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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

25 PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 ✠ 9:30 AM

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WELCOME TO ALL
who join us today for worship!

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING *This Is My Father's World*
TERRA BEATA: Arr. Robert Lau
Joanne Vasey, organ

Let Us Break Bread Together
African-American spiritual; Arr. Anna Laura Page
Parish Peal Handbell Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living*
THE ASH GROVE; Welsh Melody; Arr. Anna Laura
Parish Peal Handbell Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over 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.

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

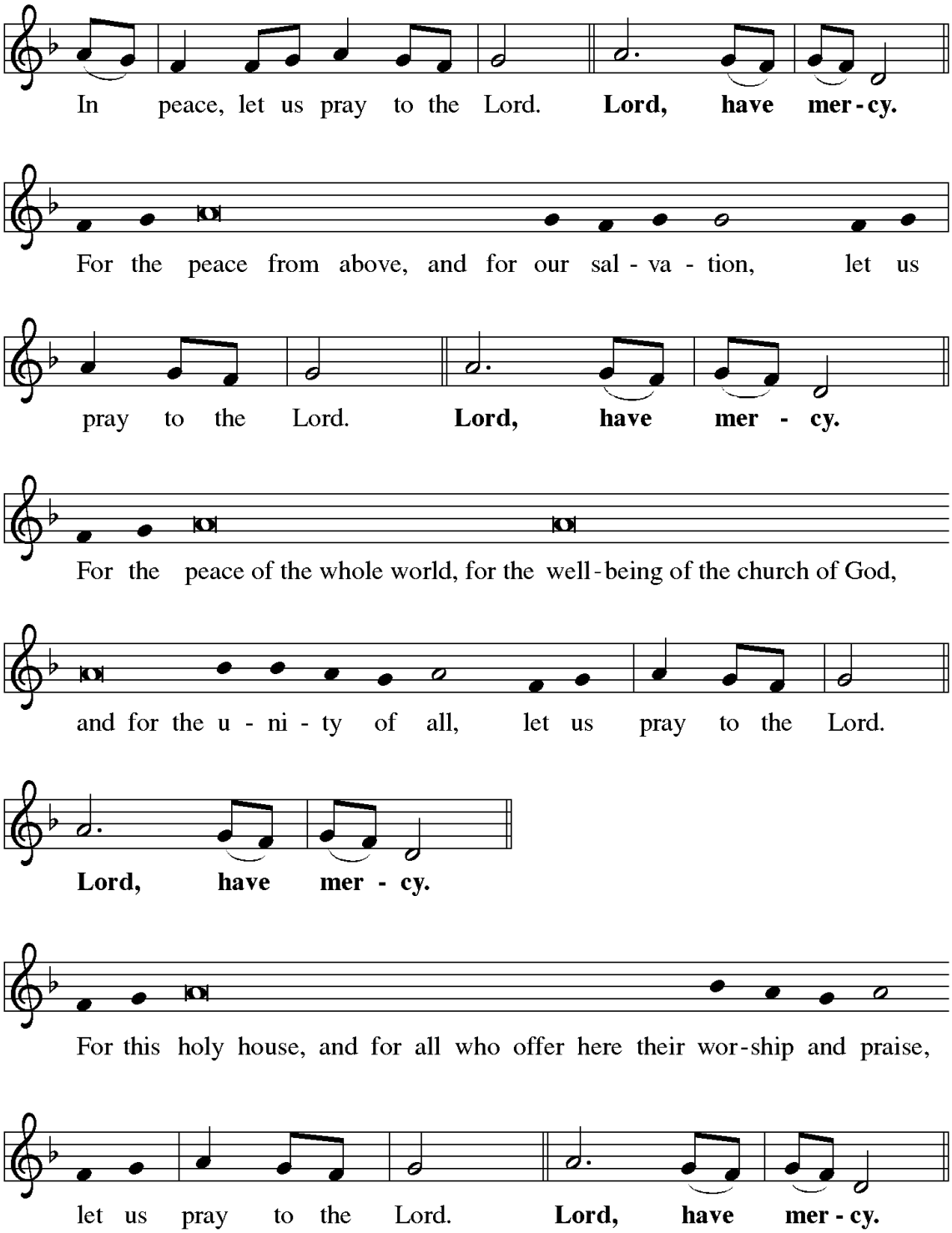
*** GATHERING HYMN** *We Praise You, O God* - ELW # 870

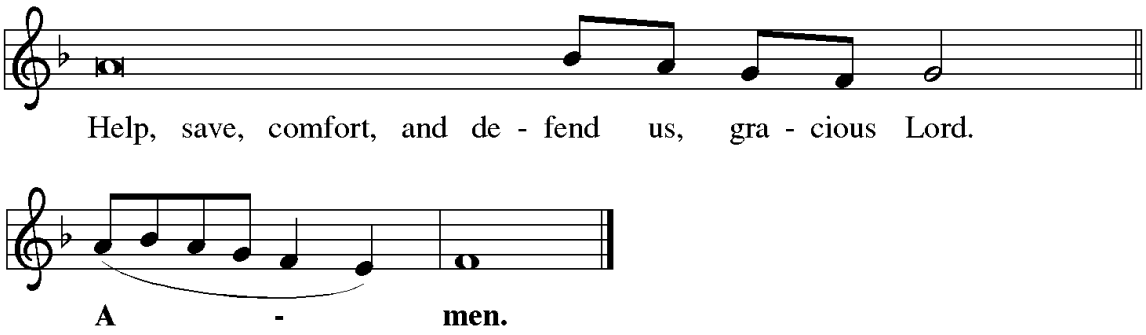
*** GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

*** KYRIE**





* HYMN OF PRAISE





* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

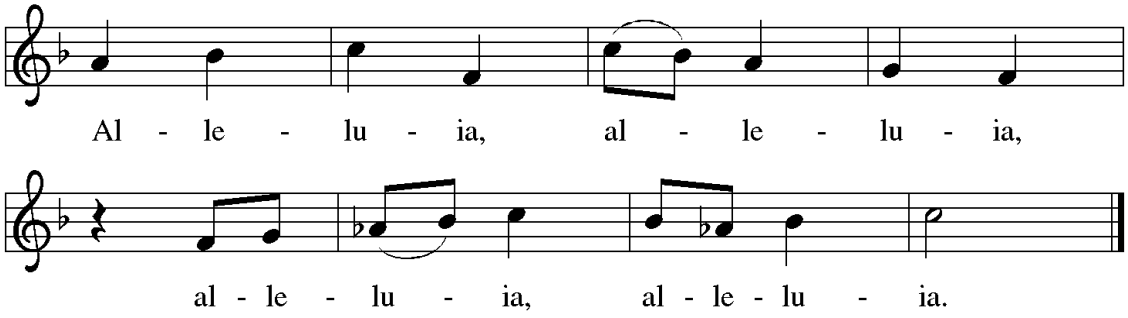
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the
night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 13-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter:
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour. 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five
talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the
one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long
time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to
him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where
you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where
I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on
my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be
given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they
have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Charlene Rineer

SERMON The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* – ELW # 707

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C 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 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.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

P You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts (brief pause). God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE *Fear Not for Tomorrow* - Natalie Sleeth
Joanne Vasey, organ

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***OFFERTORY VERSE** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW # 181



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

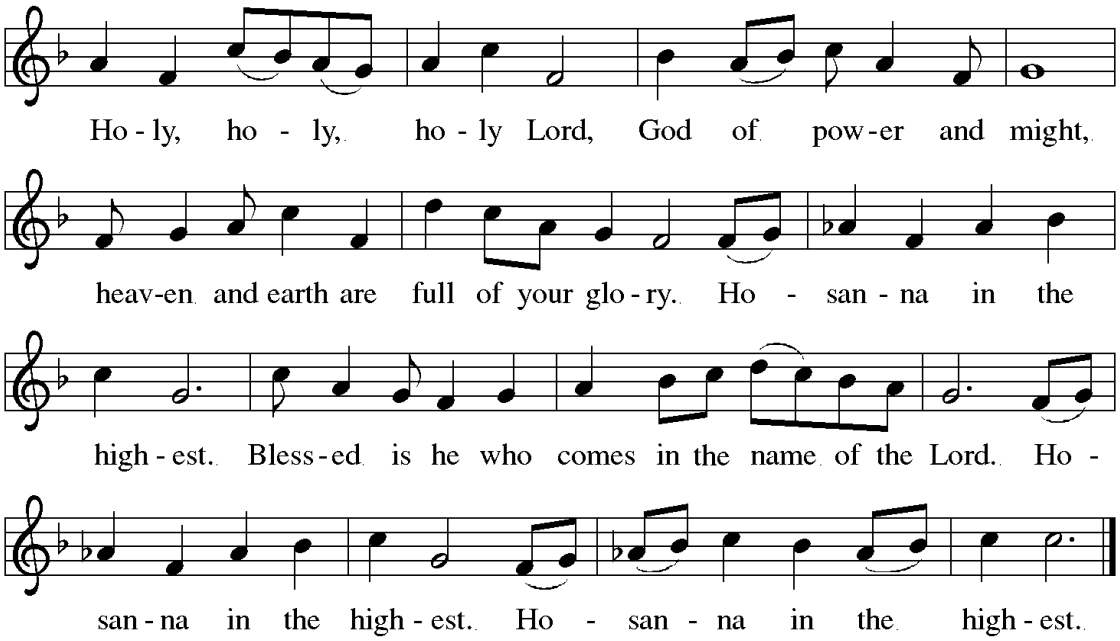
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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

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

P 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:

* SANCTUS



P O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

P When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

P You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

P 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.

P 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.

P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
C Amen.

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
C Amen!

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
C Amen.

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
C Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION ANTHEM *O God Our Help in Ages Past* - ELW # 632
Text: Isaac Watts Music: William Croft
Pop-Up Choir

(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder. Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody.)

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* - ELW # 674

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A 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.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

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

C Amen

*** SENDING HYMN** *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* - ELW # 327

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE** *March On To Zion* - Chester Nordman
Joanne Vasey, organ

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THANKS to Laura Adams for hosting today's Coffee Hour.

THANKS to the Parish Peal Handbell Choir and Pop-Up Choir for providing's today's anthems for worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Shirley Wittes in honor of Pastor Katy & Pastor Justin and the many members who assist with the worship services.

	November 15 25 Pentecost	November 22 Christ the King
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Joseph Martin
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Communion Ushers	Jim Snyder / Jackie Cvik	Bill Borys / Adelyn Elliott
Communion Assistant	Laurie Slear	Mark Elliott
Communion Pourers	Rick Slear / Colleen Nevil	Bill Wagner / Laura Faux
Usher Team	Cherie Jarrett / Mary Lou Shedden	Jerry & Julie Albright
Welcome Desk	Jackie Cvik	Adelyn Elliott
Grocery Cards	TBD	Pam Baker
Altar Guild	Jackie Goff	
CPIC	Trace Nevil	

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: November 8, 2026: 85
OFFERINGS: Nov. 1 & Nov. 8, 2026: $6,213.00

Choir & Ensembles

1) Parish Peal Handbell Choir - Thanks for providing anthems today. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the ringing and rehearsal schedule as we approach Advent. Want to learn to ring bells? Contact Joanne Vasey.

2) Pop-Up Choir - Thanks for providing the communion anthem today. Next date to sing TBA. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

3) Parish Choir - Will rehearse Wed., Nov. 18 at 7:15 pm in preparation for singing next Sunday, Nov. 22 (Christ the King). New singers welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

4) Children & Family Choir - Will continue rehearsals during the Sunday school hour in preparation for sharing an anthem during the Advent season. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

5) Special Music - Musicians in the congregation are welcome to provide anthems for worship. All ages and experience levels welcome! Contact Joanne Vasey.

6) Additional Ensembles - Orchestra, Orff, Drumming Ensemble, etc. will be organized for the upcoming Advent and/or Christmas seasons. Contact Joanne Vasey.

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Nov. 15

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Faith Lab – Christ's Lutheran, 4:30pm –6:30pm

Monday, Nov. 16

Men's Breakfast – Lower Church Hall /kitchen, 8:30am

Leaf Raking – Christ's Lutheran, 3:00pm

Preschool Board Meeting - Conference Room, 6:00pm

Transitions Meeting-Parlor, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Al-Anon-Youth Room, 7:00pm

December newsletter info due

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Transitions – Lower Church Hall, 2:00pm –4:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Holy Sew 'N' Sews – Lower Church Hall, 9:00am

Parish Choir, 7:15pm

Thursday, Nov. 19

Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 9:30am & 3:30pm

Men's Bible Study – Parlor, 6:00pm

Deadline for poinsettia orders

Saturday, Nov. 21

Celebration of Life for DeDee Wagner – Lower Church Hall, 2:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 22 / Christ the King

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Kunkel/Finance – Parlor, 10:45am

Greening of the Church, 10:45am

Faith Lab - Christ's Lutheran, 4:30pm –6:30pm

November Prayer Requests



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?
Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745
or emailing it to christchurch@dejazzd.com

MEMBER CONCERNS:

The family of Joyce Beck-bereavement	**Marian Thomas & family**-loss of Ben Thomas
Patti Faux-cancer treatment	**Tracy**-concerns
Emmy Gearhart-health	**Joanne Vasey**-health
Tim Goff-tests and upcoming surgery	**Lisa Veloz**-health
Bonnie Hetherington-cancer treatment	**Bill Wagner & family**-loss of DeDee
Dennis Lucas-health	**Bruce Wallis & family**-loss of Ruth Ann
John & Dottie Michaels-health	**Diane Warner**- health
Gary Rickenbach-health	**Jay Warner**-diabetes
Janet Shuman-health	**Roberta Winder**-health
Rick Slear-cancer recovery	**Charlotte Winter**-health
Julie Stefan- cancer recovery	**Toletha Yost**-health

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington		**Bryan Berry**	**Joanne Gundrum**
Jodi Jarrett		**Matt Hepner**	
Marian Thomas		**Leola Dornsife**	

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya-renal failure	**Aris Moser**-health
Jared Carvell-ALS	**Marc Pompeo**-health
Nick Donaldson-cancer	**Wade Reese**-cancer treatment
D'Taranto Family-recovery & peaceful days	**Emily Rowe**-metastic cancer
Cristy Emigh-breast cancer treatments	**Denise Rupert**-hand surgery
Dick Frohardt-health concerns	**Mindy Rupert**-loss of loved one
Erinn Gramly-loss of grandmother	**Scott Smith**-cancer
Brooke Gordner-multiple sclerosis	**Crystal Wallace**-health
Kelsey and Alex Hall- loss of their son	**Tyler Watts**-heart surgery
Erin May Kellett–cancer	**Andrew White**-health
Dave Lohr-cancer	**Nikk Wintersteen**-cancer