

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

*A Church that Encourages
Living and Sharing God's Love*



Christ the King

Service of Holy Communion

November 20, 2022 - 10:00 am

WELCOME TO ALL!!!

As a community of faith in God the members of St. Luke's welcome **ALL** regardless of your age, your economic status, your ethnicity, your gender identity, your physical or mental abilities, your sexual orientation, or even if you confidently believe, or may be questioning. We affirm that in Christ Jesus "There is no east or west; no north or south – only **ONE** great assembly of **LOVE** throughout the whole, wide earth!" We hope you leave both refreshed and renewed to face with encouragement the challenges of your week.

UPCOMING GUEST PREACHER

Next Sunday Seminarian Silvia Johnston, a daughter of this congregation, will be preaching our First Sunday in Advent message.

THE PRAY GROUND

Located in the front left of our sanctuary is an age-appropriate space for families with preschool and early elementary aged children to actively worship. Please enjoy this space created out of love for you and a wish for all our families to remain a vital presence in our worship event.

RESENT REALM INVITE REMINDERS

We have resent out reminders to join us on our Realm platform. Please take a moment to finish setting up your profile. Realm is our software platform that helps us manage the operations of our church. Members Directory access as well as giving options can all be done through Realm.

NOISY OFFERING TODAY

We will be collecting for Mission Possible: Words of Hope. This special offering helps a team send newsletters to individuals in correctional facilities on a monthly basis.

CONTEMPORARY BIBLE CLASS

The Contemporary Bible Class meets on Sundays in the Conference Room at 9:00. All adults are welcome to join us. Our first series will be a study and discussion of the popular book When Bad Things Happen To Good People by Harold Kushner. Please plan to attend. Contact Phil and Diana Brooks with any questions.

FRIENDSHIP ROOM

This week's Friendship Room is sponsored by McKee Family. Please stop by the Parish Hall after service.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING EVENT TODAY

Following the Friendship Room fellowship time all are invited to participate in a workshop to build a wreath each individual or family may take to observe Advent in member's homes. During the upcoming 4 weeks of Advent, the season when the Church observes the ancient longing for the Savior to come once as a baby in Bethlehem (Christmas) and again the ongoing hope for Christ's return in time to Save the Whole World from our sins, we learn to wait patiently, and with purpose.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDED

St. Luke' historically has thrived with Members involvement with Outreach programs and service work. Unfortunately, Covid paused many programs and opportunities for us to grow in this area. We would like to rekindle and grow this program so we can give back to not only our Neighbors but also our community. If you have the desire to help with any part of this Committee, please reach out to the office or to Rebekah Woodward.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The holiday season is right around the corner. Some of our Neighbors will be in need. So, we will be collecting items for Loaves and Fishes on Sundays or stop by the office to drop off items. They are asking for: canned meats (Tuna, chicken, etc), canned fruit (low in sugar or in juice), pasta (canned or dry box), low sodium canned veggies, peanut butter, and diapers (especially larger sizes). Please no glass items.

NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Calling all children and youth actors and actresses. We need your help filling the roles in the Nativity scene for our Christmas Eve Family Service. We will be needing a Star, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Sheep, Kings and Shepherds. We will also be needing readers to help with this performance. Please reach out to the office if you will be here and want to join.

AFFILIATION

St. Luke's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America www.elca.org and of the North Carolina Synod www.nclutheran.org

St. Luke's website is www.stlukeselca.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

(On-going)

Alice Bostic, Pat Eatman, Anna Vee Rice, Todi Frick, Bill Fairman, Betty Paysinger, Julia Passmore, Carol Cash, Deborah & Stan Hager, and Lucille Aldred.

Homebound

Walter Cooper, Margaret Brown, Phyllis Burnett, Virginia Floyd, Eva Franz, Carrie Graves, Carol Richardson, Bill Robertson, and Pat Thorne.

Expectant Families

Alexandra and Gabrielle Jenkins.

Chris Aldred and Erin Pushman.

Friends and Family

Will Moore; Lucy Perez (*Vilma Millan-Lee's Aunt*) praying for health & good test results; the Drake family (*Ami-Luise's Family*); Marian (*Margaret Howell's Mother*); Marlo Wiggans and Mary Packard (*Margaret Howell's Friends*); Philip Behm (*Chris Behm's father*); Dale Crigler (*Nicole Behm's Grandfather*); Ralph Millan (*Vilma's Uncle*); Laura Johnson (*Anthony Lee's sister*); Amy Landers; Harvey; Ethan; Ashley; Anastasiia.

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES

The assembly stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**
**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**
**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**
**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

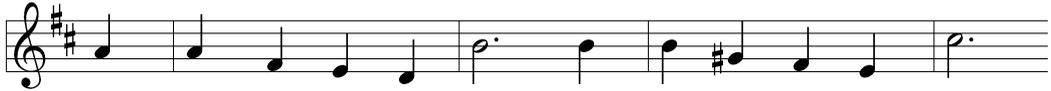
GATHERING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly sits

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children may come forward to the chancel steps.

Jesus said, "Let the children come. Do not stop them but urge them on for to these the kingdom of heaven belongs." As they grow in their faith, the church will grow strong. Jesus said, "Let the children come."



FIRST READING— Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING— Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL—LUKE 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting

what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly sits

SERMON

“Beautiful Savior”

Pastor Jeffrey Ingold

The assembly stands

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CREED

Let us confess to one another and the world the truth of our baptismal faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world kneeling or sitting as you are able.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, deacons, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The assembly stands

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As the sharing of the Peace concludes, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

We continue to receive your physical offerings in the black drop box located in the narthex as you enter/exit the sanctuary. You may also choose to give electronically using the QR code below. Please know your continued generosity helps to resource the ministry of St. Luke's and beyond.



<https://onrealm.org/StLukesLutheran/-/form/give/default>

We are currently pausing our giving option with Venmo.

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height;
Rejoice in God’s word, you angels of light;
O heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise upon earth,
In tuneful accord, all you of new birth;
O praise him who brought you his grace from above;
O praise him who taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord, reecho around;
Loud organs his glory tell out in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what God has done

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To God be outpoured all ages along:
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and



fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a



har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the



bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

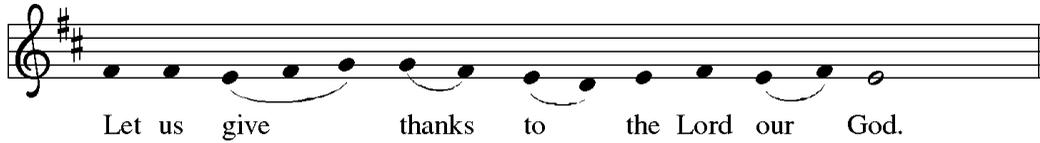
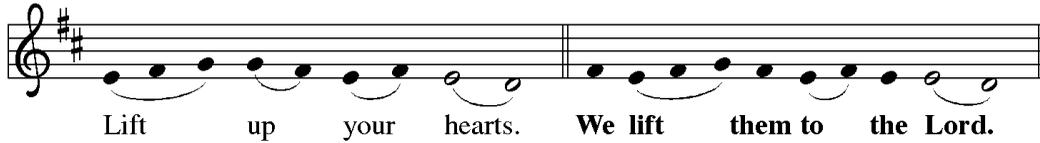
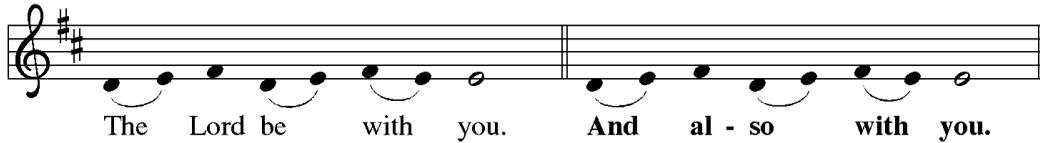


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

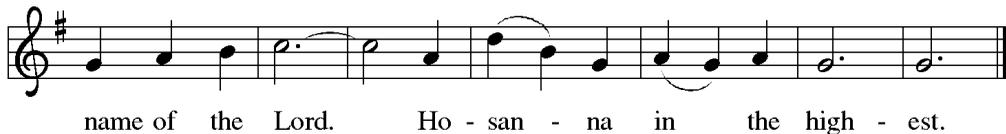
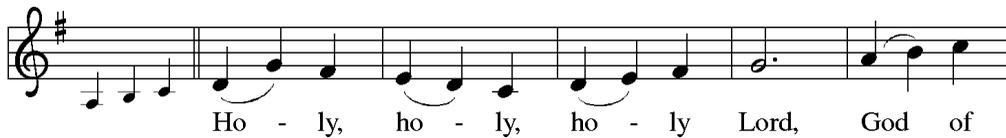
OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



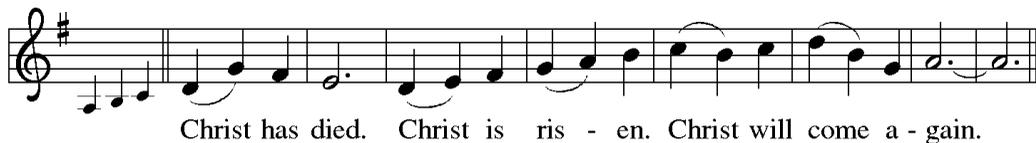
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



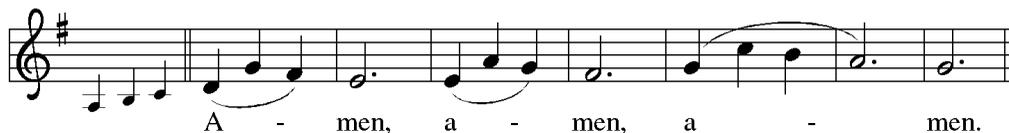
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
we ask 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,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Christ spreads a table before you.

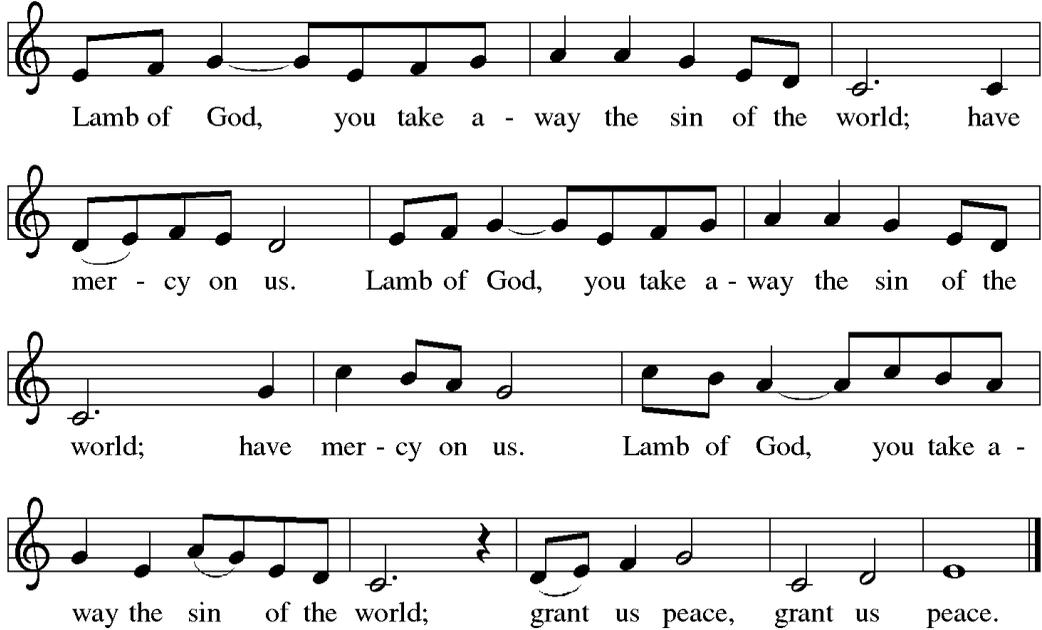
Gather here with all the saints.

The assembly is seated

*[By Christ Jesus' invitation **all are welcome** to the table to receive Holy Communion. There is gluten free host (Body of Christ) as well as grape juice (Blood of Christ) available. Simply make your request known as you approach the communion ministers. Those who do not commune, but desire a blessing, present with arms across your body, hands on shoulders, that way the ministers will know to offer you a blessing. Once you have received communion, please discard your cup in the trays on the return aisles, making your way back to your seat for personal prayer (you may utilize the kneeler if you wish)].*

The assembly stands

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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SENDING INTO MISSION

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jeffrey Ingold, Pastor

D. Jan McCoy, Organist/ Director of Music Ministry

10:00am

Assisting Minister:	Karen Smith
Greeter:	Mark & Sandie Fenton
Reader:	Rebekah Woodward
Communion Assistants:	Rebekah Woodward & Terri Wells
Crucifer/Acolyte:	
Audio/Video:	Ami-Luise Vucovich
Ushers:	Dale Bartlett
Altar Guild:	Terri Wells
Altar Flowers:	

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is an easy way to stay connected to the church and other members.

Please reach out to Ami-Luise if you have any questions.

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