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Sunday, November 8, 2026
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God of love and justice,
we gather together to worship you:

C: to offer our thanks and praise;
to proclaim your goodness and mercy.

P: Meet us here.
Breathe your Word into our souls;
C: Write your covenant of love upon our hearts.

P: Teach us faithfulness and compassion.
C: By your Spirit, may our lives reflect
your love and justice to the world.

From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Year A Vol. 2,* ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 233.

PREPARING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
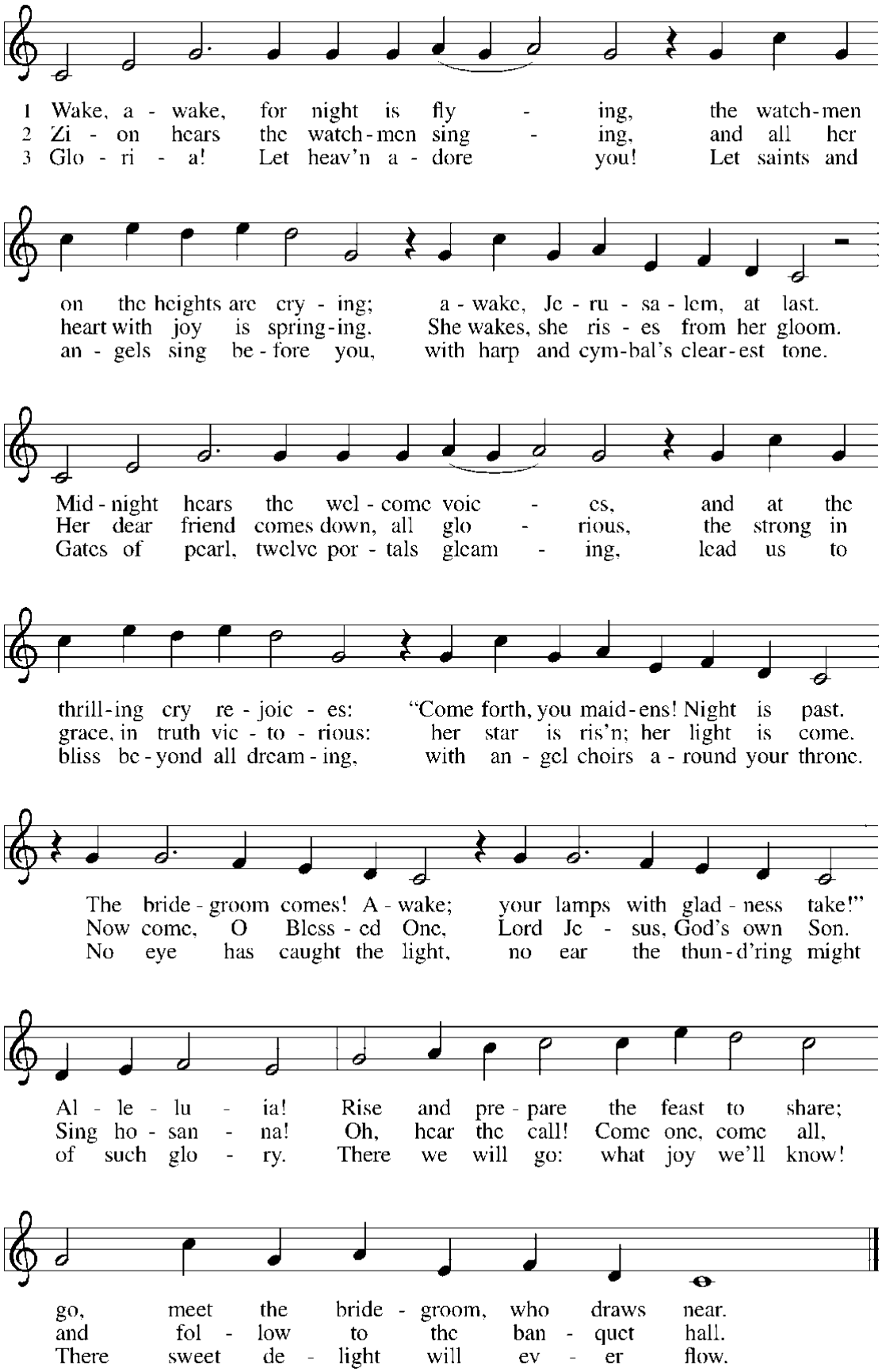
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn ***"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*** **ELW 436**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



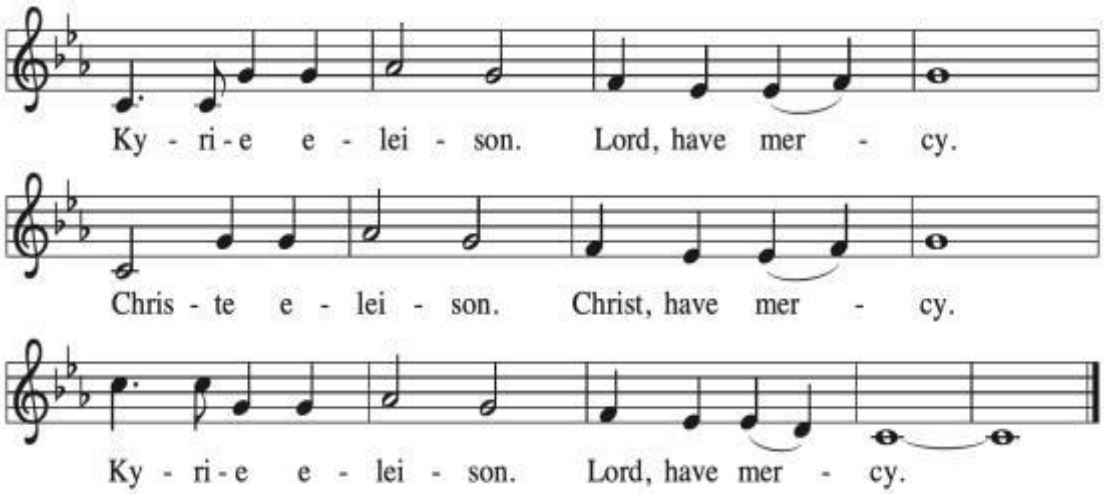
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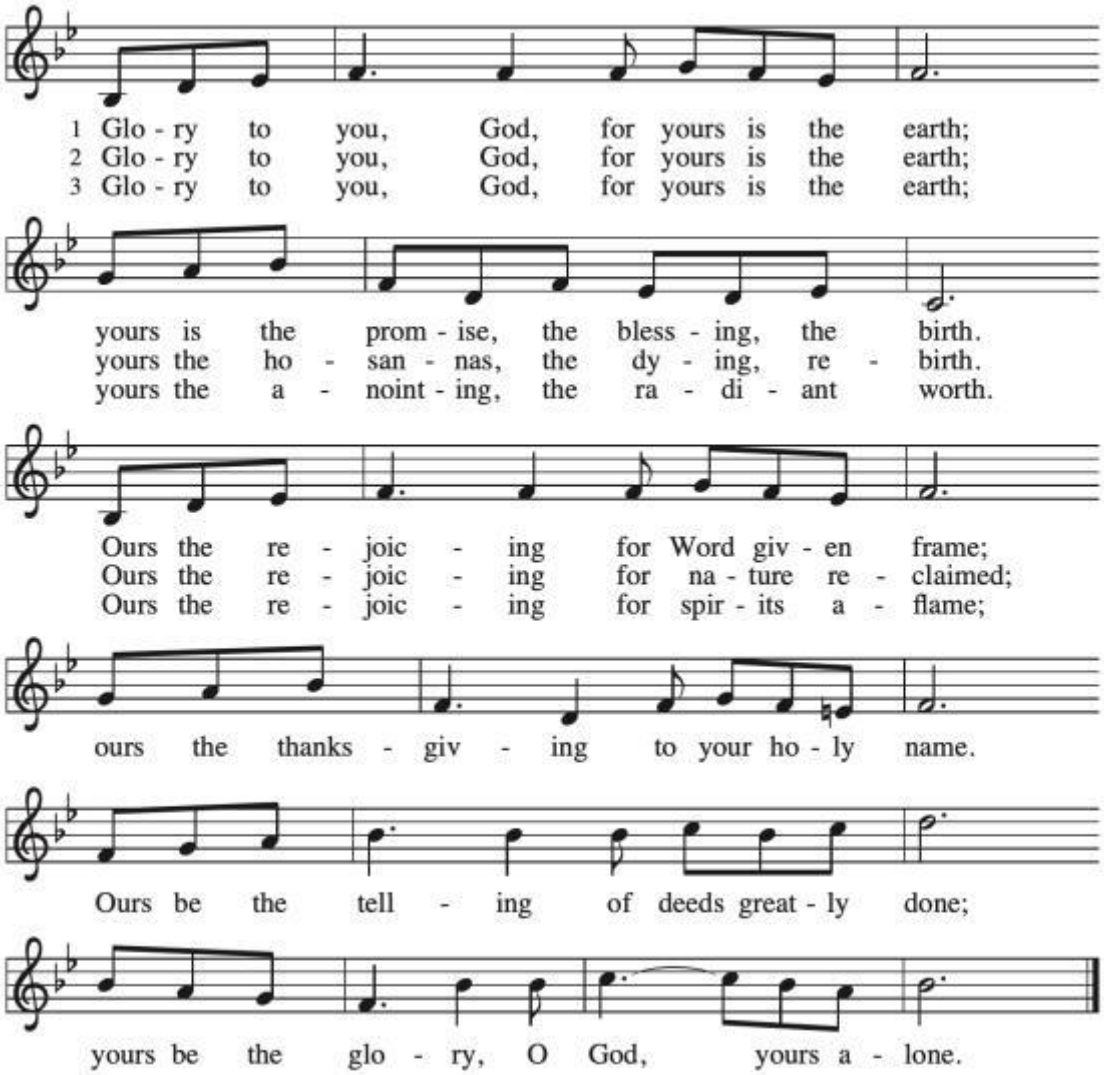
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.
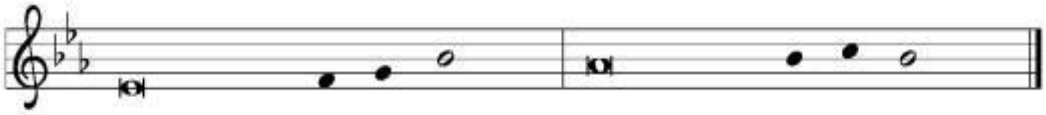
WORD

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.

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

Psalm 70



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1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.
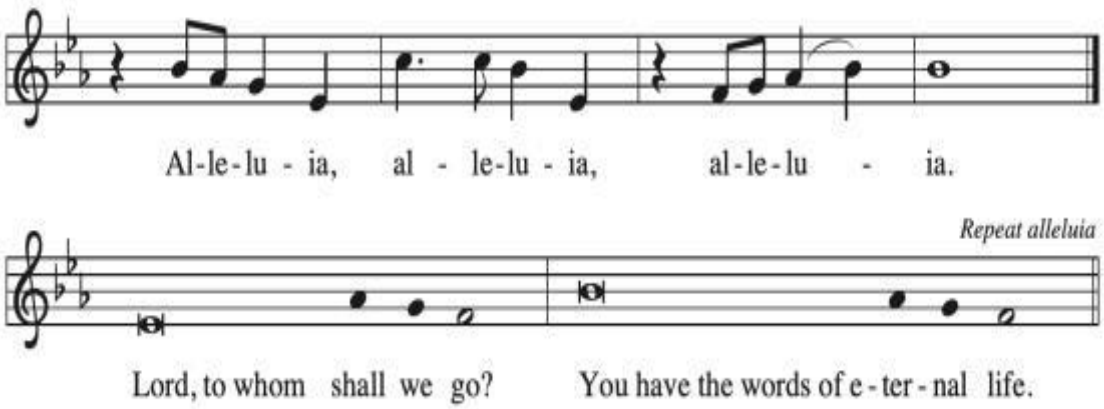
Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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.

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

Congregation please stand

Gospel Acclamation



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
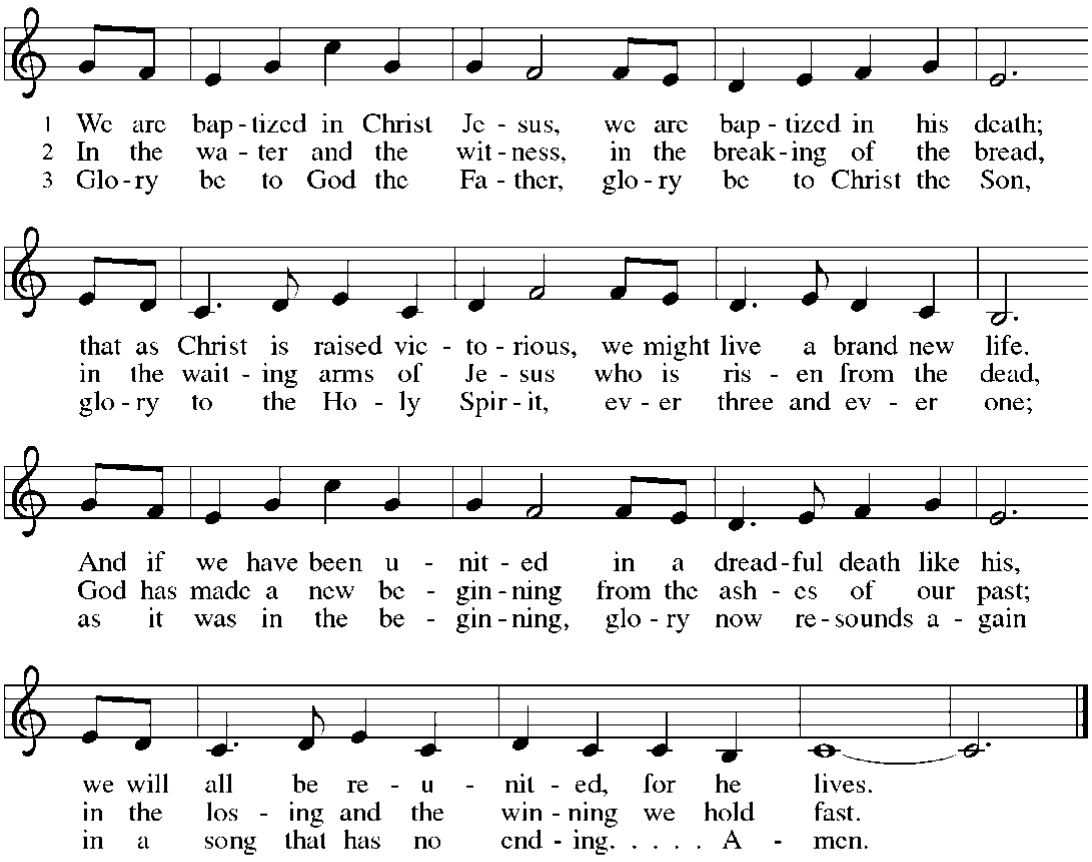
Matthew 25:1-13
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took 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."

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

Sermon **Pastor Jennifer**

Hymn of the Day **ELW 451**

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



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The Baptism of Reid Owen Oster

The Service of Holy Baptism can be found on page 227 in the front of the ELW.

Sign of Peace
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us offer our prayers and intercessions to God, confident that the love of Christ continues to appear in our lives in surprising and unexpected ways.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. We pray for all who seek your radiant light in the darkened corners of our world; may we find our way to you through our love for one another. ……God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. We pray for all who suffer violence on dangerous streets and in war-torn places; keep them from harm's way. Bless us with your vision of peace, that all may flourish as one family under God with justice and freedom for all. Uphold veterans and those who care for them…….……...God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have no work, for those without adequate healthcare, and for all who hunger or have no shelter……God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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 for Shirley, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Chuck, Jessie, Millie, Peggy, Glenn, Carol, Marian, Bing, Sandy and Allan…….God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

You renew and heal your people in every time and age, calling us into community together to sustain and love one another. In great love you gave the gift of baptism as a sign of your presence among us. Today we give thanks as we welcome Reid into the family of Christ. Bless him and his whole family on this special day.....God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Stewardship Snippet: Matthew 25: 13 "Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
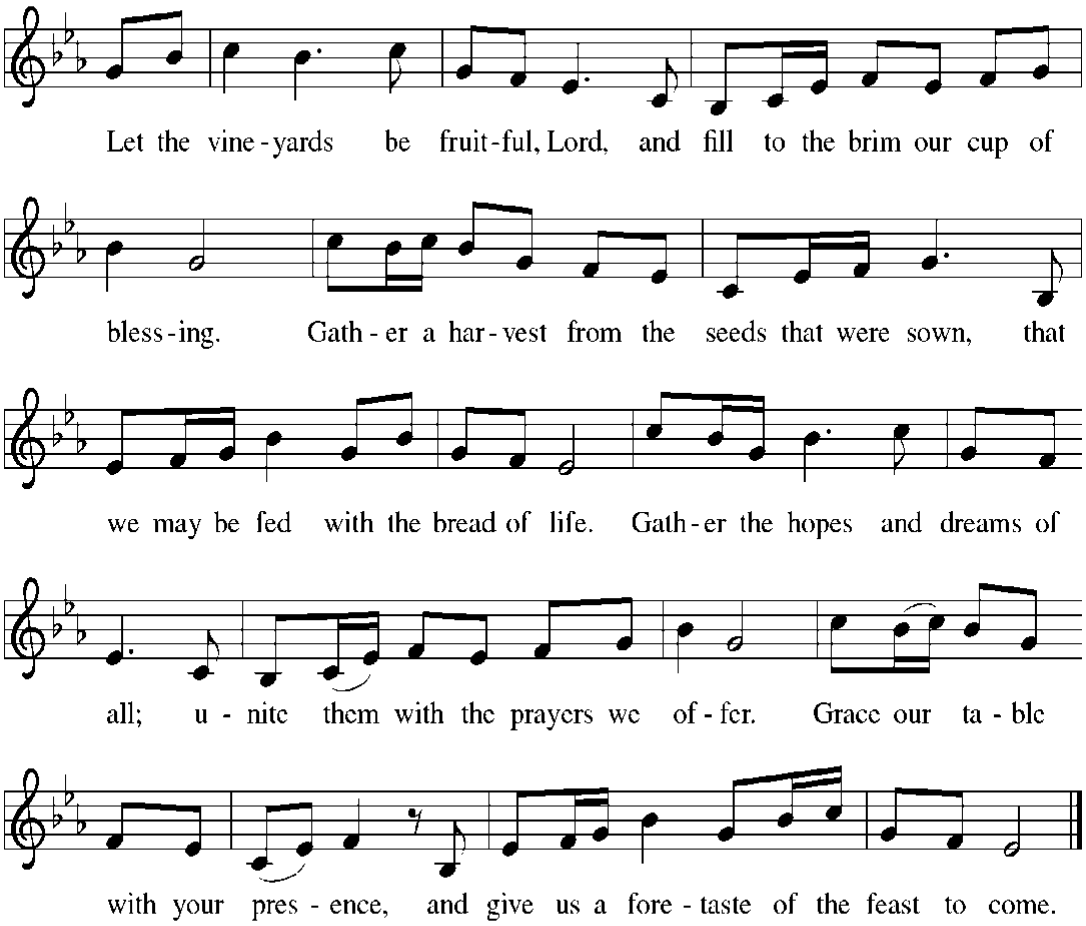
What if we did know the day or the hour? What would we do with that? Hopefully the time would not be spent asleep like the bridesmaids as they wait for the bridegroom; or like the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane as they wait for Jesus as he prays. How may we keep our lamps lit and burning? As beloved children of God and stewards of our temporary time on earth, we already know what we should do. We do what God requires of us: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him.

Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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MEAL

P Let us pray,

C Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

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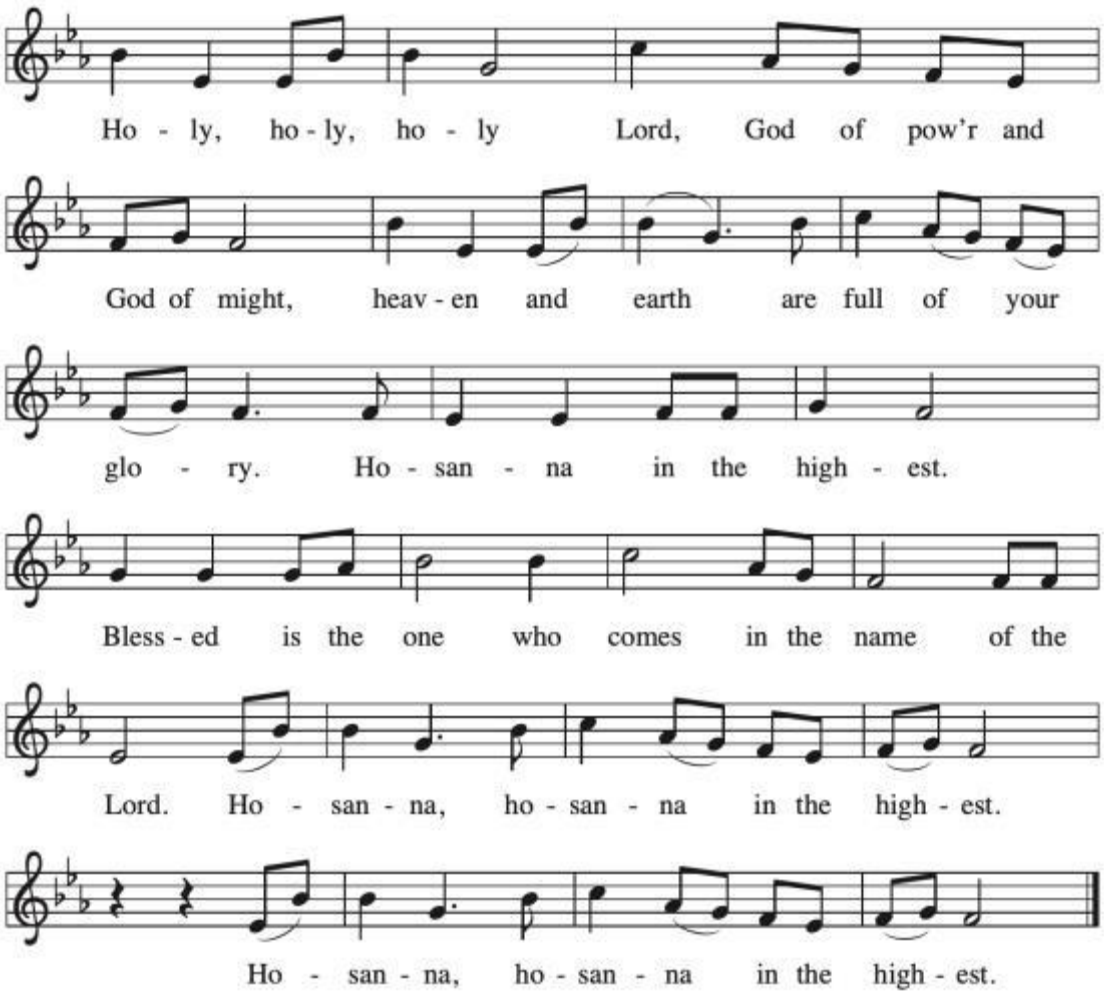
P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.

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.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals,
and for friends and strangers and family,
for homes and grocery stores and schools,

We praise you for your covenant people,
for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,
and for centuries of faithful Christians,
for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who saves us from sin and from evil,

who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
inspire your people for service,
and renew the world with your mercy,
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,
We praise you, all-holy God,
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

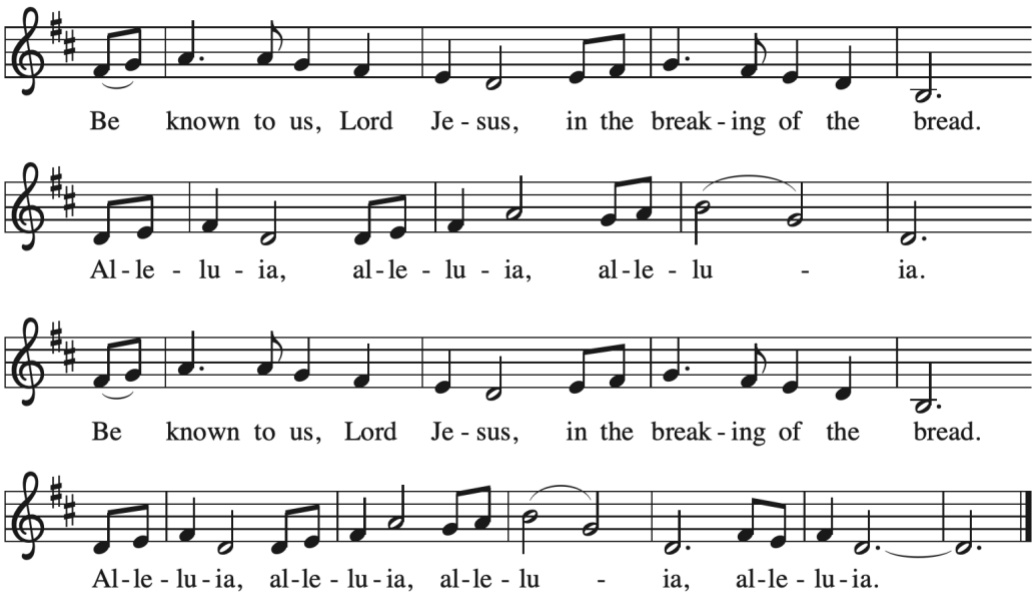
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
Amen.

Please be seated

Be Known to us, Lord Jesus
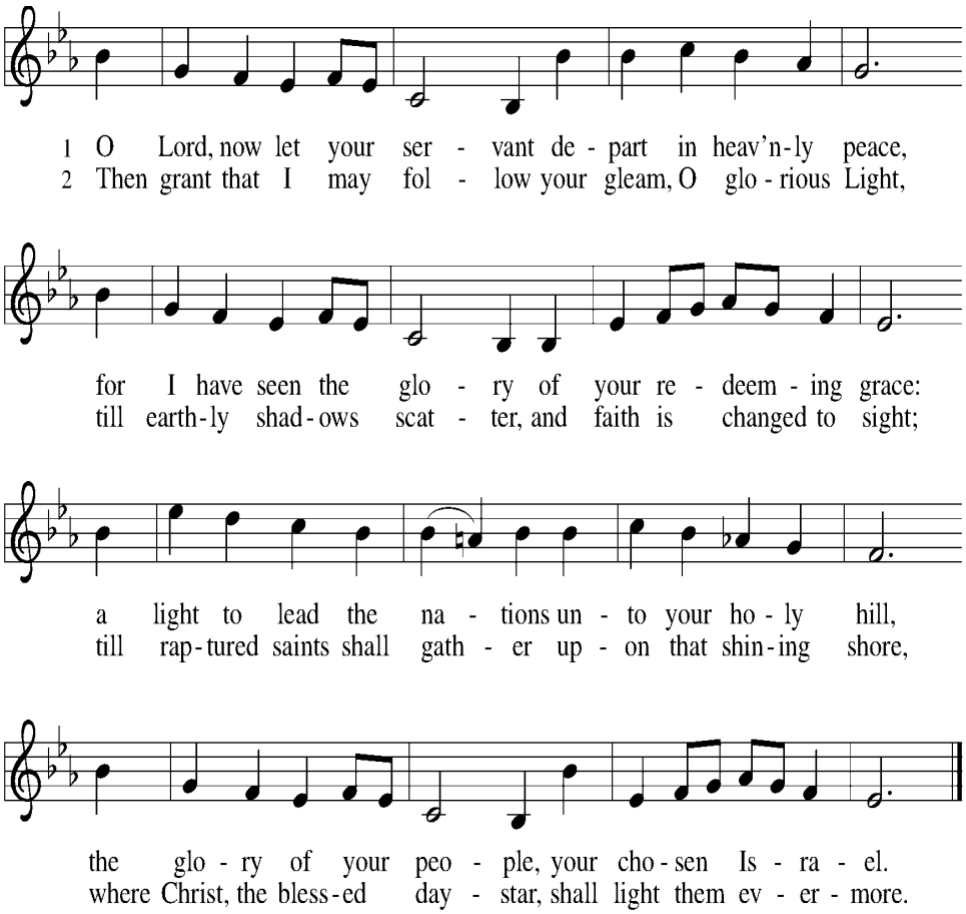


Holy Communion

Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 785, 453, 493

Congregation please stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.



Post Communion Prayer

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.
Amen.

SENDING

Charge

People of God,
be swift to listen,
make haste to be kind.
Let justice roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Blessing

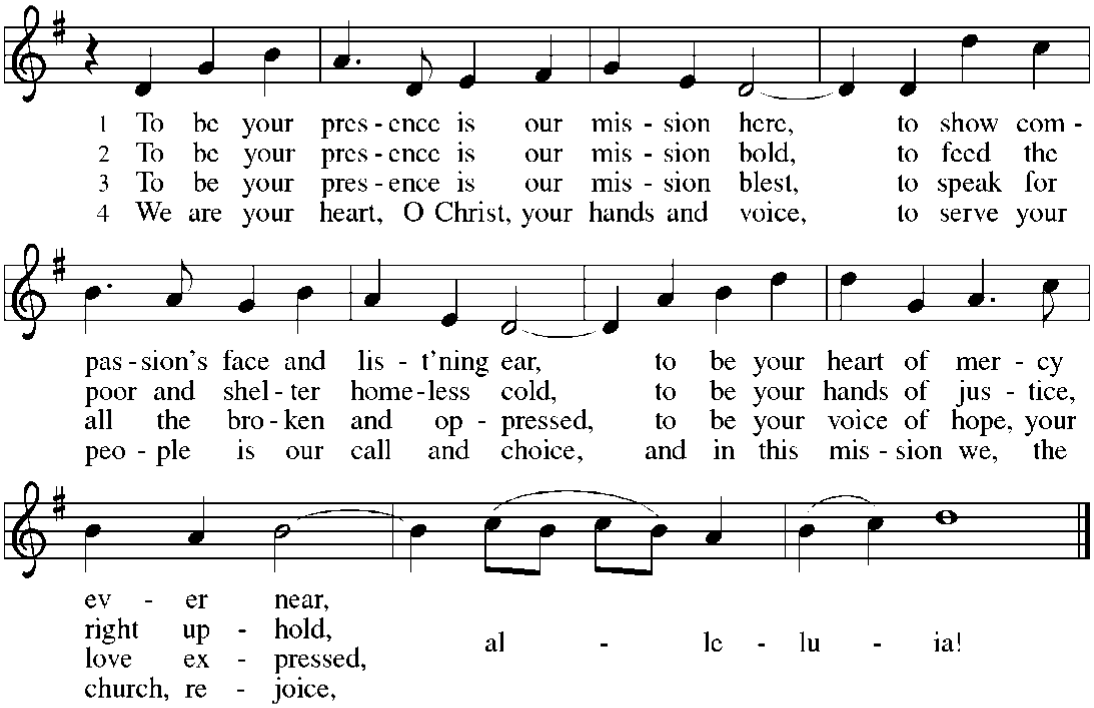
P May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep you fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn ***"To Be Your Presence"*** **ELW 546**

To Be Your Presence



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P We at Christ Lutheran Church are
C God's called, Loved Children who serve.
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns

Shirley Hoffman, Pat Reich, Elyse Brown, Sylvia Webb & the Indian Mobile Mission, Join Hands, Loads of Love, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Brian Proctor, Joanne Reisinger, Jackie Maguire, Jack Smith, Cathy Cavanaugh, Charlotte Dyer, Rachelle Gilcrease, Roxy Huss, Karen Ersoz, Darlene Johnson, Marian Hoffman, Ron & Nancy Moore, Chuck Hoffman, Jessie Frye, Carol & Glenn Shumaker, Millie Bell, Lillian Kistler, Hope Kominek, Peggy Paden, Chris Hope, Velma Wittlinger, Lindsey Melnick, Judy Moore, Kristen Gaisior, Charlene McBride, Gay Weller, Frank Valentine, David Siegfried, Sr., John Hofer, Jesse Clouser and Family, David Lozen, Jim & Vicki Smith, Brenda Malek, Sandy Hoover, the family of Helen Huss, George Wolfe, Dan Killinger, Jeff Toburen, Tina Toburen, the family of Jason Taylor, Allan Imler.

The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God
By Darlene Johnson In Loving Memory of her Husband Kent
& In Honor of all Veterans.

The Special Arrangement is Presented to the Glory of God
By Ernie, Becky & Ben Meisel
In Honor of Reid Owen Oster on the day of his Baptism.

The Special Arrangement is Presented to the Glory of God
By the Family of Jessie Frye Celebrating her 95th Birthday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Hatch Dobbs
Next Sunday – Pam Dobbs

Wine – Bill Brookhart
Next Sunday – Ann Fleisher

Grape Juice – Judy Swartz
Next Sunday – Beverly Reifsnyder

Altar Guild – Ann Fleisher
Next Sunday – Clyde Tota

Counters – Bill Brookhart, Sue Landis
Next Sunday – Sandy Hoover, Charlene Lentvorsky

Ushers – Team 2
Ernie Meisel, Sue Masser, Kendra Masser

Acolytes – Bill Brookhart, Hatch Dobbs, Clyde Tota

SUNDAY, November 8th, 2026
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 11:00am – Holy Communion
Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

MONDAY, November 9th, 2026
Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom.

TUESDAY, November 10th, 2026
Bible Study – 1pm – Zoom RESCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, November 11th, 2026
Bible Study – 1pm - Zoom

THURSDAY, November 12th, 2026
Duncannon Golden Age – Hosted by CLC – 12pm
Church Council meeting – 6:30pm

FRIDAY, November 13th, 2026

SATURDAY, November 14th, 2026
Turkey Dinner – 4pm – in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, November 15th, 2026
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion
Annual Congregational Meeting following the worship service.
Bible Study – 7pm – Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering Reminder – Next week is Noisy Offering Sunday.

Pumpkin Rolls – Deadline to order is November 13th. The order form is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Delivery will be November 22nd. You may pick up in the Fellowship hall following worship. All proceeds come back to CLC.

Duncannon Golden Age – CLC will host the Duncannon Golden Age on Thursday, November 12th at noon.

Congregational Turkey Dinner – The turkey dinner will be held next Saturday, November 14th at **4pm.** As always the turkey, gravy and filling will be supplied. The congregation is asked to bring the side dishes. Please see the sign up sheet in order to give us an idea of attendance.

Annual Congregational Meeting - The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th, following the worship service. A quorum is needed to conduct church business. This meeting is extremely important to the life of this congregation. Each person's attendance and input is valuable. Please plan to stay. If you are a member who watch's the service online, you will be able to participate and vote. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

Special Music – Please see Joe Abate if you are interested in working on some special music for Advent and/or Christmas.

Christmas Poinsettias – The cost is $15.99 for a 6 ½" pot. Please give your order and payment to Jean Tota. The deadline to order is November 17th.

Harvest Home – We will be collecting items for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank. They have asked for: canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust mix and coffee (instant or brewed). Please bring your donations to the church through November 22nd.

Merry Elderly Christmas Gifting – CLC is again participating in the Join Hands Elderly Christmas Gifting Program. We have been provided with a list of names obtained by JH from the Office of Aging of folks in our county who have indicated some of their needs. Each person in the elder program is assigned a code for confidentiality purposes. Please include this code on their gifts. *Bring your wrapped gifts by Sunday, November 29th.

Toys for Tots – The deadline to bring in your gift for Toys for Tots is December 6th.

Christmas Tree Lighting – The tree lighting will take place at the Clark's Ferry Tavern on Sunday, December 6th from 3-5pm. CLC will be sponsoring the Free Hot Cocoa Bar.

November Meetings/Events

November 9 – Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom
November 12 – Duncannon Golden Age will meet at CLC. Lunch will be provided.
Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
November 13 – Deadline to order Pumpkin Rolls.
November 14 – Turkey Dinner - 4pm
November 15 – Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.
November 17 – Deadline to order poinsettias.
November 22 – Harvest Home
November 23 – CLC Book Club Discussion – 7pm – Zoom.
November 29 – Advent begins.

December Meetings/Events

December 2 – Midweek Advent service – 7pm.
December 4th & 5th – Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar
December 6 – Family Advent Time following worship. Bring a snack to share.
Tree Lighting at the Clark's Ferry Tavern – 3-5pm.
December 7 – Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom
December 8 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.
December 9 – Midweek Advent service - 7pm.
December 10 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
December 13 – Congregational Christmas Party & Cookie Auction following worship.
December 16 – Midweek Advent service – 7pm.
December 23 – Longest Night service – 7pm.
December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve service – 5pm.
December 27 – Service of Lessons & Carols.

CLC CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE & BAZAAR



Calling All Bakers – The CLC Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 4th from 4-6pm and Saturday, December 5th from 9am-2pm. Cookies will be purchased by the pound. Your baking skills are needed! There is a sign up sheet to indicate the type of cookie you will bring. Please bring your cookies to the church on Friday afternoon, December 4th.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 8, 2026
LECTIONARY 32
The Challenge of Waiting

For many of us, waiting is not a pleasant experience. Whether our waiting is mundane, like waiting in a long line at the grocery store checkout counter, or profound, like waiting for a medical diagnosis or for a new stage of life to begin, we often feel anxious or uneasy, impatient or frustrated, longing for the wait to be over. Over the course of our lives, we get plenty of experience with waiting but might never learn to be patient, even amid the frustration.

As uncomfortable as waiting may be, it is a necessary aspect of the life of faith. We live in the days between Christ's coming at his birth and his return, that longed-for day of hope and promises fulfilled. Seasons of our liturgical life train us in the art of holy waiting. We wait during Advent for Christ's birth, longing for the joy of his arrival as a child in Bethlehem. We wait during Lent for the bright joy of resurrection, abstaining from "alleluias" and quieting ourselves with prayer and fasting. Just as the young women in today's parable had to continue their daily living until the bridegroom returned (all of them, even the wise ones, went to sleep that night!), in all seasons we go about our lives faithfully, even as we wait with eager longing.

Many generations after the telling of this parable, how are we living as people prepared for the coming of Christ? How are we opening our daily lives to the possibilities that Christ will come among us at any moment? We are invited to live with eager expectation, watchful for the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ, which meets us when we least expect it.

Backpack Challenge: New for 2026

At Synod Assembly, congregations were invited to take a backpack and accept the challenge of filling it and returning it to the synod office as soon as you have it filled, or by the end of September. What should go inside? That is up to you. We invite you to begin with one question: “If I suddenly lost my home, what would I hope I could carry on my back?”

Maybe it’s warm socks, granola bars, hand sanitizer, a reusable water bottle, a fast-food gift card, sunscreen, basic pain relievers, a can opener, gloves, toiletries and perhaps most importantly zip lock bags. Because when your important papers - your birth certificate, Social Security card, or identification - are exposed to rain and weather, something as simple as a plastic bag can protect what little stability remains.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD BACKPACK CHALLENGE

Help to fill an emergency care bag for those in need

	PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME FOR ITEMS YOU WILL PURCHASE	
ITEM NEEDED	**BAG 1**	**BAG 2**
WARM SOCKS (1 PAIR)		
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WARM GLOVES		
REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE		
TYLENOL BOTTLE		
TOOTHBRUSH		
TOOTHPASTE		
DEODORANT		
TISSUE PACKS		
GRANOLA BARS - BOX		
TRAIL MIX PACKS		
THERMAL EMERGENCY BLANKET		
HAND SANITIZER		
CHAPSTICK		
WET WIPES		
SMALL FIRST AID KIT		
$25 VISA GIFT CARD*		