

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Service of Holy Communion



Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL HAPPENINGS

We are a church that encourages living and sharing God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contemporary Bible Class is now meeting Sundays in the conference room near the offices from 9:00-9:45am. All adults are welcome to attend. Please join us!

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time of joyful celebration, yet also a time for reflection. As Thanksgiving approaches, and you take time to reflect on God's generosity to you and the blessings you have received, please consider making a special Thanksgiving donation to St. Luke's. Please include "*Thanksgiving Gift*" in the memo line on your check and deposit it in the offering box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting the work of God at St. Luke's.

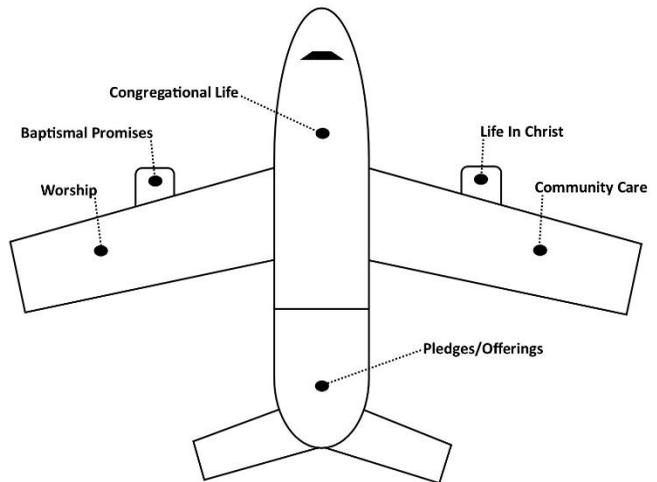
BLESSING OF THE COATS

On Sunday, December 5th we will have a Coat Blessing ceremony during worship. If you have gently used winter coats you would like to offer up for a new home, we are collecting gently used and new winter coats which we will then deliver to Roof Above, Inc. Drop off your donated coats, or bring them to worship Sunday, December 5th for a blessing.

STEWARDSHIP

AIR ST. LUKE'S Flight 3200 whose mission is to be *A Church that Encourages Living and Sharing God's Love* is ready for boarding.

This year we kick off our stewardship season with the theme, ministry is like an airplane. Look for your stewardship packets in your mailbox, and available in our narthex for our visitors who desire to participate.



Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE DUET

"Ave verum"

Karl Jenkins

D. Jan McCoy and Pastor Jeffrey Ingold

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro
homine:
Cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et
sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in
examine.
Jesu dulcis!
Jesu pie!
Jesu fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
the very Body which suffered and was
sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
and whose pierced side overflowed with
water and blood:
In the agony of death be for us a foretaste
of heaven,
O kind and loving Jesus, son of Mary.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

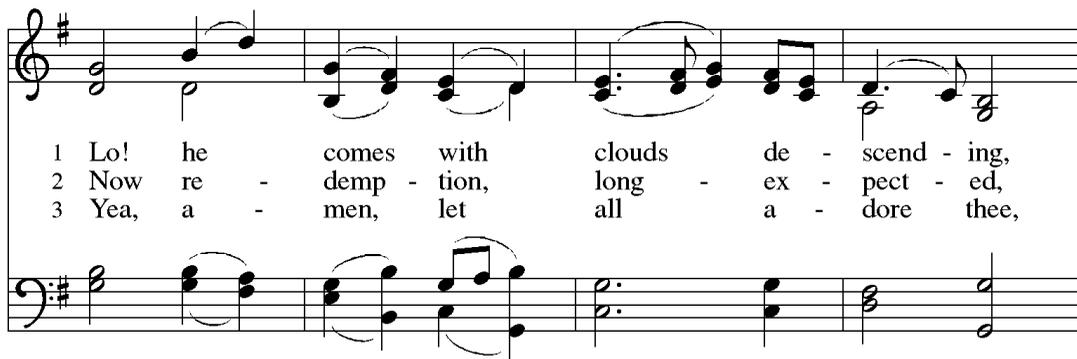
Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

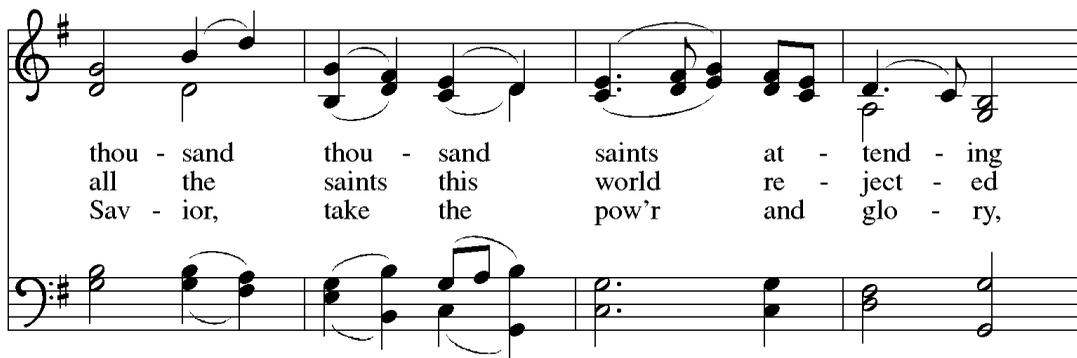
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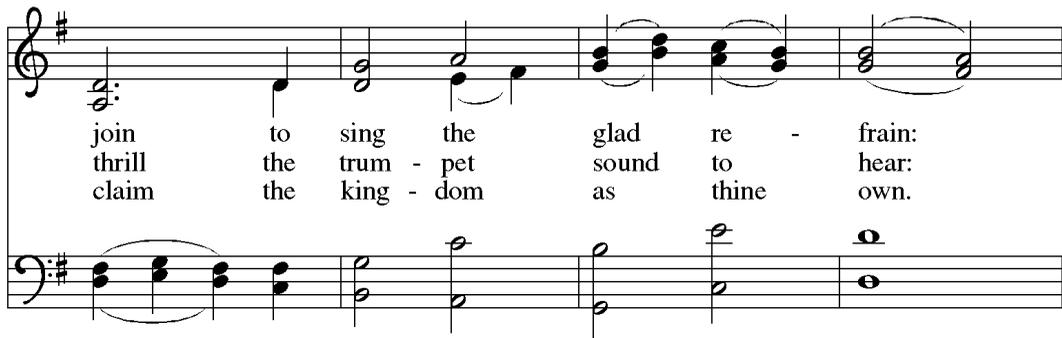
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



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



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TEMPLE TALK- Rebekah Woodward

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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel.

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 93



¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and | armed
with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of
the sea,
mightier is the Lord who | dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for- | evermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from Revelations.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Ingold

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"

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1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joyce, a - gain I say, re - joice!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. Kneeling if you are able.

A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person especially Anna Vee Rice, Margaret Brown, Phyllis Burnett, Pat Eatman, Virginia Floyd, Eva Franz, Carrie Graves, Pat Thorne, Elsie Robinson, and Ernest and Virginia Schumacher and for all who are sick and suffering especially Jim West, Jerry, Harvey, Mary, Beth, Ethan, Carrie, Ted, Elsie, Diana, Betty & Julia, Bill, Carol C., Carol R., Ashley, Stan & Deborah, Donna, Lucille, Ernest and Virginia Schumacher, and all whom we name aloud, or in the quiet of our thoughts (*pause for personal prayers*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The Peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

NOISEY OFFERING

This month we are partnering with our local Loaves & Fishes and Friendship Trays.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

With an abundance of caution, we are receiving your offerings in the black drop box located in the narthex as you enter/exit the sanctuary. Please know your continued generosity helps to resource the ministry of St. Luke's and beyond.

ANTHEM **"Come, Let Us Sing With Joy Unto the Lord"** by John Carter

Come, let us sing with joy unto the Lord; let us be glad and heartily rejoice!
Into God's presence come with hymns of praise;
with thankful hearts new psalms and anthems raise,
till all earth's tongues be joined in one great voice.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, sov'reign above all pow'rs of heaven
and earth.

Caverns and heights lie both within God's hand,
who made the sea and molded the dry land,
and from whose life all creatures have their birth.

Come, let us kneel before the Lord our God; to our Creator let all hearts draw
near.

This is our god, whose folk and sheep are we,
whose steadfast love endures eternally.
Oh, that today you would God's calling hear!

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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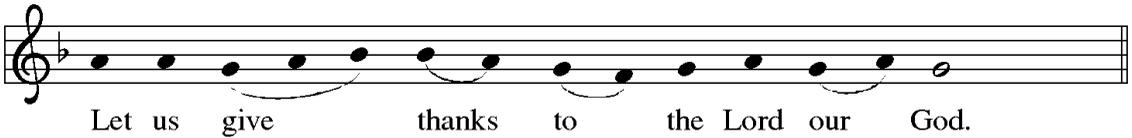
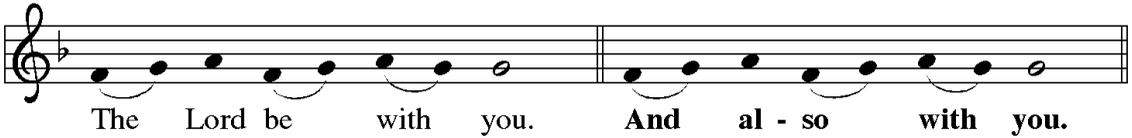
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for 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 receptacle on the return aisles, making your way back to your seat for personal prayer (you may utilize the kneeler if you wish)].



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you into eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

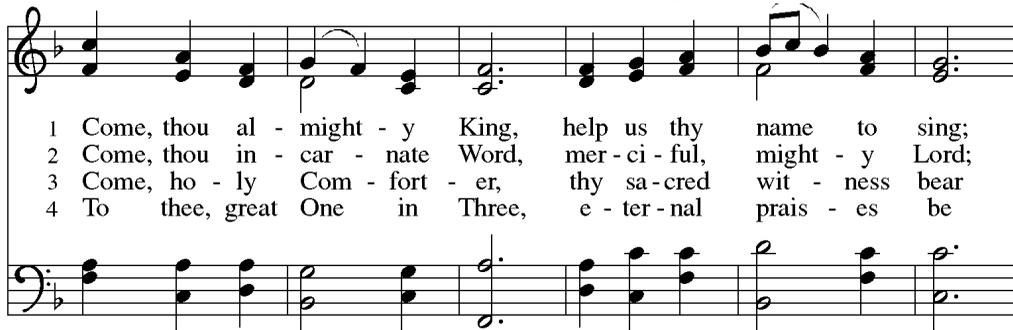
BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

SENDING INTO MISSION

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Today's Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in celebration for Christ who Reigns in our Hearts



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jeffrey R. Ingold, Pastor
D. Jan McCoy, Organist/Director of Music Ministry

10:00am

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sue Setzer
Greeter: Rhonda Crisp
Reader: Julie Fosbinder
Communion Assistants: Julie Fosbinder & Karen Smith
Audio/Video: Chris Behm & Ami-Luise Vucovich
Ushers: Rhonda Crisp
Altar Guild: Yvonne Ritchie

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