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# Welcome

**Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood** and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

**Info Jaws!** Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

**Bathrooms** are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

**Nursing Mothers Room** is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

**Liberti Kids** - First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.



**Nursery:** Crawling - 2 years are invited to our Nursery from the Passing of the Peace until the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance.

**2&3s:** 2 and 3 year olds are welcome in our 2&3s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Pick up at the end of the service.

**4&5s:** 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to our 4&5s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Primary:** 1st - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Liberti Bridge:** Liberti Bridge is for 4th and 5th Graders. Bridge meets Sunday mornings 9:30-11am. Sign up for text updates by texting "Bridge25" to (609) 793-8526

**Liberti Youth:** Liberti Youth is for 6th through 12th Grades. Youth Meets Sunday evenings 6-8pm. Sign up for text updates by texting "LY2025" to (856) 329-7775

**Consistory** The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at [consistory@liberti.org](mailto:consistory@liberti.org).

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# Upcoming Events

*It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.*

## LADIES' FRIENDSGIVING, 11/23!

Women of Liberti Collingswood please join us for a Friendsgiving celebration on Sunday November 23rd from 2-5pm at Jamie Dempsey's house (147 Delaware Ave, West Collingswood Heights, NJ 08059.) Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or drinks to share. Sign up on the church website or planning center app to let us know you are coming and what you plan to bring.

## MONTHLY MEN'S FIRE PIT, SEASON PREMIERE 11/22!

Man. Fire. Good. Come fire walk with us at the first men's fire pit of the season on Saturday, 11/22, in Mike Sullivan's backyard (128 Colwick Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). We'll run from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, and we'll be BYOB as usual. Sign up online to give our host an idea of numbers!

## TOY DRIVE - FOSTER THE FAMILY & YOUNGLIVES, ENDS 12/7 & 12/13!

As Advent approaches, we're excited once again to participate in toy drives for two of our local ministry partners. First, join our **YoungLives** community in supporting teen parents and their children this holiday season. Grab an ornament from the Christmas tree at Holy Trinity for gift requests and instructions. Please deliver all gifts to Holy Trinity by **Sunday, 12/7**. And second, we're supporting **Foster the Family** by buying \$20-\$25 gifts that for children in foster and adoptive homes during their Christmas party. Feel free to snag an ornament on the Christmas tree at Holy Trinity with the wishlist QR code or access it here! All gifts should be purchased by **Saturday, 12/13**, through their Amazon wishlist and shipped directly to Foster to Family HQ. Thank you for helping us bring joy and hope to young families and kids this holiday season!

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# Engage with Us

*Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.*

## CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka “Home Meetings”) are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)).

## SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it’s setting up, teaching a kids’ lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)).

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God’s grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team ([liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com](mailto:liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com)) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

## INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

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# Gathering Before God

November 16, 2025  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

## REFLECTIONS

“O, the message of the Baptist, and the mystery in it!  
He calls the shepherd lamb, and not only a lamb, but one to free from mistakes.  
He showed the lawless that the goat which they sent into the desert was ineffective.  
“Lo,” he said, “the lamb; there is no longer need of the goat;  
Put your hands on Him,  
All of you who confess your sins,  
For He has come to take them away, those of the people, and of the whole world.  
For lo, the One whom the Father has sent to us is the One who carries away evil,  
Who appeared and illumined all things.”  
– Romanos the Melodist

“When the Holy Spirit is at work in you, He’s at work in all of you, crafting you into the godly person He wants you to be. No weakness goes unaddressed. No sin pattern is off the table.”  
– Aaron Menikoff

“It is totally impossible for persons who truly worship in spirit and truth not to demonstrate the wonders of God in their life as missional beings.”  
– David Wheeler

*We have now resumed the period of "Ordinary Time" in our liturgical calendar. This season is the longest of the year and falls between other major commemorations in the life of the church. Ordinary Time reminds us that even though much of our lives are, in fact, ordinary—as it was as well for Jesus!—we yet mark these days as occurring in our Lord's world and in our Lord's time. During Ordinary Time, the cloth on our worship table is green, which symbolizes growth into Christian maturity.*

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### Grace Alone

I was an orphan, lost at the fall; Running away when I'd hear you call,  
But Father, you worked your will.  
I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near your throne,  
But Father you loved me still.

*And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,  
You predestined to adopt me as your own.  
You have raised me up so high above my station;  
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.*

You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus your face was set.  
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,  
Jesus, you paid my debt.

*By Your blood I have redemption and salvation.  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,  
And you rose that I might be a new creation.  
I am born again by grace and grace alone.*

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night,  
But Spirit you made me see.  
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone  
But Spirit, you moved in me.

*And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;  
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.  
So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.*

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## The Sending

### BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and  
forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

**People: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

I give my life, I give my all  
I sing my song to Christ alone  
The King of kings, the Lord of all  
All heaven sings to Christ alone

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand  
Here in the power of Christ we stand

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

I find my strength, I find my hope  
I find my help in Christ alone  
When fear assails, when darkness falls  
I found my peace in Christ alone

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**People: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.**

*Leader: With the merciful you show yourself yourself merciful; with the blameless you show yourself blameless;*

**People: With the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.**

*Leader: For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.*

**People: For it is you who lights my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.**

(from Psalm 18)

## GREETING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

**Prayer for those Searching for Truth:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Commitment:** Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Leader: The Lord be with you*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts!*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;  
Let all who hunger come and eat.  
Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;  
Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

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## Heart Won't Stop

There is not a man or a beast  
Nothing on the land or underneath  
Oh nothing that could ever come between,  
The love you have for me.

*I could lay my head in Sheol  
I could make my bed at the bottom of the darkness deep.  
Oh, but there is not a place I could escape you.*

*Your heart won't stop, coming after me.  
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.  
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.*

There is not an angel of the stars,  
There is not a devil in the dark,  
Nothing that could change the way you are  
The love you have for me

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

Silent Confession

## WORDS OF PARDON

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my iniquity; I said "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

(from Psalm 32)

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Table

## MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

*Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.*

*We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.*

*We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.*

*We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.*



THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Leader: *Let us say what we believe.*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.

OFFERING

*We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberty to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.*



The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - John 1:29-34

**29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son[a] of God."

Leader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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**SERMON**

Speaker: Josh Postalwaite  
Title: "Behold the Lamb"  
Series: "The Gospel of John"

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**SERMON NOTES:**