Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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to Share the Hope of Eternal Life!

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8th, 2026, A.D.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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The flowers on the altar are placed by Vickie Eisenbeis for Kenley Jo Marie's Baptismal Birthday!

Upcoming available dates for flowers for the altar: January 10 and 24, 2027.
Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put $25 in an envelope; mark it "Flower Fund" and place it in the offering plate. A friendly reminder, if you take a flower vase home, please return it the following week so it can be used again.

- ***Holy Cross upholds and adheres to the Biblical practice of Closed Communion.***
- ***Doors Open on Sunday at 8:00 AM. Divine Service Begins at 9:00 AM, followed by a Bible Study after today's service with coffee and treats.***
- ***Responsive Prayer II is offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesday.***
- ***Tuesdays Bible Study begins at 10:30 AM and lasts until 11:30 AM (Postponed through the end of 2026)***
- ***Individual Confession and Absolution by appointment***
- ***The ringing of the bells starts at 9:00 AM***
- ***Words written in Bold and marked with C signify congregation response.***

Needs for pastoral care in our area, call our Pastor:
Rev. Peyton Holland
(918) 332-1997
or one of our Lay Elders: Rick Hutson (573) 780-9390,
Randy Ruzicka (314) 210-4279, and Jim Bell (573) 880-8811

Divine Service III

Confession and Absolution

513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

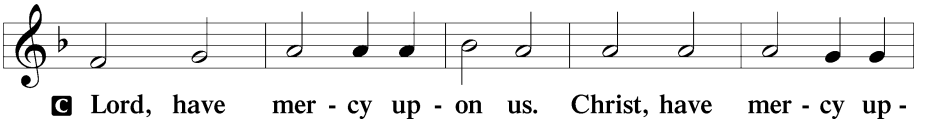
Service of the Word

Introit — Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.
How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
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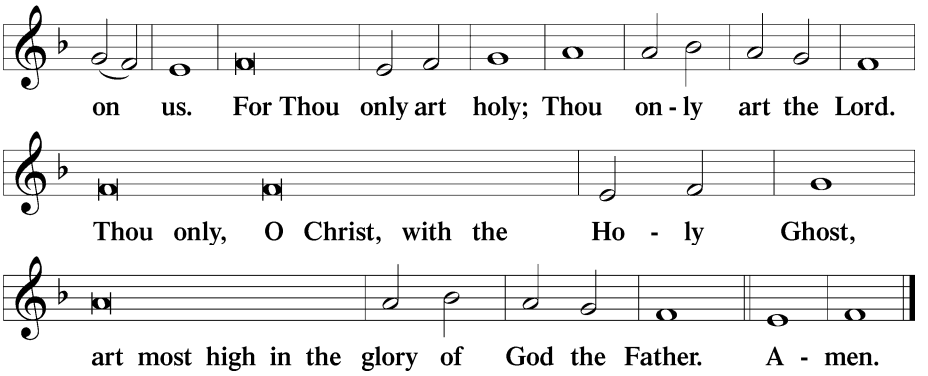
Kyrie — LSB 186





Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading — Amos 5:18–24

[18]Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
[19]as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual — Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the

Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

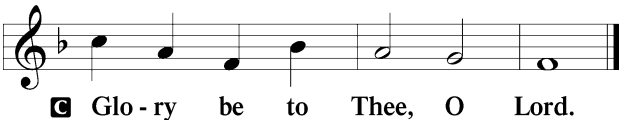
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Alleluia **LSB 190**



Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1–13**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered,

‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

℃ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

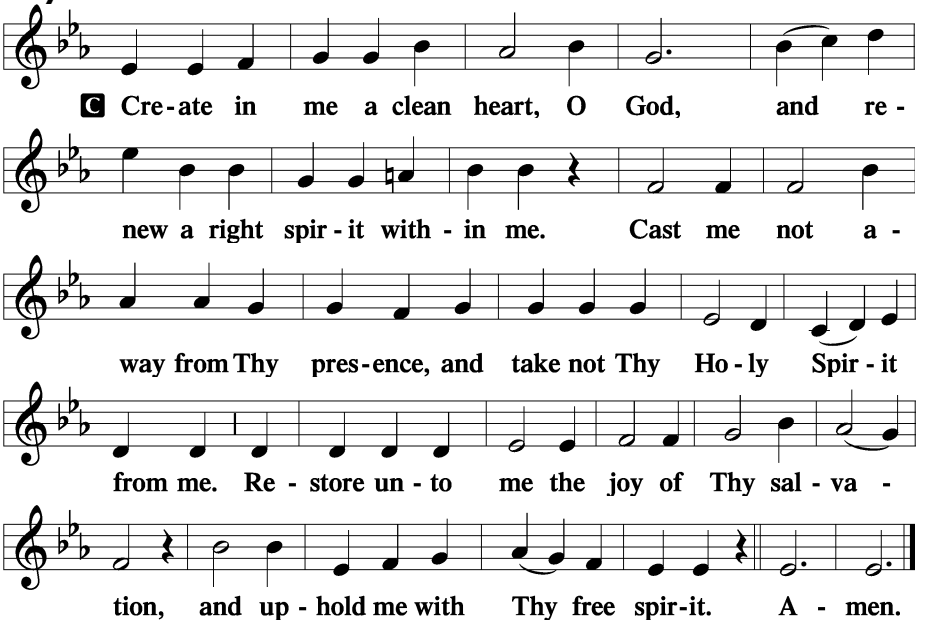
Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Offertory **LSB 192**



Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For steadfast faith, that through the pure preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word we would be kept in constant readiness for Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For those who have wandered from the faith, that God would restore them to the wisdom of repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness before the world until Christ returns, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God's promises, walk in His truth and dwell in His house, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For rulers and all in authority, that our God of righteousness would embolden them to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For all who cry to the Lord, [including _____,] that God would answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope, and keep them in the confidence of the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For forgiveness, life and salvation, that the Lord would descend from heaven with a cry of command, raise up those who have fallen asleep and, until that day, prepare us by the blessed Sacrament for His coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For comfort and hope in grief, that we may trust Christ's Word that those who have died in the faith are only sleeping, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

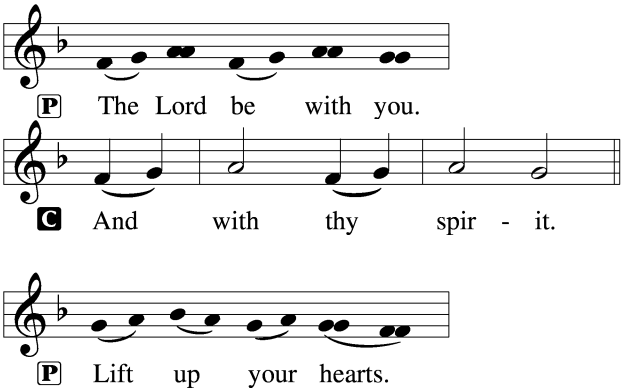
These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

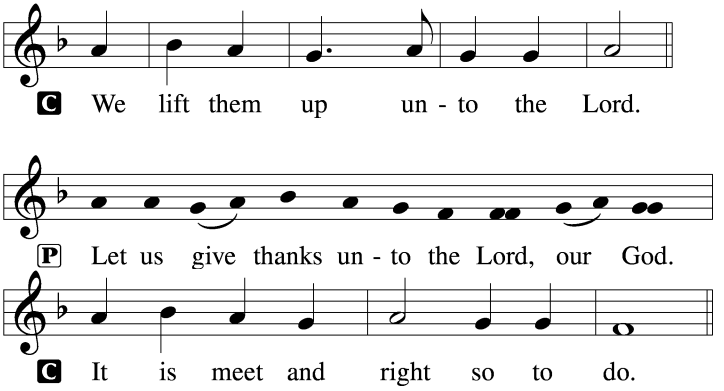
Service of the Sacrament

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

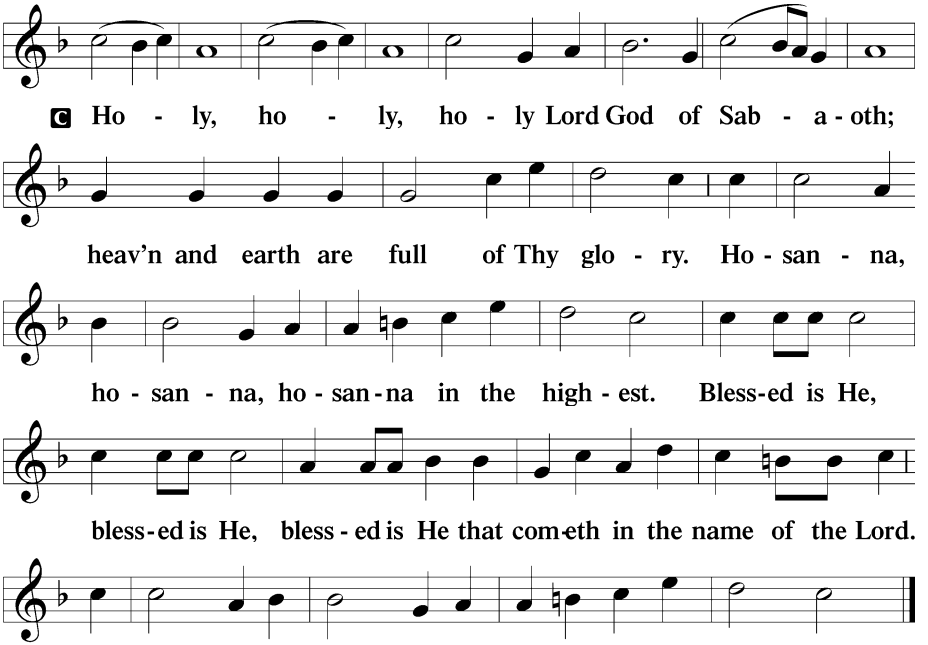
Preface **LSB 194**





P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195



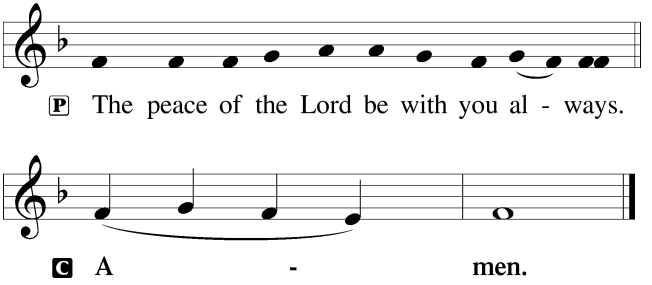
Lord's Prayer LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

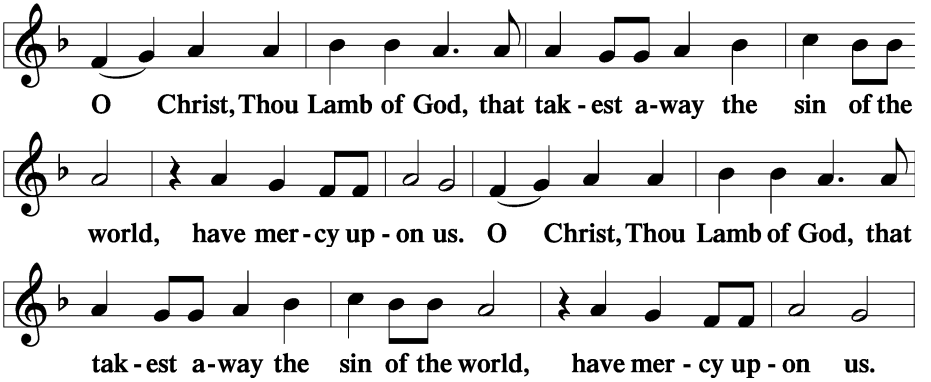
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord — LSB 197

Pax Domini — LSB 197



Agnus Dei — LSB 198





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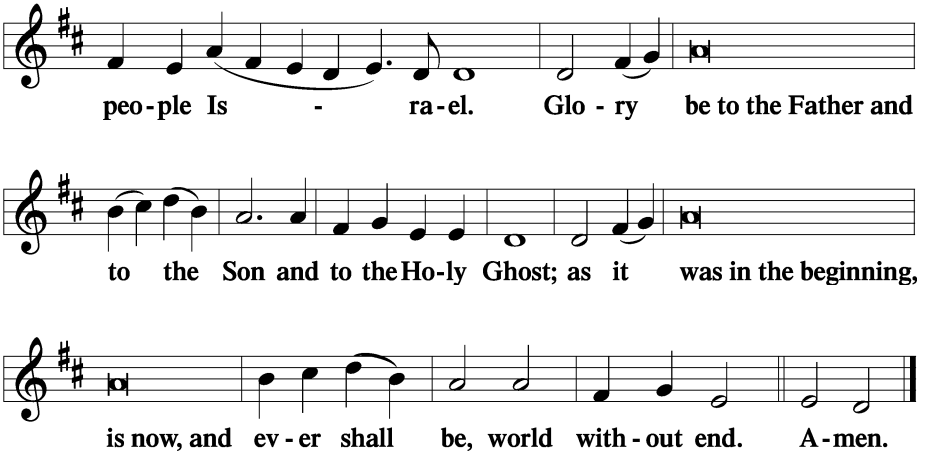
398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

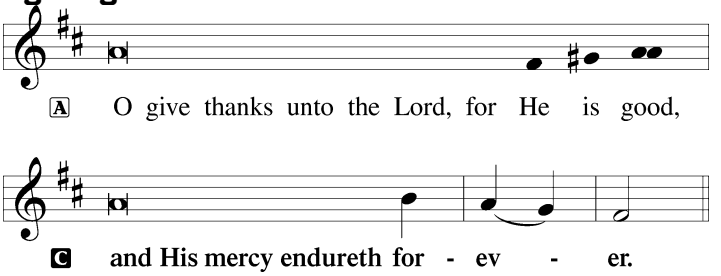
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Nunc Dimittis **LSB 199**



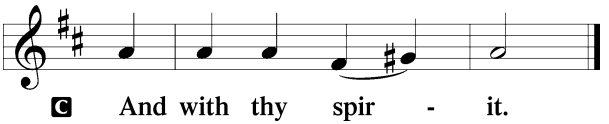


Thanksgiving LSB 200

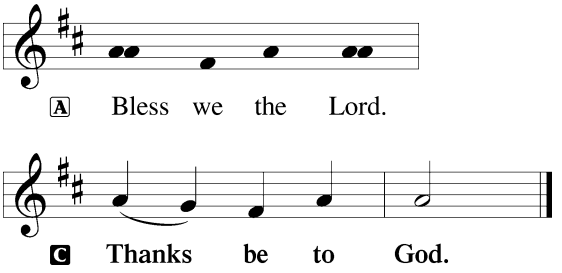


A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

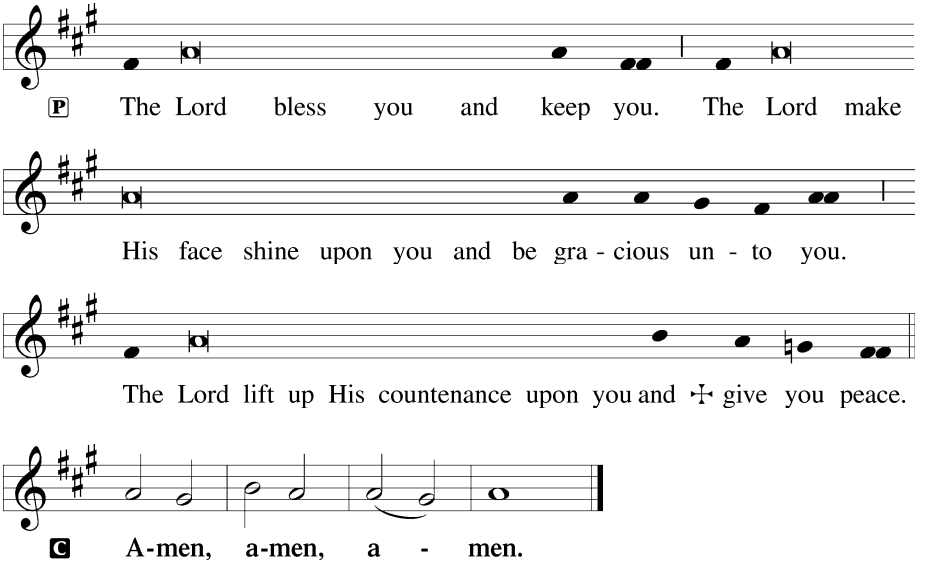




Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202



514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

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Upcoming dates to remember:

- **Church decorating for Christmas –** Saturday, November 28, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday Advent Services –** 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **The Holiday Christmas Festival – December 5 and 6, 2026**
    - Volunteers are needed for both days as greeters and hostesses.
- **Christmas Country Church Tour – December 17, 2026**
    - Decorating the church for the tour will be on December 16.
    - Volunteers are needed as tour guides and hostesses.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Peyton Holland
Ushers: Rick Hutson
Holy Communion Assistant: Randy Ruzicka
Organist: SOS

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	63
Second Week	
Third Week	
Fourth Week	

Your Financial Support of Your Church	10/11/2026	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	$2,902.00	$124,786.00
Actual Offerings, including online offerings (Budget)	$2,296.00	$106,092.73
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-$606.00	-$18,693.27
% Ahead/Behind	-20.9%	-15.0%

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. *Adoration*: praising God for who He is. *Confession*: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. *Thanksgiving*: thanking God for specific blessings. *Supplication*: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound **•Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.**

For healing and continued recovery **• Bill Staffen** (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), **Dustin Hutson** (recovering from a brain bleed), **Carol Steiger-Rudoff** (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law, cancer), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment), **Maia Rottler** (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler, Leukemia treatment), **Connie Schwent, Gus Koebbe** (relative of Bonnie Zerwig, open heart surgery).

For those celebrating birthdays in November **• Cathy Dew (**Nov. 3), **Bill Surman (**Nov. 20), **Bonnie Zerwig** (Nov. 24) **Randy Ruzicka** (Nov.7).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in November - **• Carl and Cheryl Noll (**Nov. 2), **Jim and Stacy Bell (**Nov.26**).**

For local, state, and national elected officials that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community that more people are made to cease their sinful faithlessness and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our church family We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

To submit a prayer request for inclusion in the bulletin, please call the church office at 573-883-5361 or email holycrossstegen@gmail.com. Prayer requests will continue to be listed until removal is requested.