Big Church Words: Hope



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Welcome! We're glad you're here!

If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the ***Information Center*** *kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!*

Trusting God + Loving the World

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Prelude on "Dix" - Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We turn inward and forget to care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

Opening Song — **Come, Ye Thankful People Come** — ELW 693 vs. 1,2,4

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide, for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

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.**

Prayer of Day

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. Amen.**

Musical Offering — *Let All Things Now Living* — Krug

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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.**

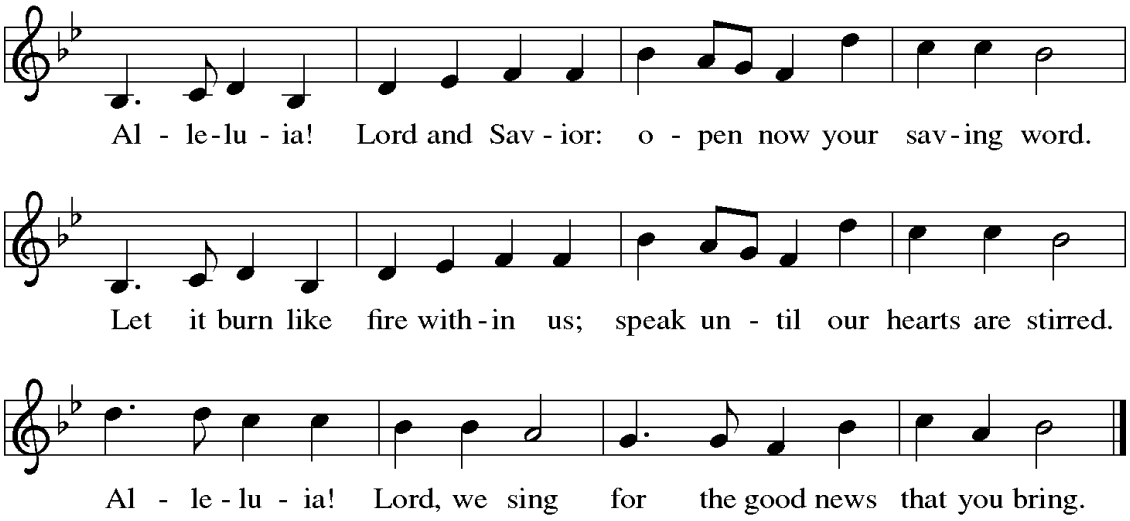
Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

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



Holy 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+ Children's Time +



Children's Church
Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.
After children's message, meet the leader in back of church.



Message

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

Song

Canticle of the Turning ELW 723 vs. 1-3

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*



+ Holy Baptism+
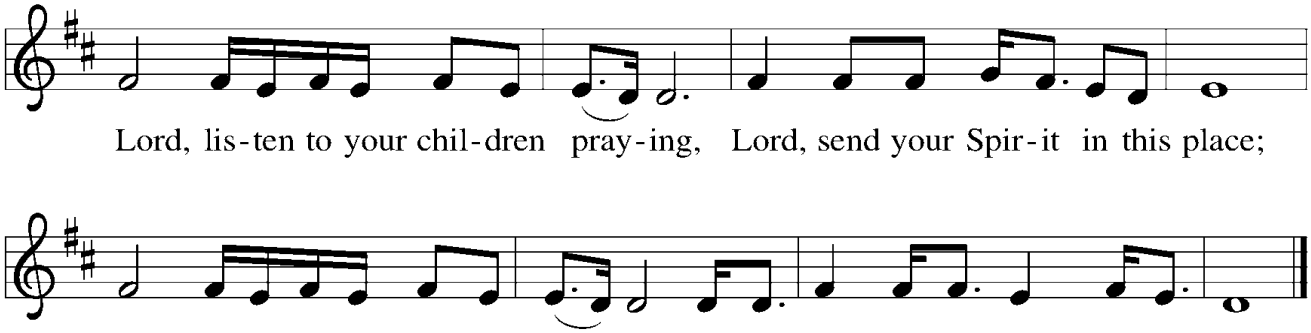
Harper Ann Franz



Prayers of the People

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

Sung before and after all prayers



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.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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

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



+ All Are Welcome at the Table +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front where the pastors are standing. Come forward starting with the front pews, there will be no ushers. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty

cup in the basket. There are kneelers on each side where you are free to kneel and pray before you return to your seat. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:
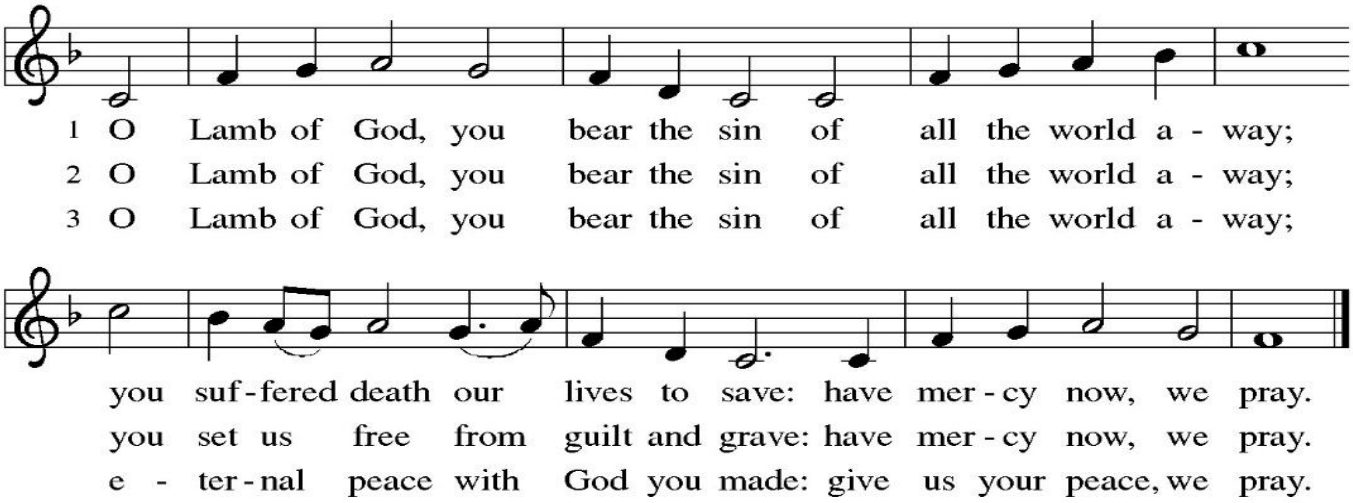
"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or let the usher in the back know.

You are invited... To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship
The offering is gathered in front of the church in front of the communion table (altar) where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Song

ELW Setting 10



What Feast of Love

ELW 487

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Prayer after Communion

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

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

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world.

Blessing

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

Sending Song

Sing to the Lord of Harvest ELW 694

Sing to the Lord of harvest, your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices, your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons, in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest, a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar, the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him, when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him, who gave his life for all.

Sending

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leadership

Pastors ……...Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/Organist ……..Chris Johnson
Musical Offering ……... Bell Choir
Reader …… Randy Updike
Communion Assistants …… Leanne Thompson, Pat Mohrbacher
Greeters …… Corene Morcom & Lisa Scott
Usher ……..… Mel Yockstick
Altar Guild ……..….. Susie DiPaolo
Children's Church …… Children's Church Team
Worship Technology …… Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
Fellowship (November 22th) ……... Pie Social
Set-up & Clean up: Wanda Carlson, Christi Young
Fellowship (November 29th) ……..……... Klinkerfues

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

THANK YOU for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See our sound engineer Mark, in the sound booth if you have any questions. *(Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).*

CANDLE STATION is available for candle-lighting. *(In the back of the sanctuary).*

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

OFFERING

Your financial gifts support Holy Shepherd and its vision to nurture trusting relationships with God and with one another, along with its vision to engage in generous activities that serve to love the world as Jesus has shown us. Cash, or checks made out to Holy Shepherd, can be placed in the front bowl by the front pews on your way to communion. (Envelopes are available in your pews if you'd like.) You can also scan the QR code to the left and give through Tithely. *Thank you for your generosity.*

KIDS

Kids Zone (un- staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream.

Kid busy bags are located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary) and contain kid friendly items for families to take into worship. Please return to the stand after worship.

Children's Church is offered after the kids, typically 3 years old to 4th grade, come up for *Children's Time* with the pastor. This optional activity is during the pastor's message and is led by an adult. It is located in the room just through the nursery off the west hallway of the sanctuary.

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