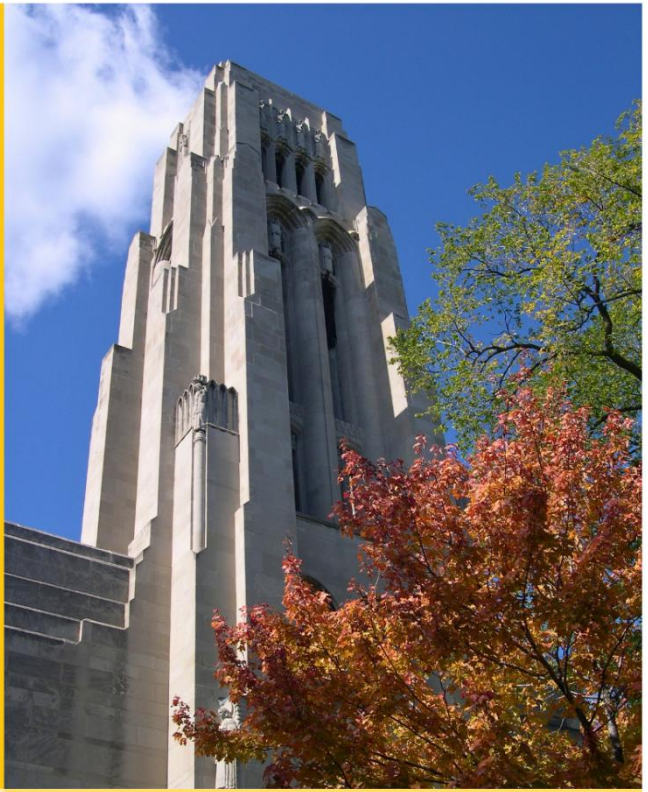
Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers
Today's flowers are sponsored by Julie Krueger and family in memory of Scott Krueger and Gwen Gotsch in memory of Kris Grahnke.

As We Gather
In the final parable of judgment, we see the Son of Man seated on the throne, separating the sheep from the goats. At first glance, this seems okay for us. There is no shortage of people who are worse than us. Away with the goats! But a closer inspection reveals the truth. We have failed so many times to care for the least of these. The law speaks clearly: We are sinners, goats through and through. Like it or not, that's the truth of the matter. Yet it may not mean what we think it means. The Son of Man is also the Lamb of God who lays down his life for God's flock. Covered by Christ, we wear the woolly righteousness of God's sheep. Covered by Christ, we can freely see Christ in our neighbors and their needs. Covered by Christ, we goats are invited to live like the sheep God declares us to be.



✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Trumpet Tune in D David N. Johnson

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℗ In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

℗ Most merciful God,

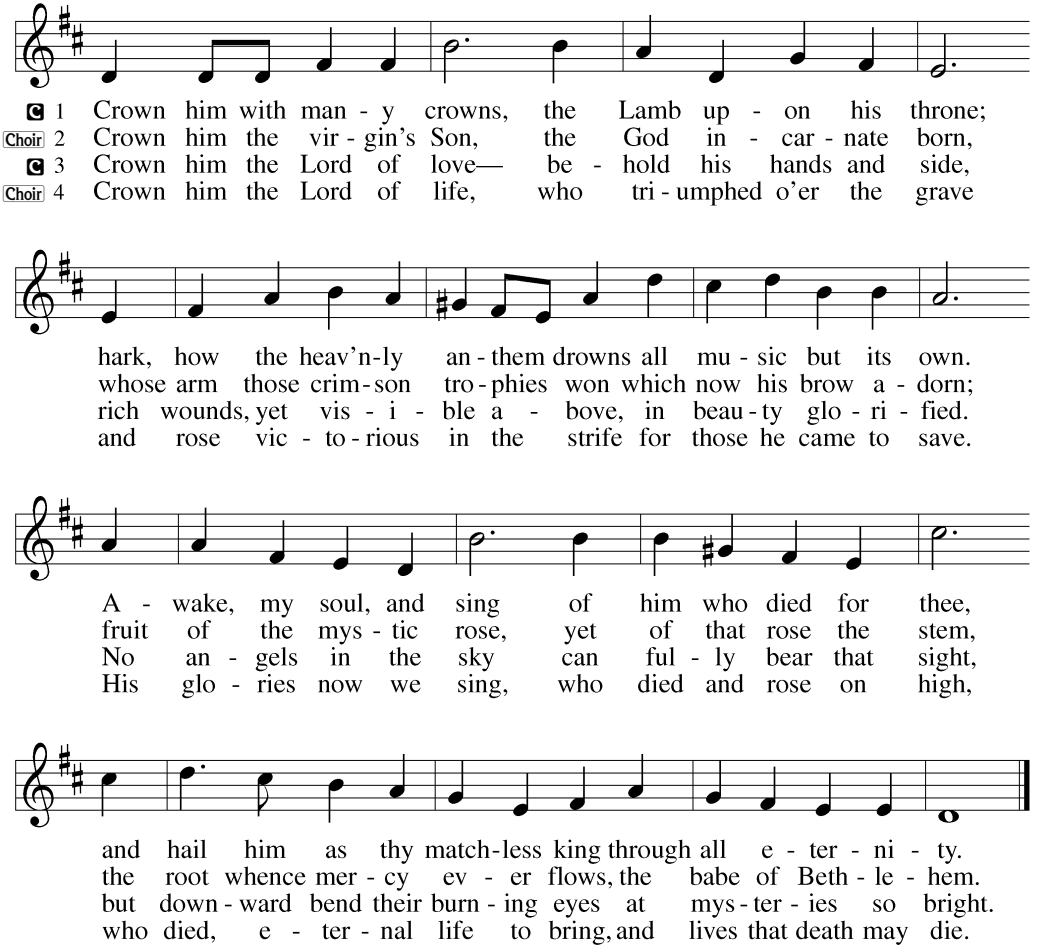
℃ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

℗ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns *(green)* **LBW #170**

Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in settings by Thomas Gieschen.



C 5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

C 6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

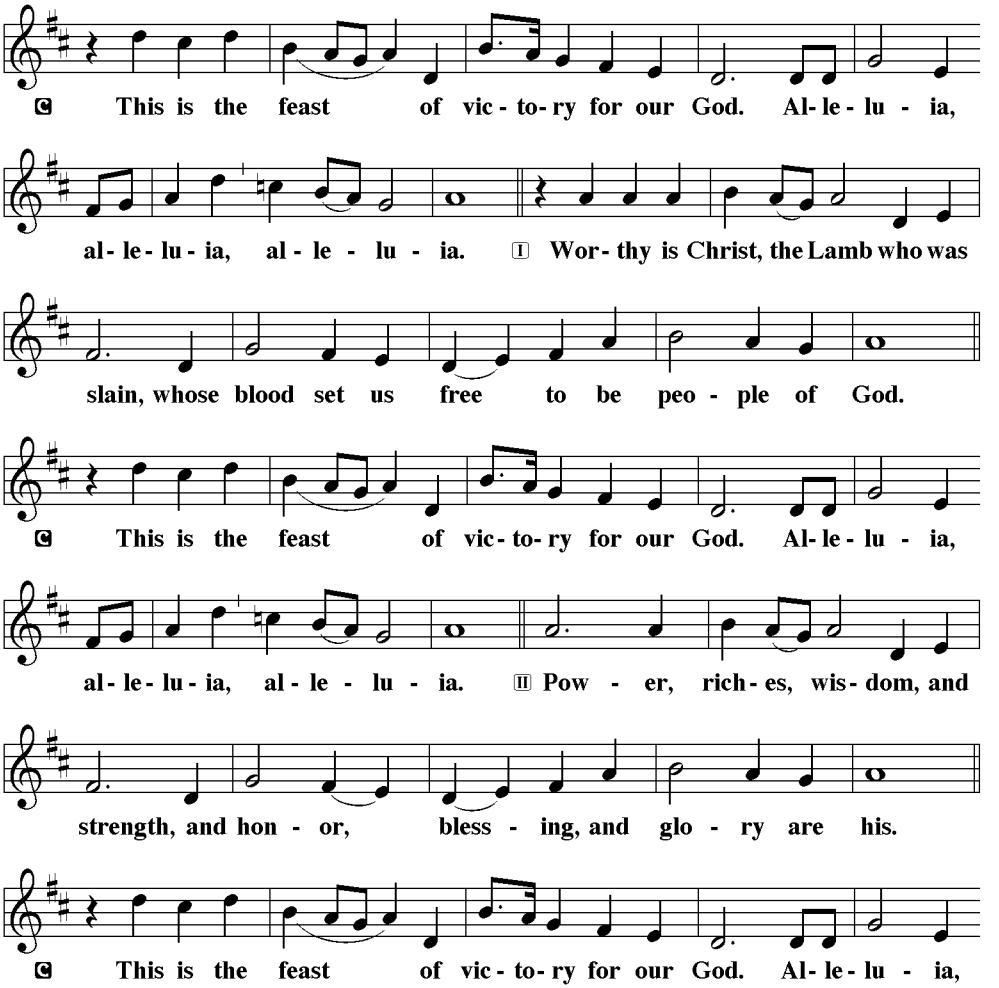
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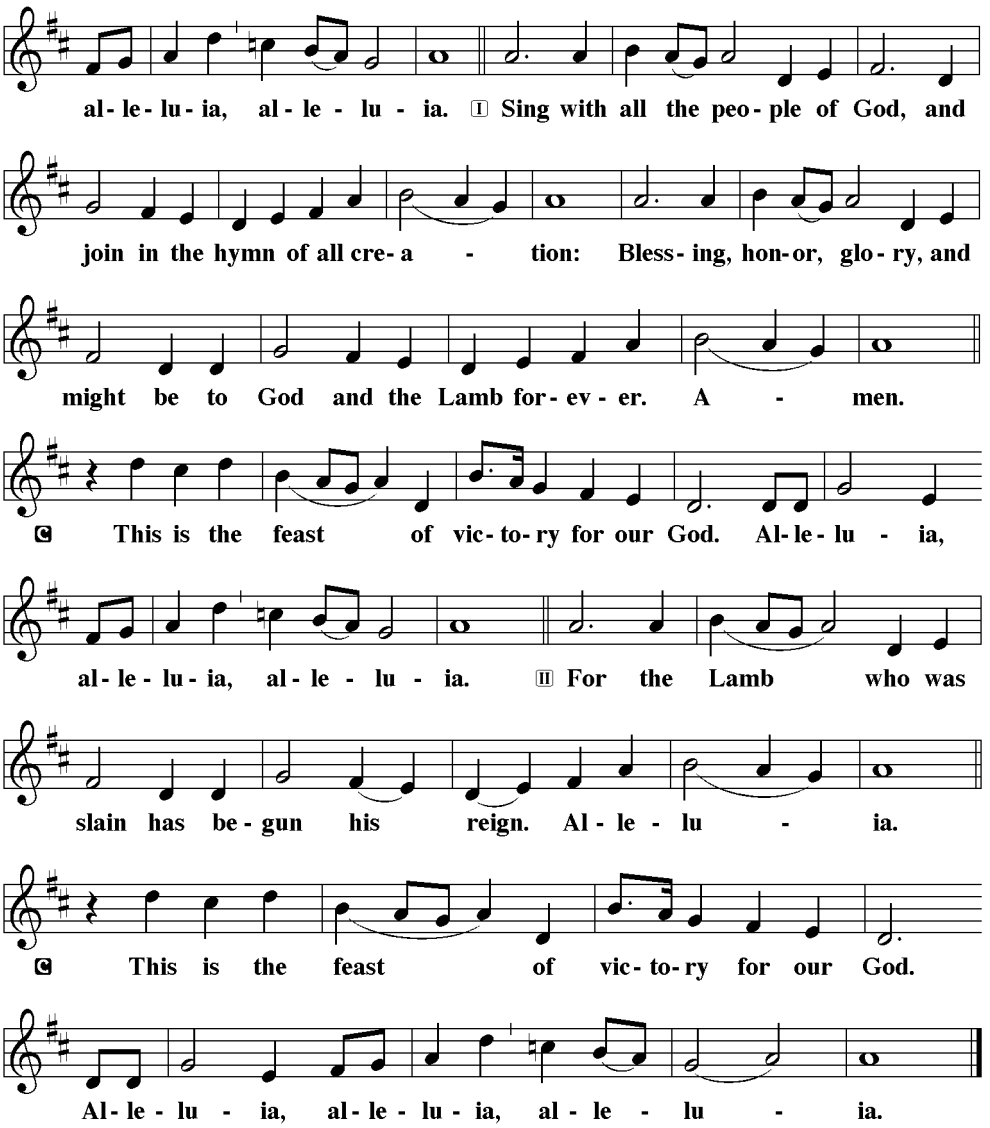
℗ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℄ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Higher (treble) voices sing parts marked Ⅰ. *Lower (bass) voices sing parts marked* Ⅱ.
All sing parts marked ℄.




al- le- lu- ia, al- le - lu - ia. 1 Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A - men.
℣ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le- lu - ia,
al- le- lu- ia, al- le - lu - ia. 2 For the Lamb who was
slain has be- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
℣ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God.
Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ The Lord be with you.

℣ **And also with you.**

℗ 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.**

We sit.

✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12]As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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 will 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 strayed, 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.

℔ The Word of the Lord.

℣ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1–7a

ANTIPHON:
We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of his hand. Michael D. Costello

L Come, let us sing | to the Lord;*
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

C **Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving***
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.

L For the Lord | is a great God,*
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

C **In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,***
and the heights of the hills | are his also.

L The sea is his, | for he made it,*
and his hands have molded | the dry land.

C **Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,***
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.

L For he | is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

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]I pray 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 know 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

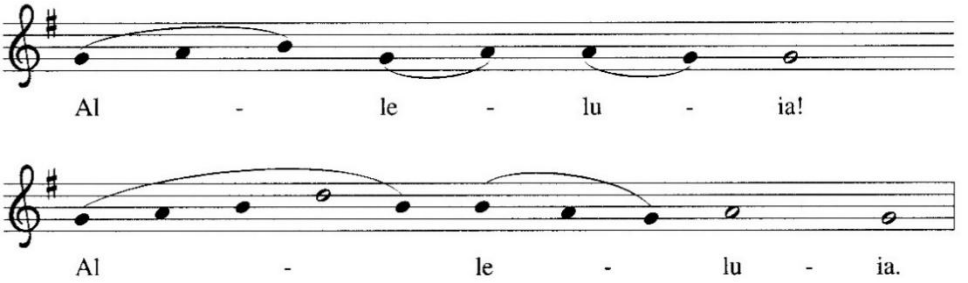
We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Mark 11:9 Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** *(below)*



Choir Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "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. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for 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, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then 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? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I 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.' 44Then 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.

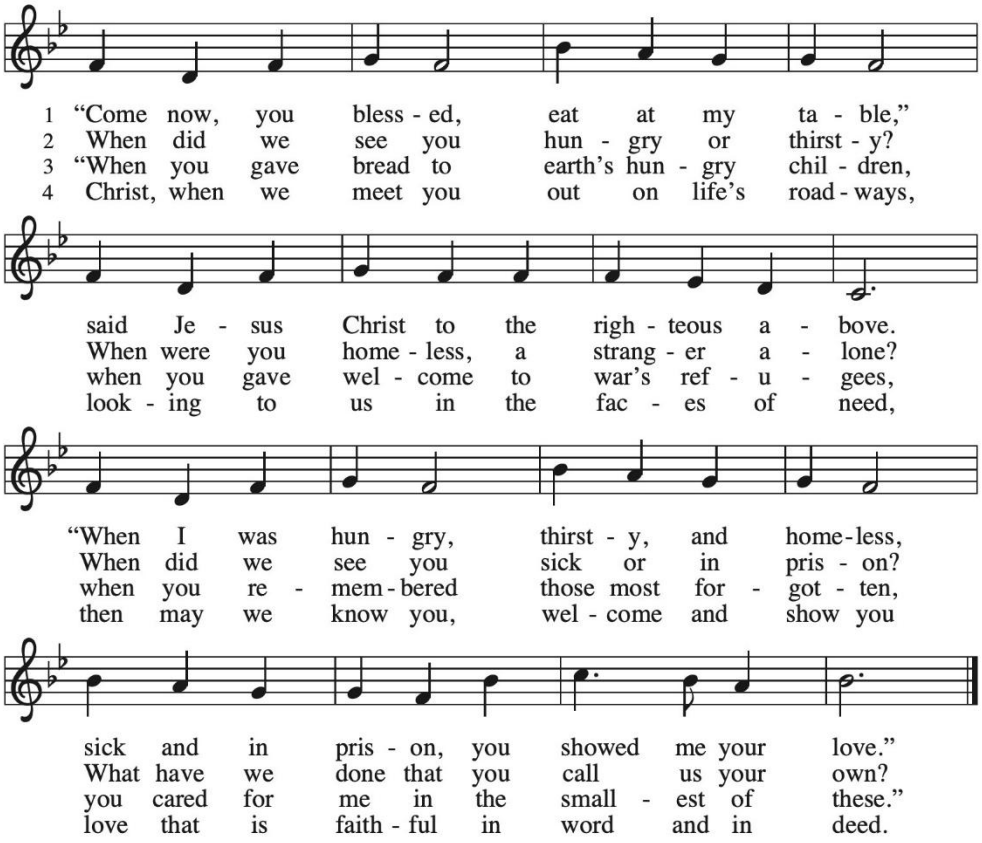
℠ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Misreading the Results — Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 25:31–46

HYMN: Come Now, You Blessed — **ACS #1059**



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APOSTLES' CREED

℗ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

℃ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

℗ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℃ **Amen.**

✢ MEAL ✢

PEACE OF CHRIST

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℄ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Prelude on Picardy — Al Roberts

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: 1 John 3:2–3 — Donald Busarow

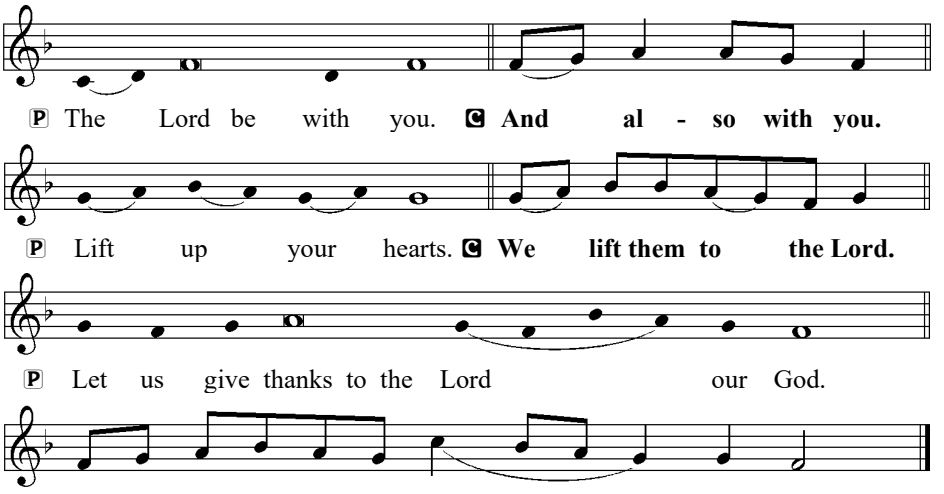
Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be,
But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

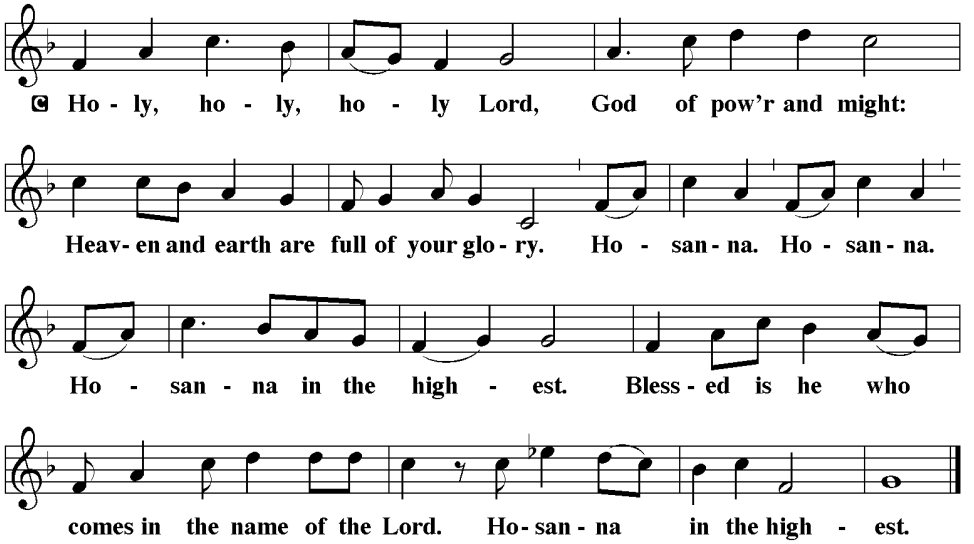
Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

℄ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



℗ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



℗ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

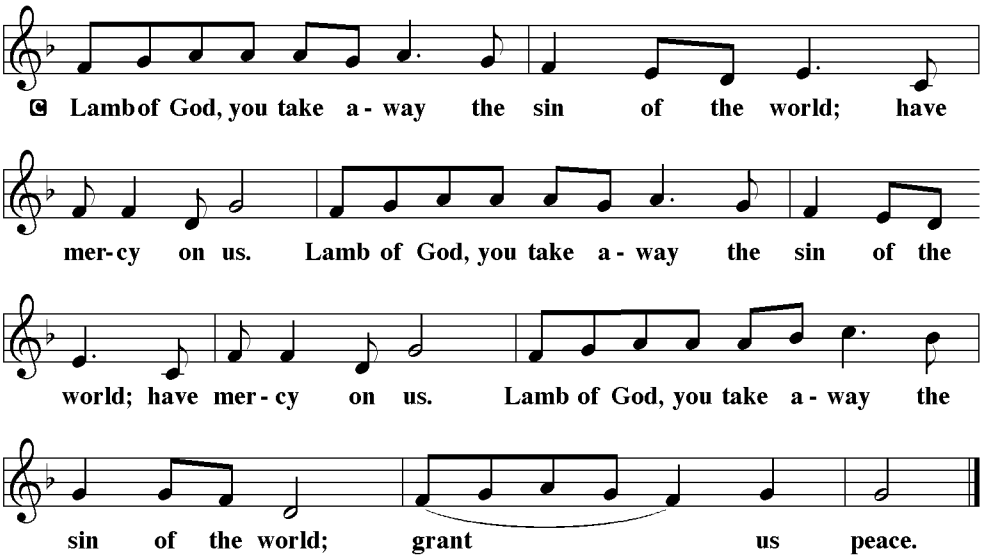
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

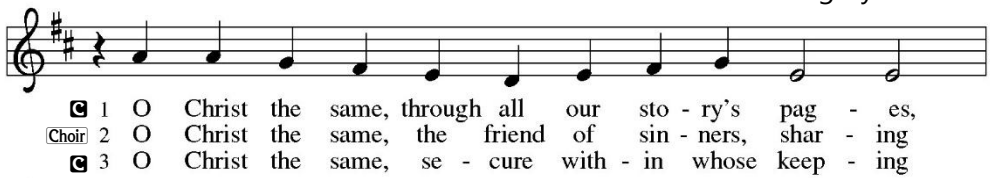
We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

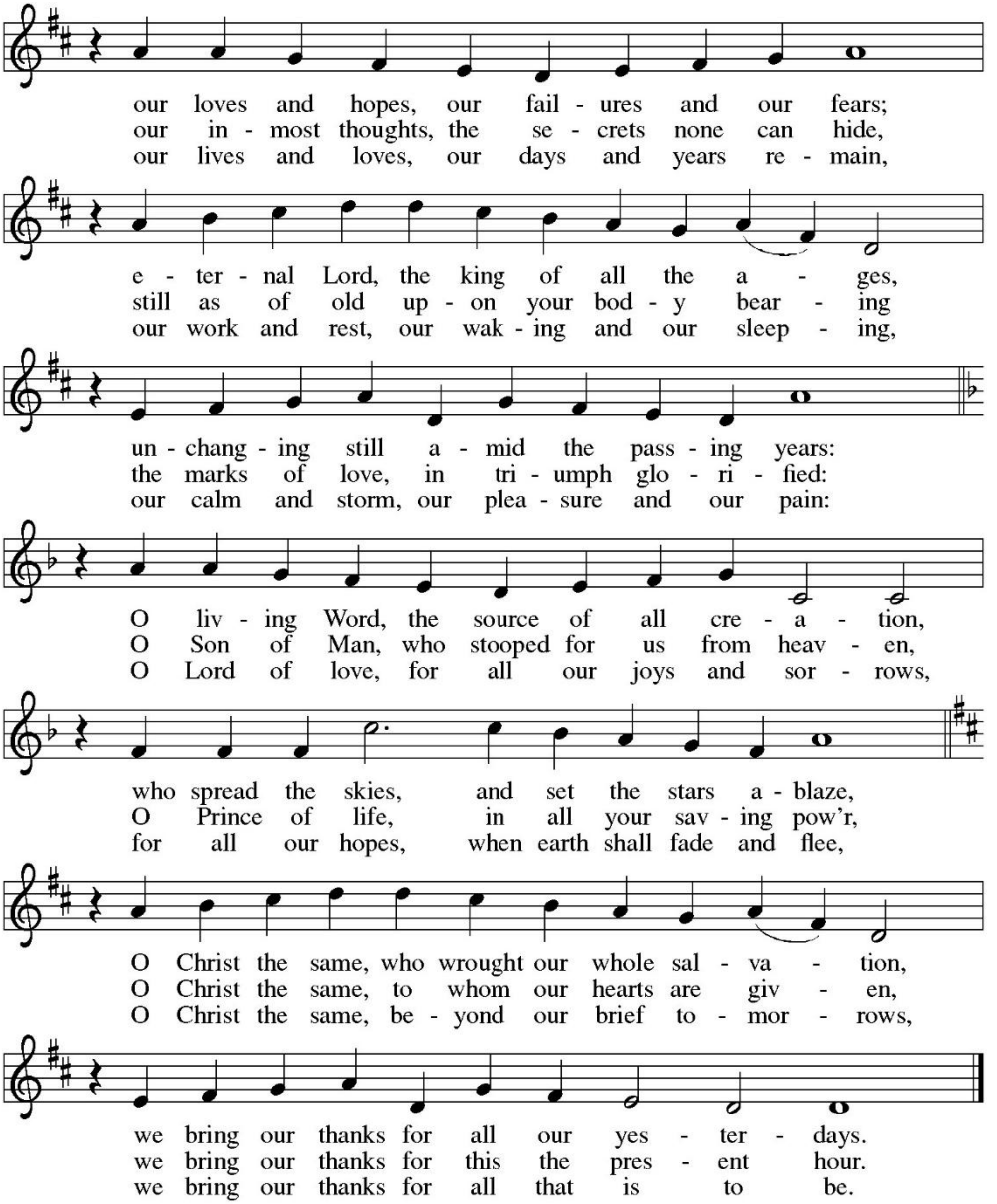
Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: O Christ the Same **ELW #760**

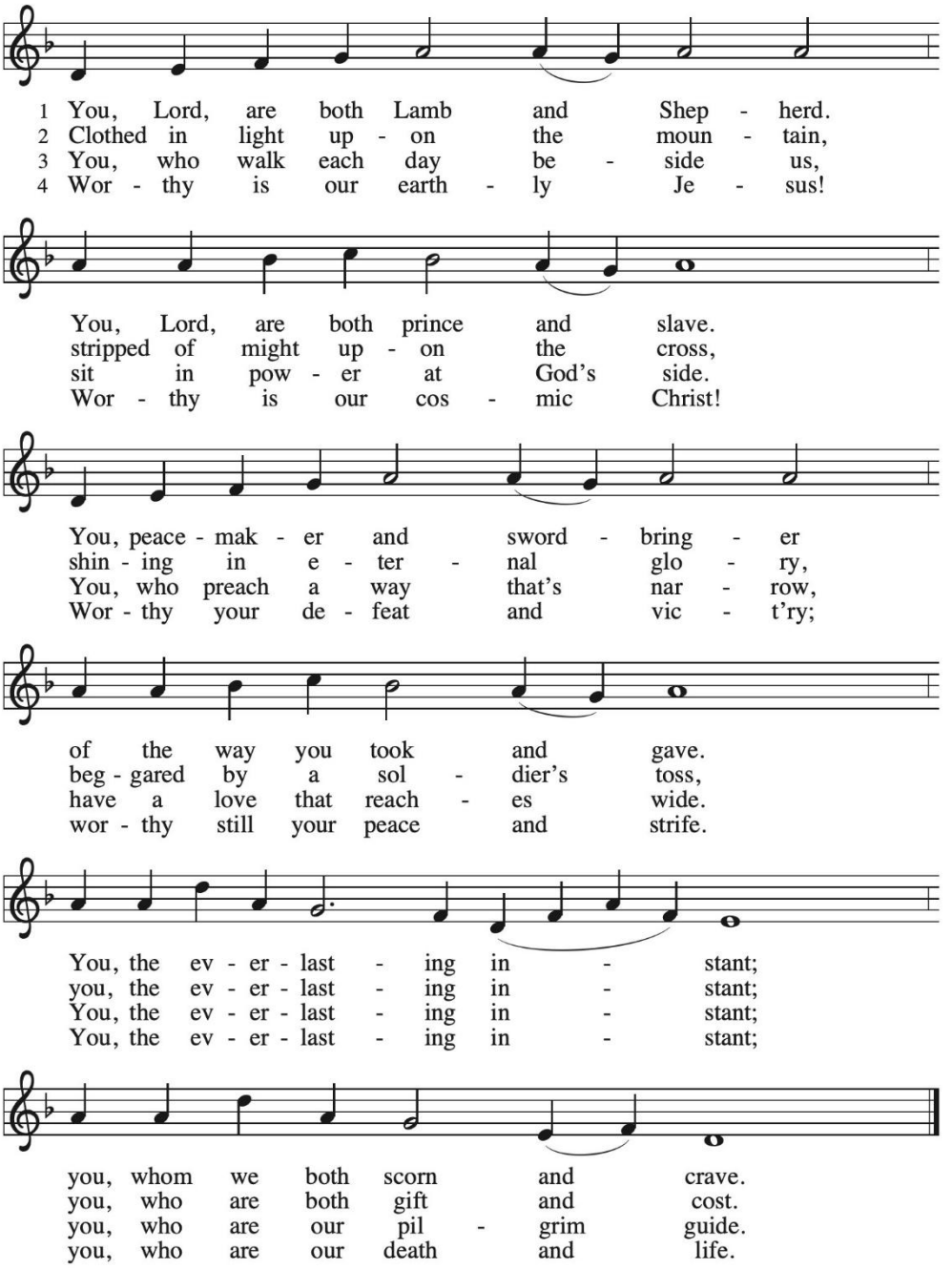
Tune and Setting by Carl Schalk





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Music: RED HILL ROAD, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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HYMN: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd **ACS #954**



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



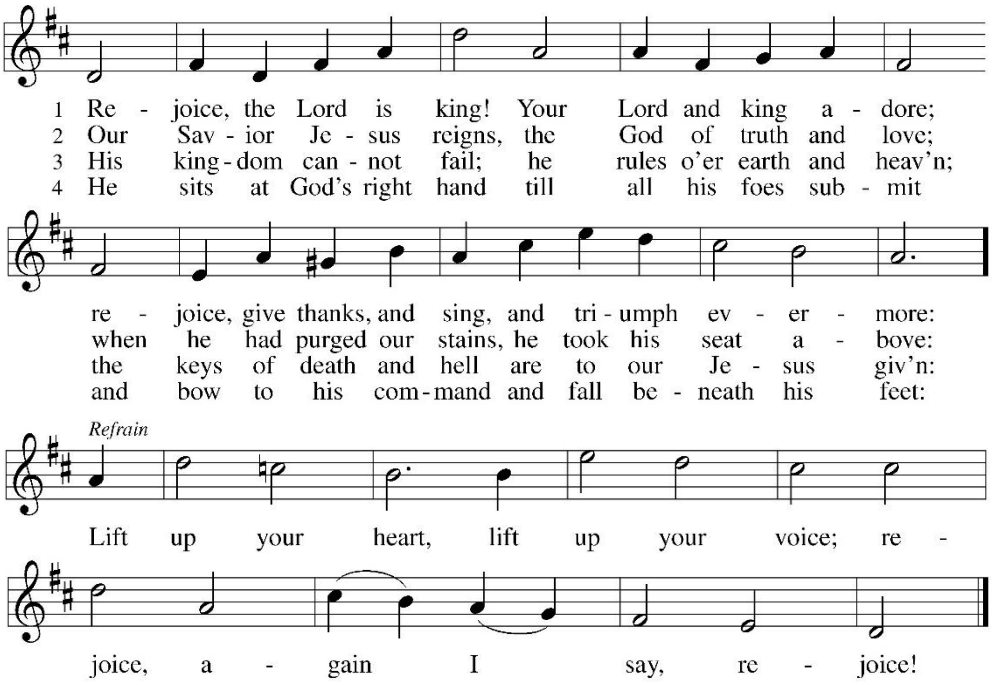
✢ SENDING ✢

BENEDICTION

℗ Almighty God: Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

℄ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Rejoice the Lord is King! *(green)* **LBW #171**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℄ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542b Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister
Val Spiller, deacon

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Gail Eifrig, David Simpson, lectors
McKenna Dyer, Quinn Terry, crucifer/book bearer
Paulette Reddel, Al Swanson, gift bearers
Richard Calhoun, David Kuipers, Susan Scherer
Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers
Roberta Gillespie, Deb Stonich, altar guild
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 22
Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
No Sunday School/Confirmation Class
Adult Education (Seminar Room) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Seminar Room) ..... **11:15 a.m.**
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) ..... **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers ..... **3:45 p.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Dads of Grace (Off-site) ..... **7:30 p.m.**
Kontras Quartet Recital (Sanctuary) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Building Open 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Building Open 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (No School)
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Building Closed – No School
Thanksgiving Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Building Closed – No School

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Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor
Michael D. Costello, Cantor
Taylor-Imani Gates, Principal
Julie Modrich, Ministry Engagement Manager
Allison Tan, Community Engagement Manager
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