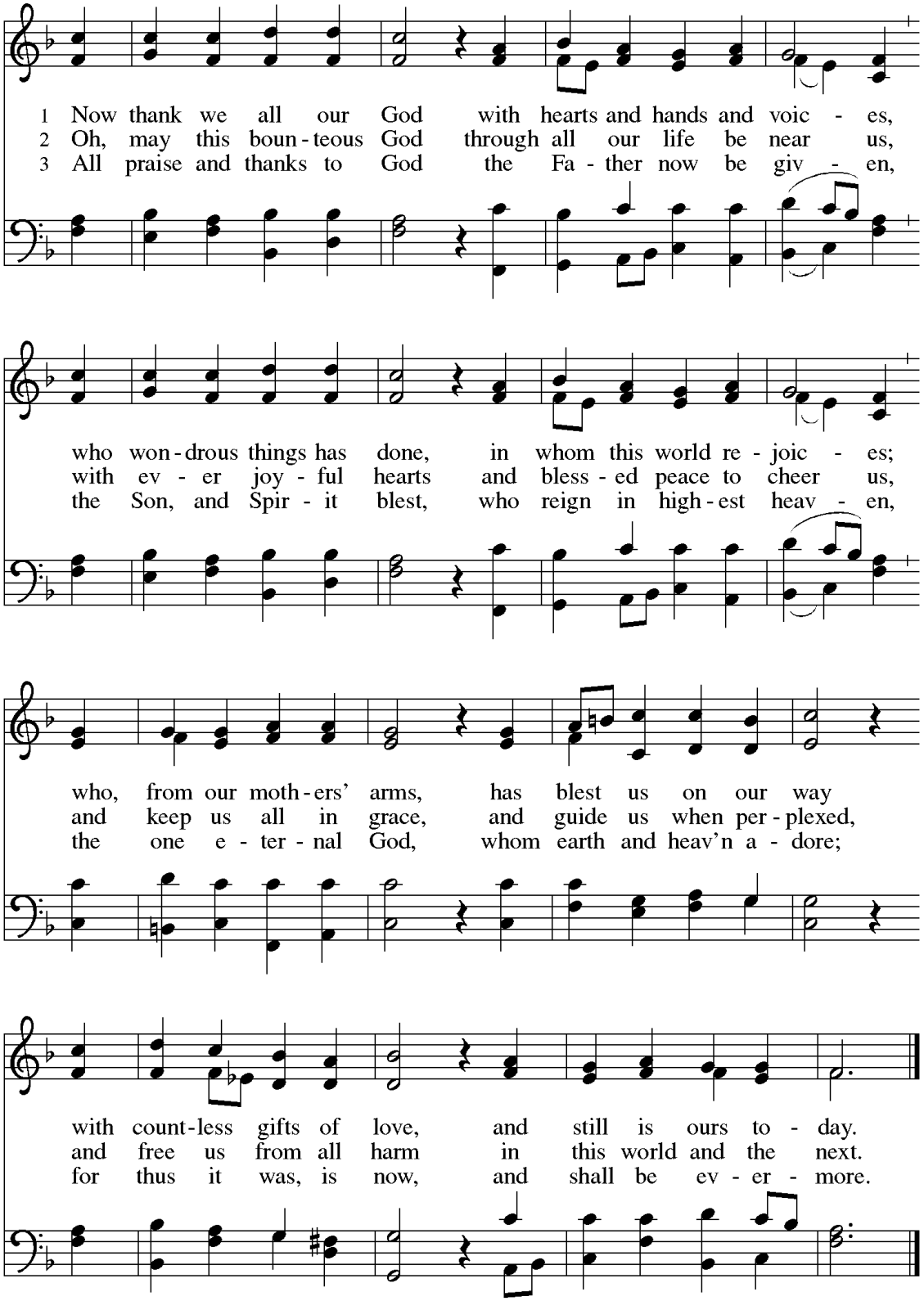
May the God of love draw you into full harmony and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

May the God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

May the God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***ELW 840***

Now Thank We All Our God



SENDING
All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch arranged by Bill Wolaver
Will Simpson, Piano

The flowers today are given by Michele and Dave Vossler
in Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Vanessa Rykaczewski, *Bell Choir Director*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Art Gurtel, *Assisting Minister*
Jean Wahlstrom, *Lector*
Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*
Gary Rudolph and Brady Kasper, *Ushers*
Christine Koch and JoAn Eklof, *Altar Guild*
Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream Video*
Johannes Grad, *Audio*
Amy Baro and Joe Baro, *Greeters*
Karen Getzinger, *Coffee host*

Readings for November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37

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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

We grieve with the loved ones of these people listed, who have died from suicide or violence in the US this year.

Suicide:

May Pollard, 16
Madeline Cassandra Stensrud
Ashtyn Tice, 17
Riley Autumn Heart, 40
Thea Lourdes Masica, 24
Jayden Kimsel, 16
Sydney Lou Walden, 30
Morgan Sage Seltzer, 25
Murry Faust
Kayleigh, 20
Brian George Kleber, 40
Myles Green, 24
Ansel Blaszkow, 24
Rayla Elle Ojeda-Wells, 29
Holly St. John, 21
Molly Wall, 30
Voss Barclay, 34
Lynn Ann Childers, 18
Andi Janow
Max Bolduc, 26
Cass "Auggie" York Santiago, 16

Violence:

Jade Roberts, 25
Shyyell Diamond Sanchez-Mccray
(¨Mabel¨), 42
Davonta Curtis, 31
Danielle Spillman, 74
Paris Harris, 21
Aleanna Royal Belcher, 31
Lucas RedBeard Knapp ("Luca"), 39
Lanessa Rodriguez, 33
Hailey "Spot" Singleton, 29
Juniper Blessing, 19
Erykah Caldwell, 41
Nathaniel Potts, 16
Leia Trysiss Ali, 35
Persia Amarra Conway, 33
Marlow Trottie, 35
Patti Wilson, 31
La'Daijah Walters, 32
Asia Williams, 38
Jayla McGee, 19
Juju Nadeau, 21
Jhené Cordelia Audrict, 21
Sophie Lee, 27
Jonathan McKinsey, 40
Stella Nez Perce, 30
Alonzo Orozco, 23

God of justice and compassion, give us courage to stand alongside our transgender siblings. When fear creates division, lead us toward love. When injustice threatens dignity, inspire us to act. May our faith be reflected in our commitment to equity, safety, and belonging for all your beloved children.
Amen.
Prayer from Reconciling Works



Calendar

Sunday, November 15

Sunday, November 22
9:00 AM Adult Education, *PLU President Belton*
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 23
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:30 PM Love Tree decorating

Tuesday, November 24
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch supplies drop off
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25
10:30 AM Sophia Way Lunch delivery
2:00 PM The Weatherly Worship Service

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving! Office is closed

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28
10:00 AM Altar Guild, Decorate Christmas Tree
Advent Fair Set Up

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Advent Fair
10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM ELCC Advent Worship, St. Luke's Bellevue

Monday, November 30
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF Meeting, online

Tuesday, December 1
8:30 AM Tuesday morning Men
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3
9:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE
10:00 AM Grace Book Group
2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Hillary Nordwell Concert

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Reconciling in Christ

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