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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

24 PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 ✠ 9:30 AM

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who join us today for worship!

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- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING *Canzona*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Arr. Lani Smith
Deep River - David H. Hegarty
Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Let Justice Roll Like a River* - Text & Music: Marty Haugen
Brandy Aguirre, vocals 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** *Come, We That Love the Lord* - ELW # 625

*** 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**


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
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 offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

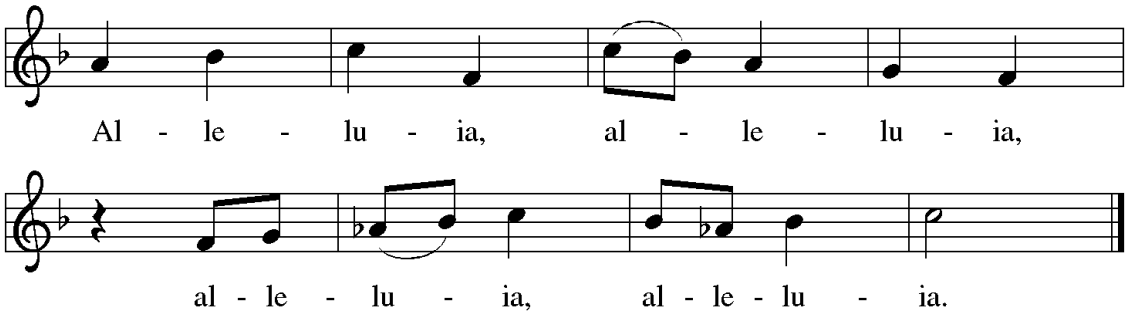
L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so 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
died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who
are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord
in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples: 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 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, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you
had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

[10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Mr. Chad Hershberger

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* - ELW # 244

*** 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 illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts (brief pause). God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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

Safe In His Care - David Paxton
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.

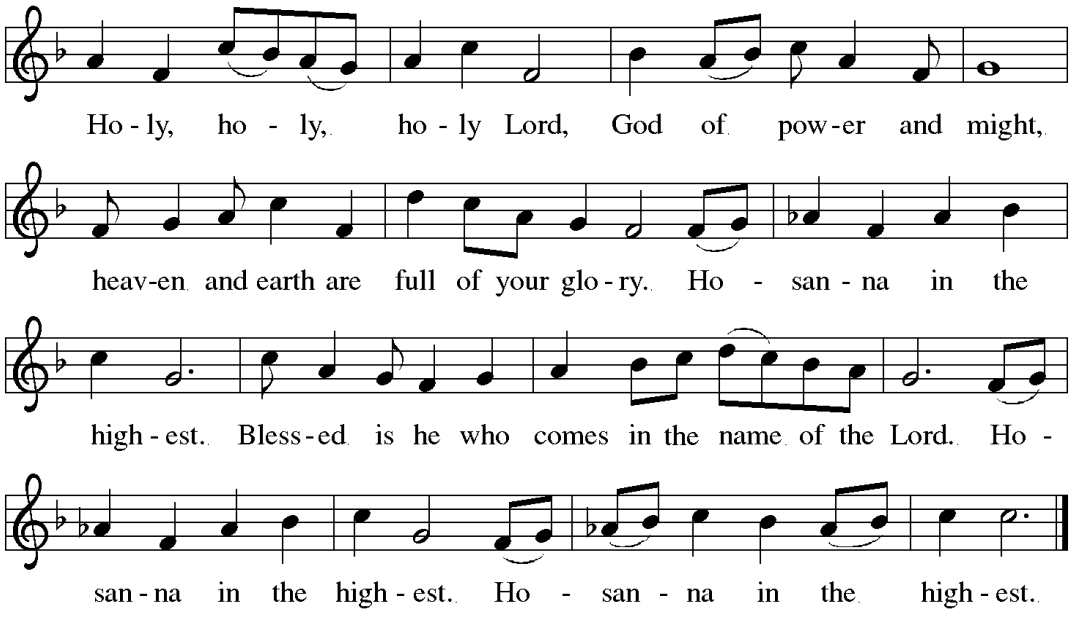
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 *When Peace Like A River* - ELW # 785
(It Is Well With My Soul)
Text: Horatio G. Spafford Music: Philip Bliss
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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* - ELW # 488

*** 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.

* HARVEST HOME BLESSING

P God of the earth and God of the harvest, we give you praise for the ordering of your creation and the changing of its seasons. We thank you for the gifts of water, sunlight, and soil that work to sustain all that you have deemed good. Bless those who continue to labor in the fields in order to provide the food to sustain your people. Bless those who will receive this food that their anxieties and burdens may be lessened and their joy may be increased in order to know you, the true bread of life. Nourish us all with the grace of your table and keep us in your steadfast care through all seasons that lie ahead. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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** *Blessed Assurance* - ELW # 638

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
African-American Spiritual
Brandy Aguirre, vocals and African drums Joanne Vasey, organ

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Shirley Wittes in loving memory of my brothers Carl, Maurice, & Harold, and their wives: Grace, Lucille & Janet Herman.

THANKS to the Pop-Up Choir and Brandy Aguirre for providing today's anthems for worship.

Choir & Ensembles

Parish Choir - Next date to sing for worship is Nov. 22. New singers welcome! Some rehearsals are now taking place on Wed. Evenings instead of Monday evenings. Contact Brandy Aguirre for updates to the rehearsal schedule.

Parish Peal Handbell Choir - Next date to ring for worship is Nov. 15. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the rehearsal schedule. Interested in learning to ring bells? Contact Joanne Vasey.

Pop-Up Choir - Thanks for providing today's communion anthem. Pop-Up Choir will provide the communion anthem next Sunday. "O God Our Help in Ages Past"- ELW # 632. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

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

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

Additional Ensembles - Orchestra, Orff, Drumming Ensemble, etc. - Hoping to organize some for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Contact Joanne Vasey.

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Nov. 8 / Harvest Home Sunday

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

SVSWG - LCH/Room 202, 1:00pm –4:00pm

Synod Youth Ping Pong Tourn. - Sharon Lutheran, 2:00pm –4:00pm

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

Monday, Nov. 9

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

Counters – Parlor, 9:15am

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

Mini Mission- Operation X-mas Child – Lower Church Hall, 6:00pm

Al-Anon-Youth Room, 7:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11

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

Transitions – Parlor, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Theology on Tap - Rusty Rail, 6:00pm

Thursday, Nov. 12

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

Men's Bible Study – Parlor, 6:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 14

Tae-Kwon Do – Lower Church Hall, 3:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 15

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Faith Lab – United In Christ, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

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Grocery Cards	Beckie Stahlnecker	TBD
Altar Guild	Jackie Goff	
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ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: November 1, 2026: 86

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 celclewisburg@gmail.com

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Patti Faux-cancer treatment	**Tracy**-concerns
Emmy Gearhart-health	**Joanne Vasey**-health
Bonnie Hetherington-cancer treatment	**Lisa Veloz**-health
Dennis Lucas-health	**DeeDee Wagner**-health
John & Dottie Michaels-health	**Ruth Ann Wallis**-health
Gary Rickenbach-health	**Diane Warner**- health
Janet Shuman-health	**Jay Warner**-diabetes
Rick Slear-cancer recovery	**Roberta Winder**-health
Julie Stefan- cancer recovery	**Charlotte Winter**-health
Marian Thomas & family-loss of Ben Thomas	**Toletha Yost**-health

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

Cori Hetherington		**Bryan Berry**	**Joanne Gundrum**
Jodi Jarrett		**Joyce Beck**	**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

Please pray for our members & friends serving in the military!



Dear Lord,
We thank you for the blessings you've given us. For the kind people you've placed in our paths, the beauty that exists all around us and for the million gentle mercies and graces that are part of each fresh new day. Amen.

**Please note, your prayer requests will stay on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless you contact the church office (570.524.0745) and request otherwise. If you see an asterisk by a name it indicates an update is needed from the person who placed them on the prayer list.*