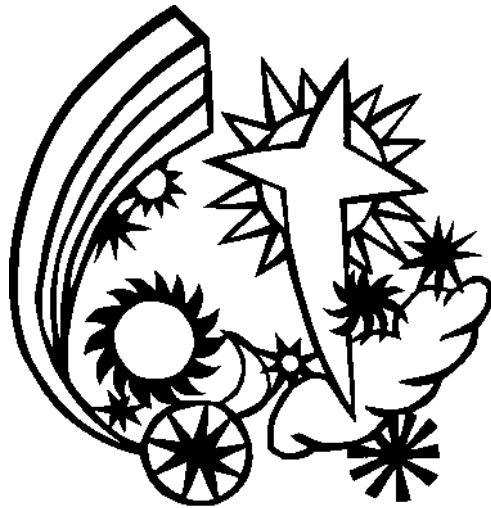


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+ *Those who are able please stand.*

(*Congregation responses are printed in bold type*)

LBW = Green book

WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

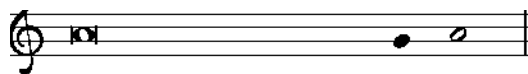
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+ GREETING

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.

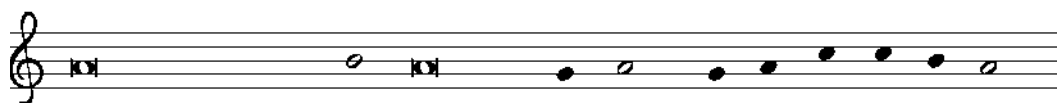
+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



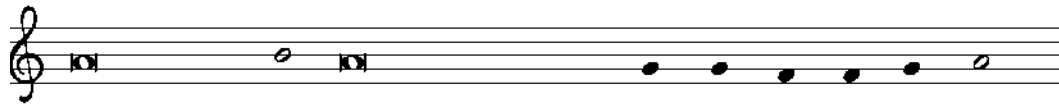
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL LUKE 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Every Nation”



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

We pray, Gracious God,

that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us.

With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy Lord, be among us, hear us, and fulfill the hope of our prayers.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LBW#564

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

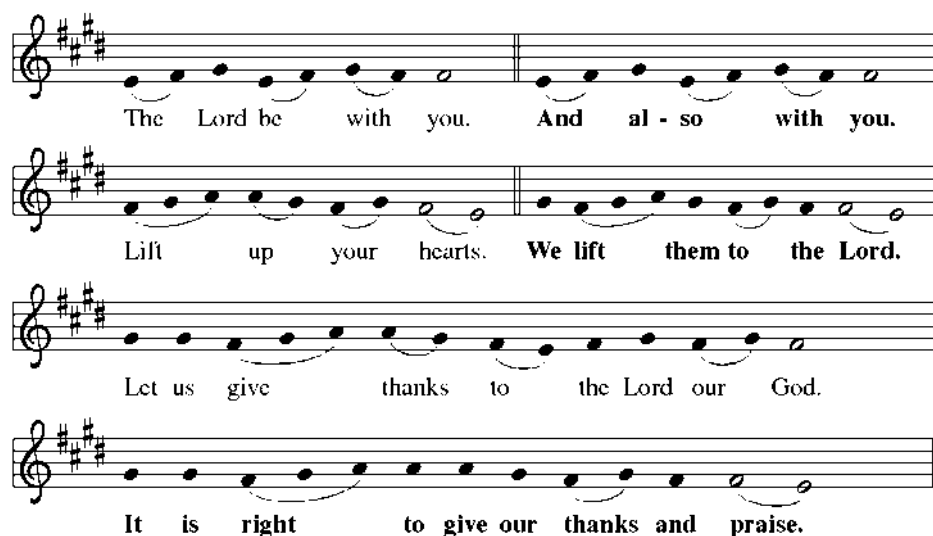
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

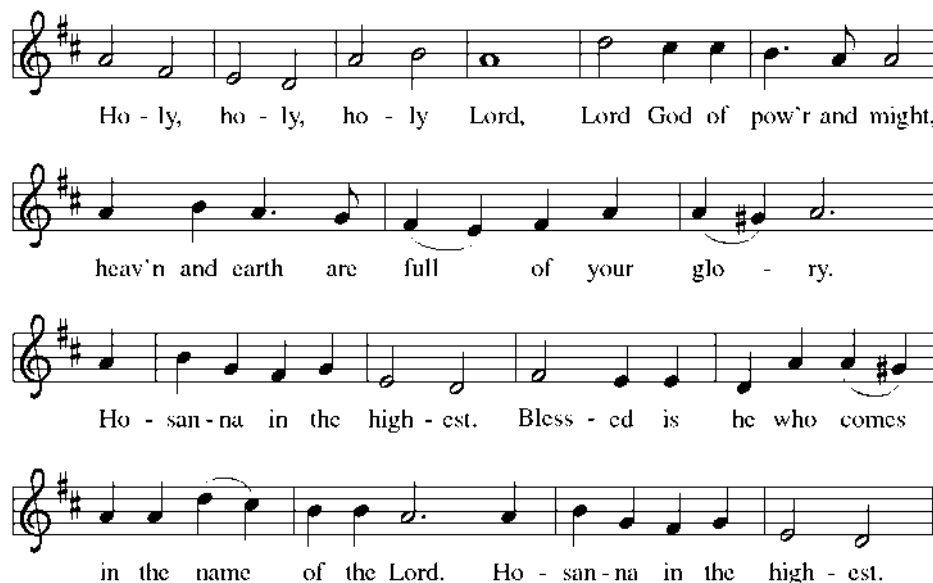
Let us pray together ...

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

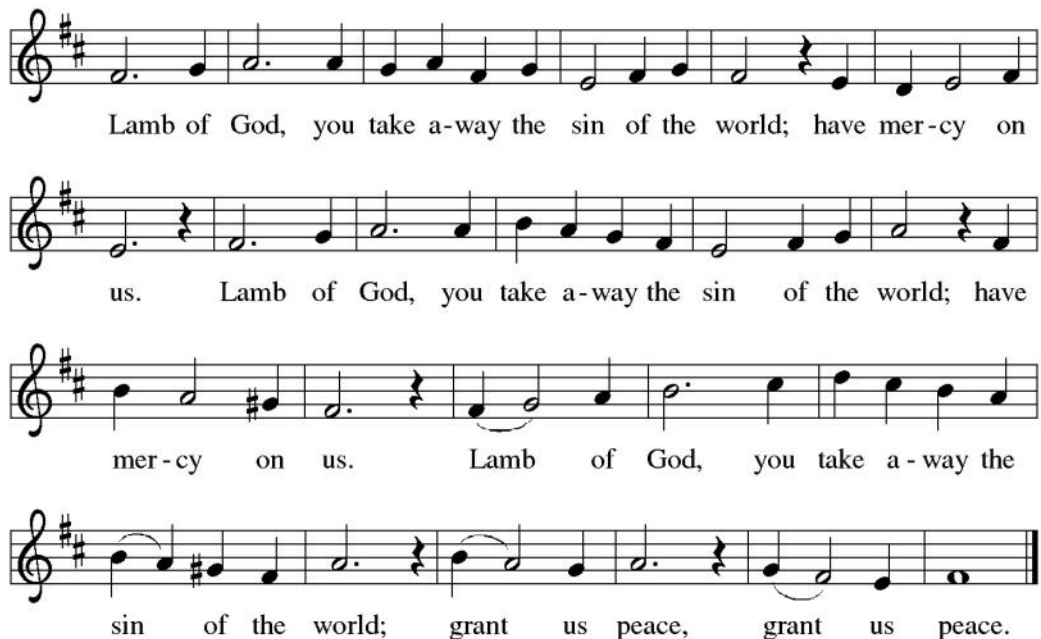
+ LORD'S PRAYER

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION – All children of God are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together ...

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

+ BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Setting 4 ELW

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<u>Serving 11/16/2025</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Heather Basinger
Lector	Myra Sechler
Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan & Kristina Martin
Acolyte	Kenley Miller
Security Team	Chad Rivers & David Diggs
Sound System	Brody Linker
Teller Team	Helen Correll, Gene Stirewalt & Michael Miller
Ushers	David & Brenda Miller Michael & Kristi Miller

<u>Serving 11/23/2025</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Sheila Basinger
Lector	Gene Stirewalt
Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan & Kristina Martin
Acolyte	Bayley Carter
Crucifer	Cooper Miller
Security Team	Duane Nolan & Randy Basinger
Sound System	Carson Hurst
Teller Team	Helen Correll, Gene Stirewalt & Michael Miller
Ushers	David & Brenda Miller Michael & Kristi Miller

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in honor of Geraldine Aldridge on her birthday by her family.

RISK MANAGEMENT will meet on Wednesday at 7:00pm

AMAZING GRACE SENIORS will meet on Thursday at 10:30am to go to the Classic Restaurant in Denton. We have two van going and they are full.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE will put up the trees on Monday, December 1 at 6:00pm.

CIRCLE OF HOPE will meet Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will do our cookie party and distribute Chrismons.

POINSETTIAS will decorate the church on 12/21 through Christmas Eve. They can be in memory or in honor of loved ones. Cost is \$15.00 each. Indicate on a Poinsettia Order Form.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	
Tues	Quilting	10:00am
Wed	Children's Choir PK-1st	6:00pm
	Children's Choir 2nd- 5th	6:30pm
	Chancel choir	7:00pm
	Risk Management	7:00pm

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Jerry Heilig

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Abigail Kamugisha (*Anna Kamugisha*),
Debbie Everhart (*Vicki Morris*), Sue Shell (*Irene Miller*)

Comfort:

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury,
Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane
Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

Overview of Giving 11/09/2025		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 173			
Current	\$ 4,652.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 96)	\$ 73.00		
Property Fund	\$ 50.00		
Benevolence	\$ 10.00		
Rowan Helping Ministries	\$ 45.00		
Total Current	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 7,815.00	\$ (2,985.00)
Ray Peeler Memorial	\$ 50.00		
Barbara Miller Memorial	\$ 50.00		
Bobby Kerr Memorial - Kids to Camp	\$ 100.00		
Earl Parris Memorial	\$ 50.00		
Paving	\$ 20.00		
Quilters	\$ 100.00		
Clean Water 5K	\$ 885.00		
Building Fund	\$ 50.00		
Facility Rental (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$ 60.00		
Cemetery	\$ 50.00		
Total Deposit	\$ 6,245.00		

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