Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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The Festival of All Saints
November 1st, 2026, A.D.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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The flowers on the altar are placed by Jarold Rux.

Upcoming available date for flowers for the altar: November 8.
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

Confession and Absolution

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

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.**

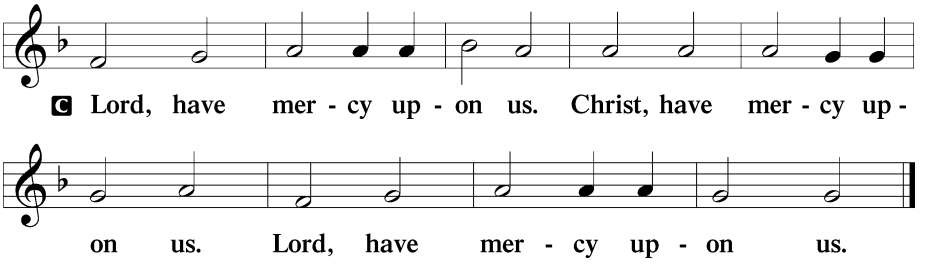
Service of the Word

Introit — Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

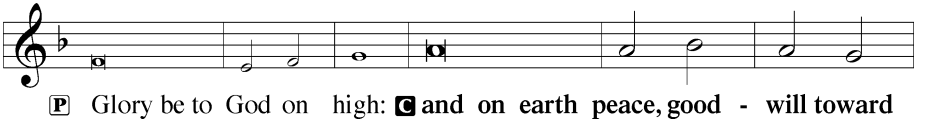
These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
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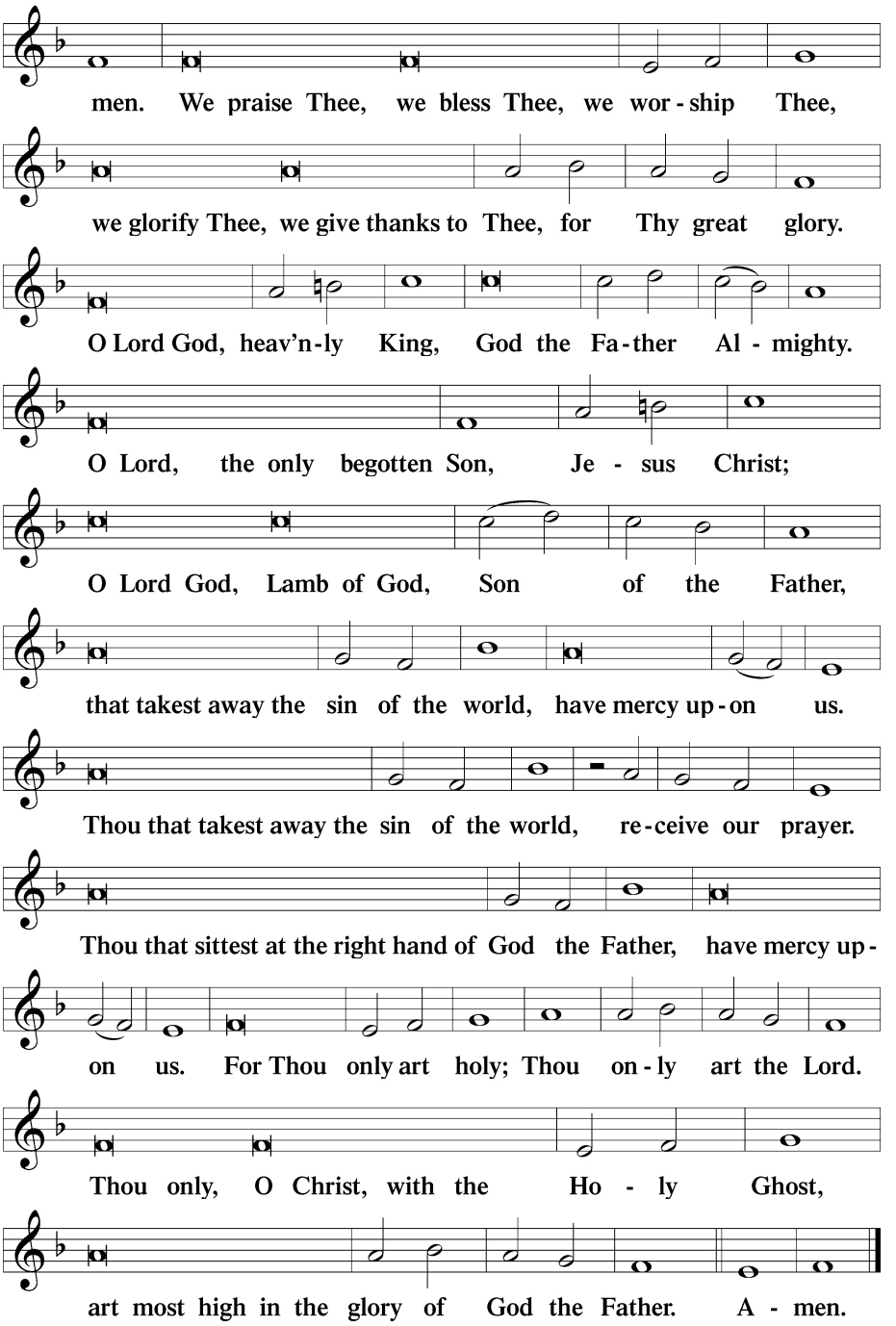


Kyrie — LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis — LSB 187




men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day







P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading **Revelation 7:2–17**

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of
the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been
given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or
the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I
heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of
Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their
hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits
on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the
throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white
robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he
said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 John 3:1–3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

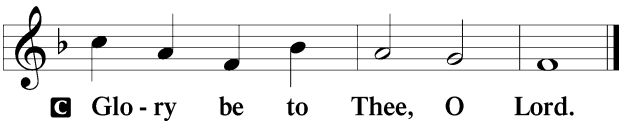
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Alleluia — LSB 190



Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:1–12

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



[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C **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

677 For All the Saints

Sermon

℗ 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 the poor in spirit, who gather this day to receive God's grace and steadfast love by which we are made rich in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ministers of the Church, that by their preaching the Spirit would gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For fathers and mothers, that they would be strengthened to raise their children in the faith; for those who long for families, that their prayers would be answered; and for expectant mothers and their little ones, that they would be preserved and protected, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all peoples, nations and tribes, that under God's rule, they may faithfully promote good and punish evil, and that God would reform them when necessary, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the recovering, *[especially _____,]* that they would be granted health and healing according to God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who commune this day, that their hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied by the body and blood of Christ under bread and wine, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to follow the example of those beloved saints who served among us and now rest from their labors, that we, too, may seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day:

Caryl Phillips
Wayne Phillips
Frances Kreuger

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

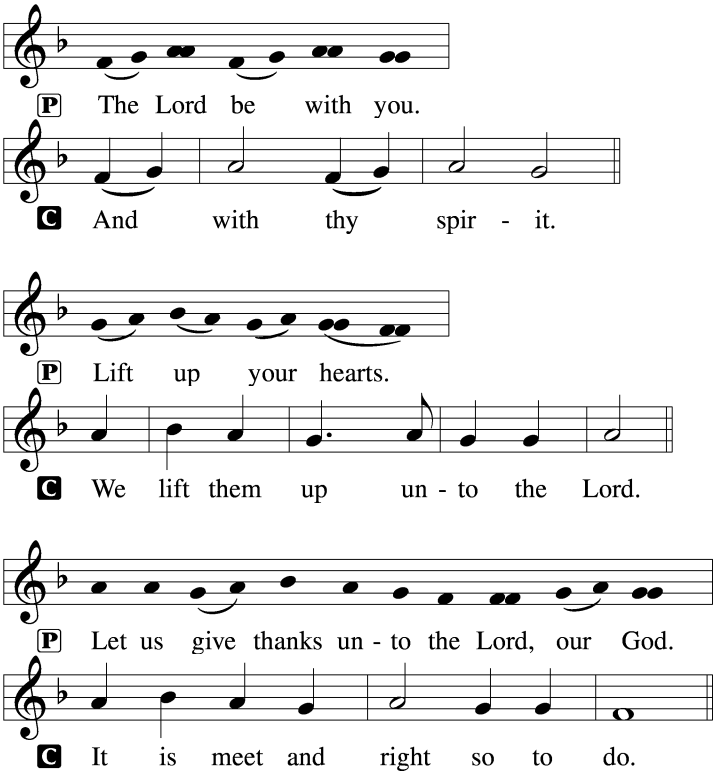
C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Statement on Holy Communion

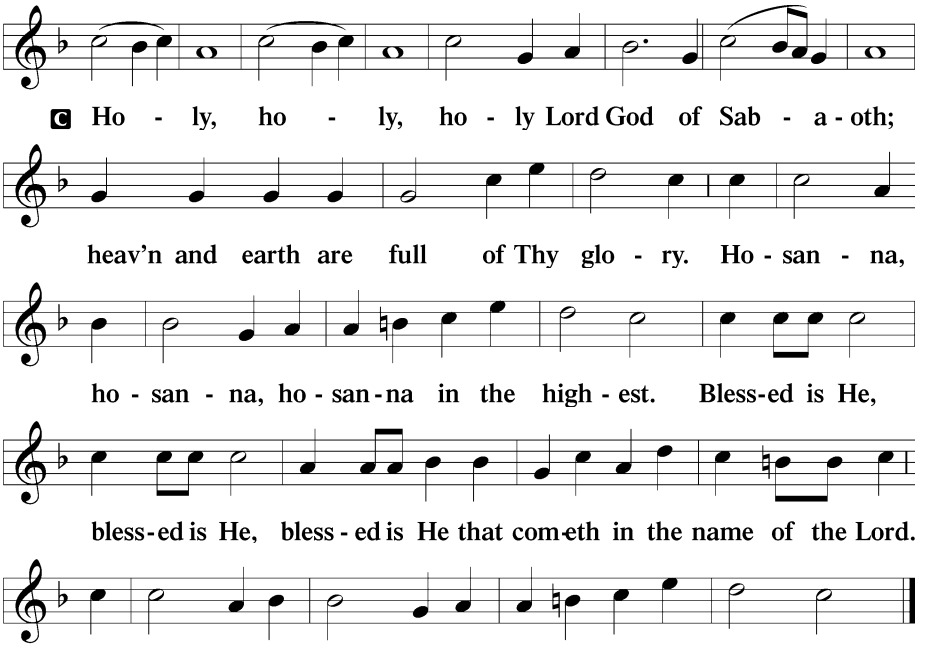
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our 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**



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

Sanctus LSB 195

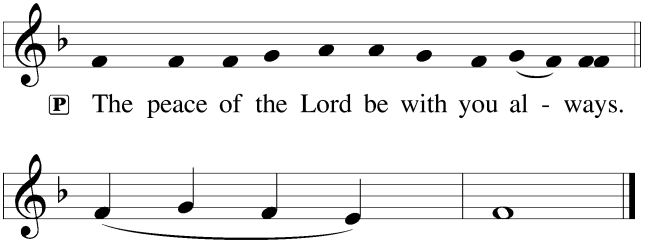


Lord's Prayer LSB 196

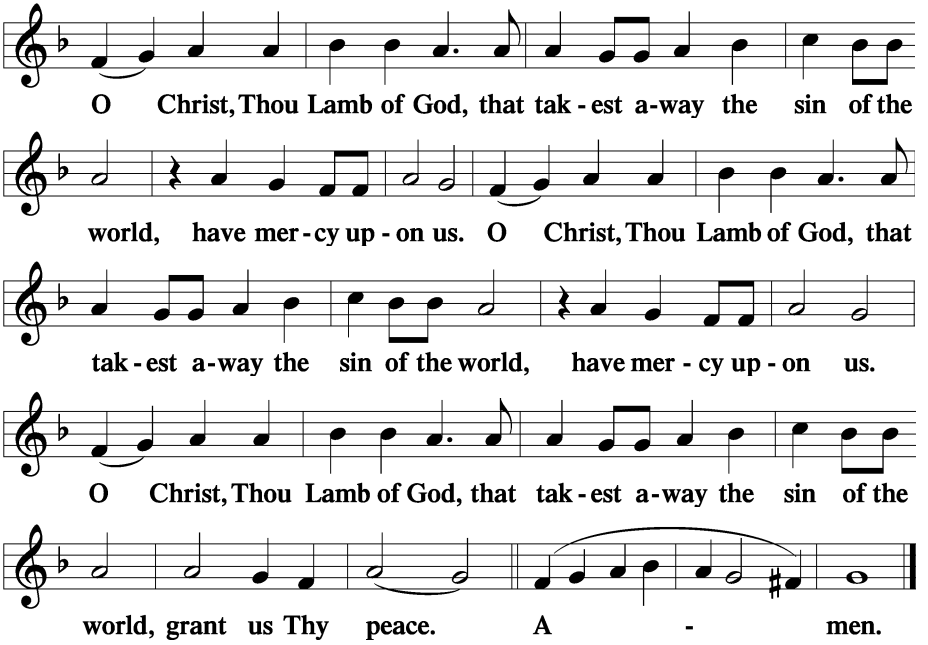
℃ **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is 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**



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

The true body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

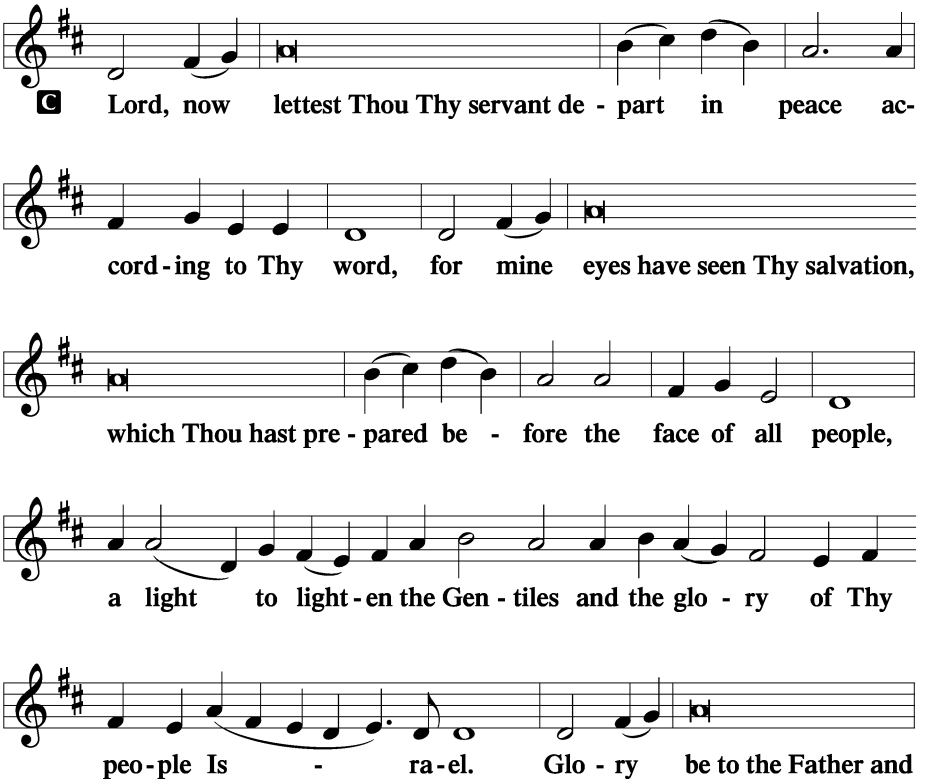
The true blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Stand

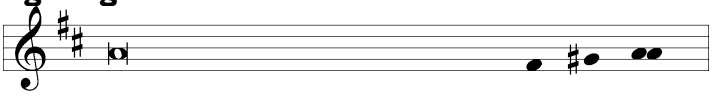
Nunc Dimittis **LSB 199**







Thanksgiving **LSB 200**





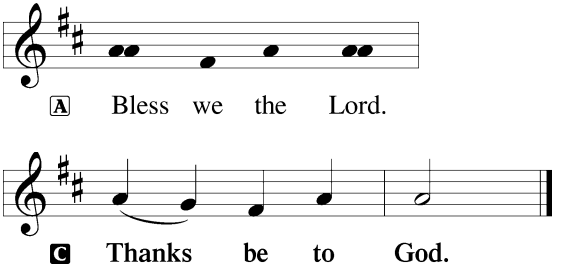
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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



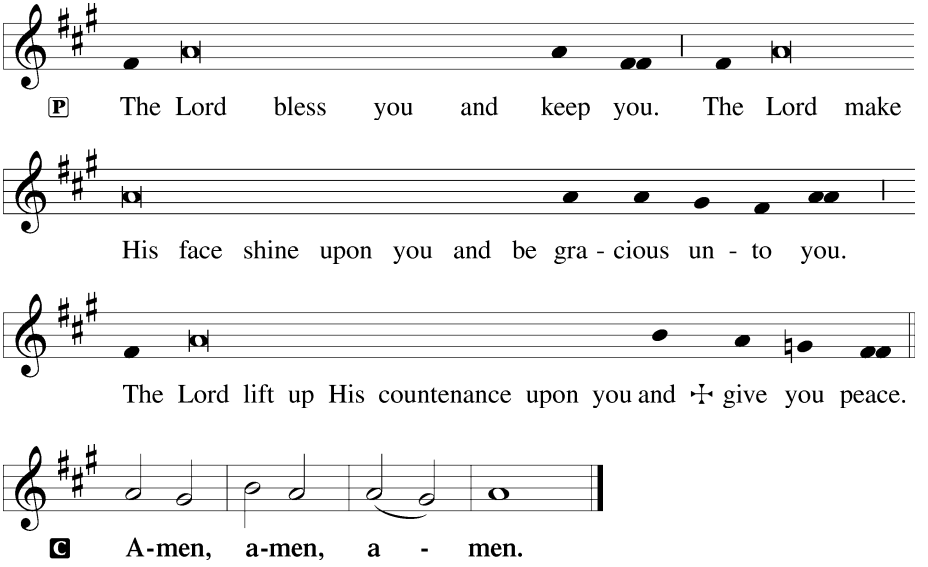




Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202



822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

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SERVING TODAY

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

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	39
Second Week	48
Third Week	44
Fourth Week	56

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%

Upcoming dates to remember:

- **Cookie Crumb Trail and/or Pecanapalooza Street Festival –**
  - Please bring your cookies to church by November 6 no later than 12:00 p.m. so they can be packaged for the dual festival on November 7, 2026.
  - Volunteers are needed for the events that run from 10 a.m. – 4. p.m. Signup sheets are in the back of church.
- **Church decorating for Christmas –** Saturday, November 28, 2026, starting at 8:30 a.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.

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.**

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.