# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

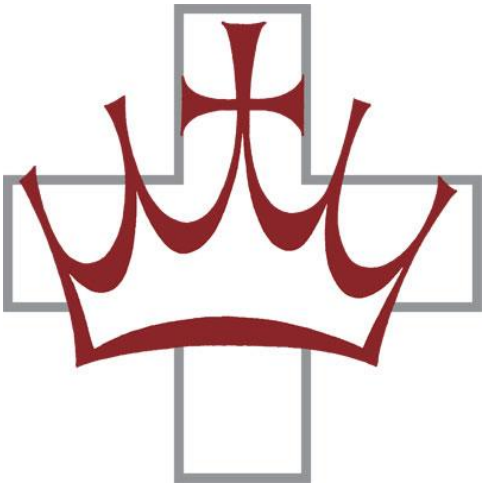
*Missouri Synod*

## The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**10:30 am – livestreamed** on Facebook and YouTube



## AS WE GATHER

### Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

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# ✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC –** *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns* (arr. Healey Willan)

**HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 525 – Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

℗ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

© **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

© **Amen**.

## ✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

**INTROIT – Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8**

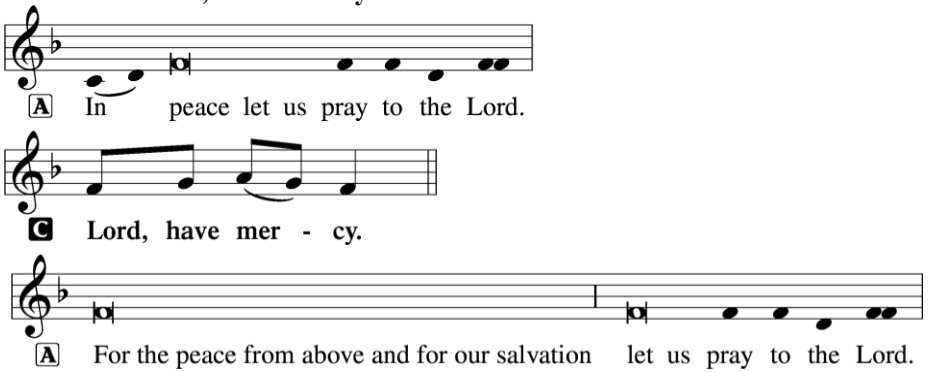
*Leader:* Let all the earth | fear the Lord;*
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

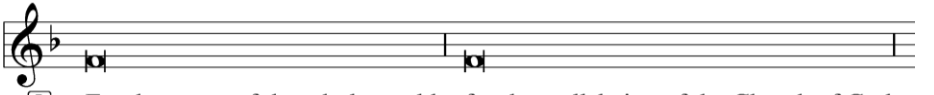
© **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants | of the Lord,***
**who stand by night in the house | of the Lord!**

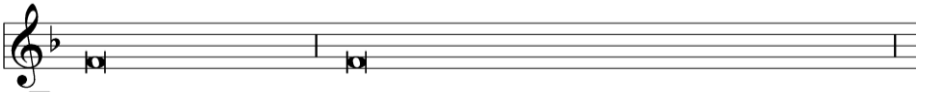
*Leader:* Lift up your hands to the | holy place*
and | bless the Lord!

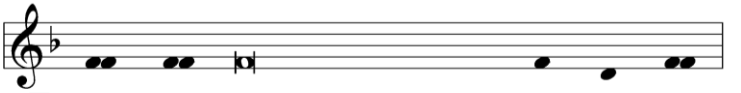
© **May the Lord bless you from | Zion,***
**he who made | heaven and earth!**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen.**
**Let all the earth | fear the Lord;***
**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!**

**KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy** – *Mark 10:47*









**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS –** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

℗ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** …one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT – Malachi 3:13-18** – The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring, "they shall be Mine."

13"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against
you?' 14You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking
as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? 15And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only
prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

[16]Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them,
and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.
[17]"They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I
will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. [18]Then once more you shall see the distinction
between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL – Revelation 7:14, Psalm 84:5**
**The congregation sings all.**

The **Gradual** for the final Sundays of the Church Year uses imagery from the Revelation to St. John and the Book of Psalms to turn our attention to the end times. As the days grow shorter and colder with the approach of winter, we are surrounded by reminders of our own mortality. But God promises us His strength for our journey and renews our souls with the promise of the crown of life in the glory of the world to come.

**EPISTLE – Colossians 1:13-20** – By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.

[13]He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved
Son, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

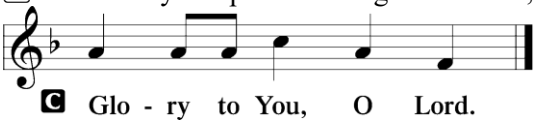
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE** – *John 6:68*

**HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 23:27-43** – Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.




[27]And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. [28]But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. [29]For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' [30]Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' [31]For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

[32]Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. [33]And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [34]And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. [35]And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" [36]The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine [37]and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" [38]There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

[39]One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" [40]But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41]And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this

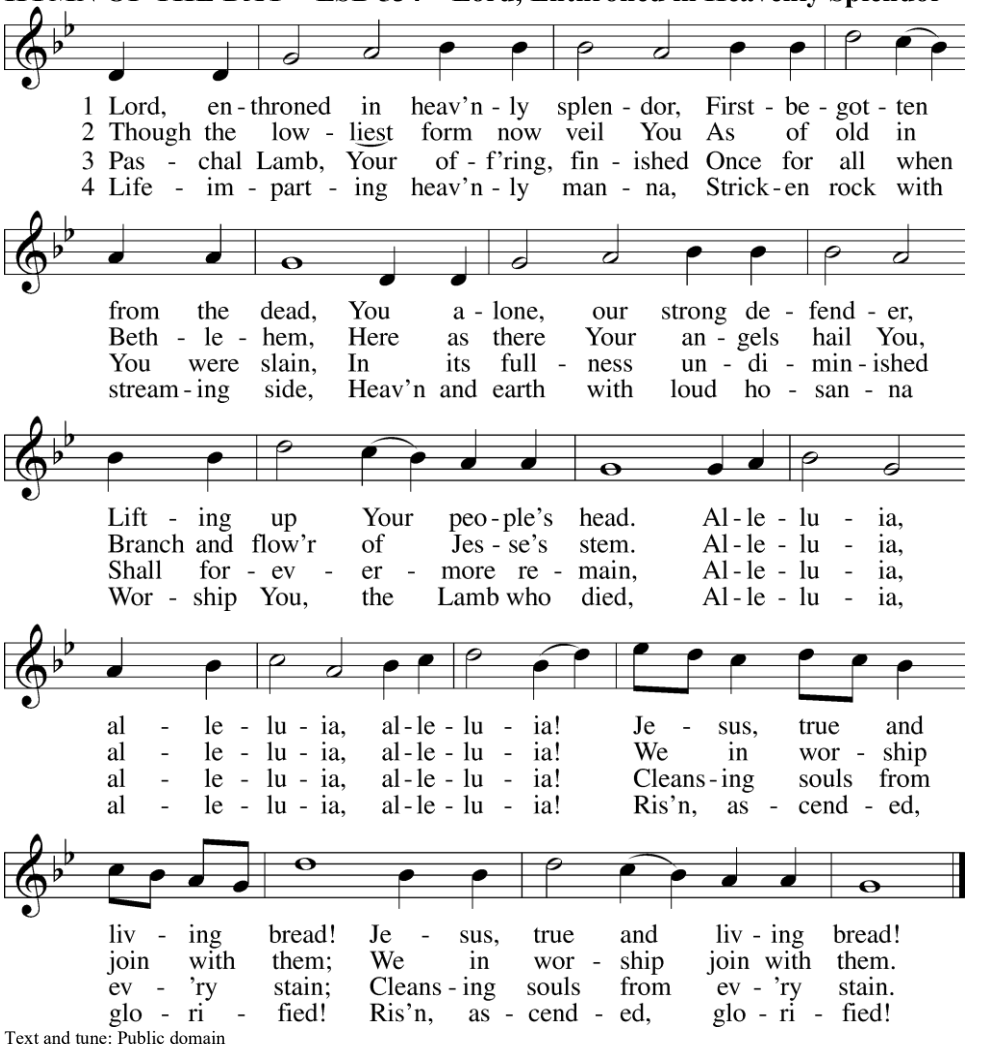
man has done nothing wrong." [42]And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
[43]And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**8:00 am – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 534 – Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**

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**SERMON – *Today, you will be with Me* – Luke 23:27-43**

**8:00 am – APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.**

**10:30 am & 5:00 pm – NICENE CREED**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

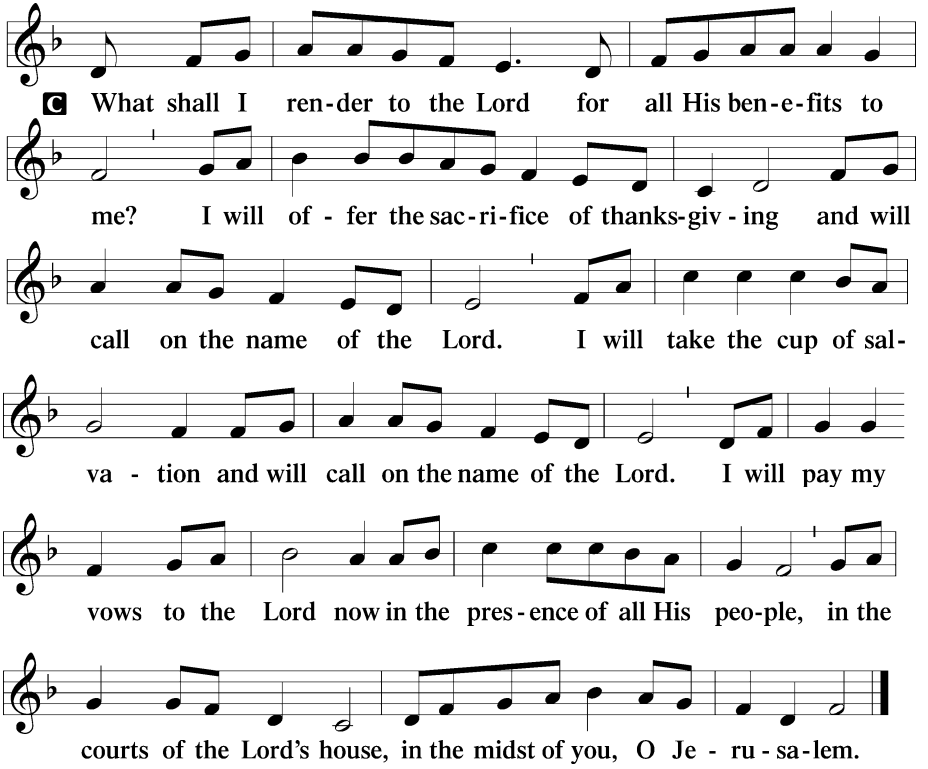
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** …one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**OFFERING –** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (arr. Richard Hillert)

**OFFERTORY – LSB 159 –** *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*




**8:00 am** – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** *(page 11)*
and concludes with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** *(page 15).*

## ✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

**beginning at LSB 160**

**PREFACE**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary …evermore praising You and singing:

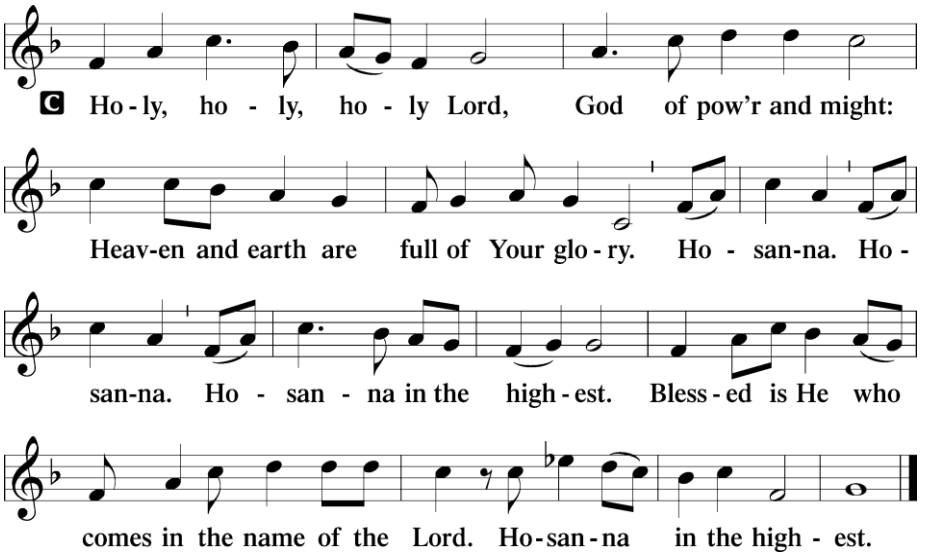
**For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

**SANCTUS – LSB 161**




**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

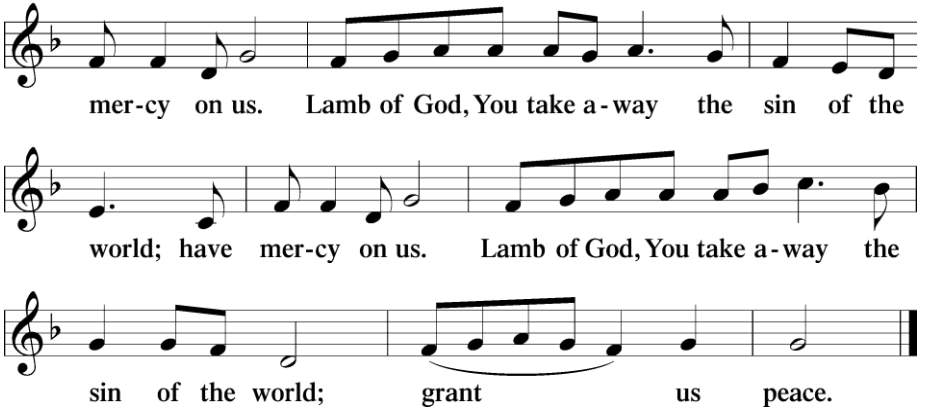
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**
**give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord –** *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI – LSB 163 – Lamb of God –** *John 1:29*

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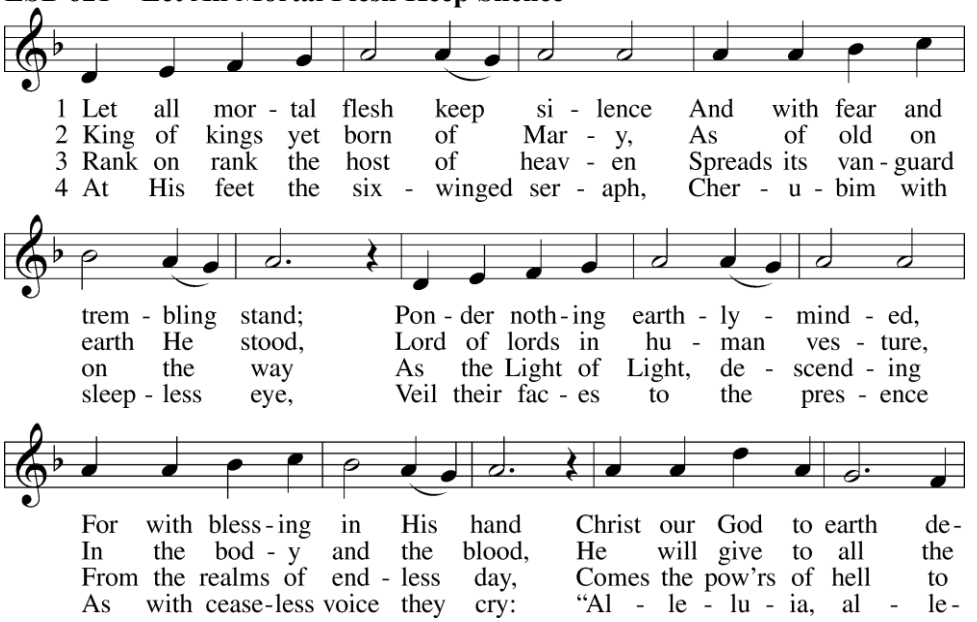
**Anthem** – *Creator of the Stars of Night* (arr. Jacob B. Weber)
Text at LSB 351

**Distribution Notes:**

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

### LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



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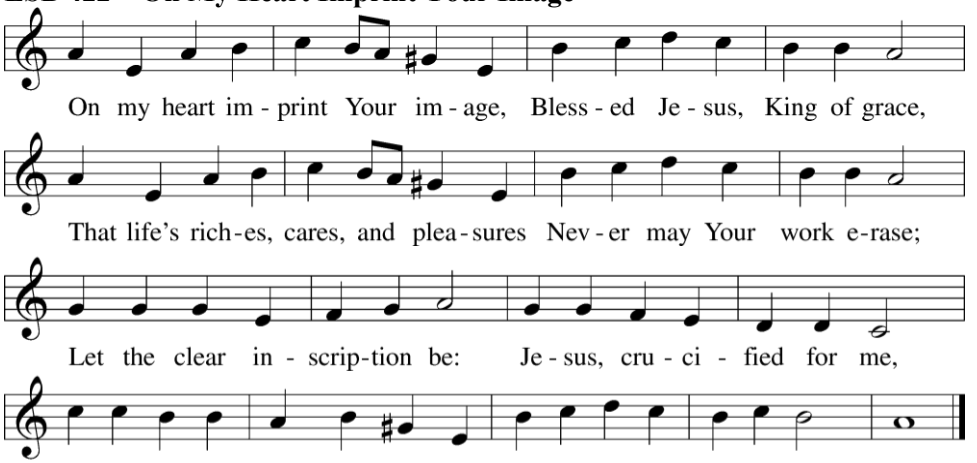
**LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

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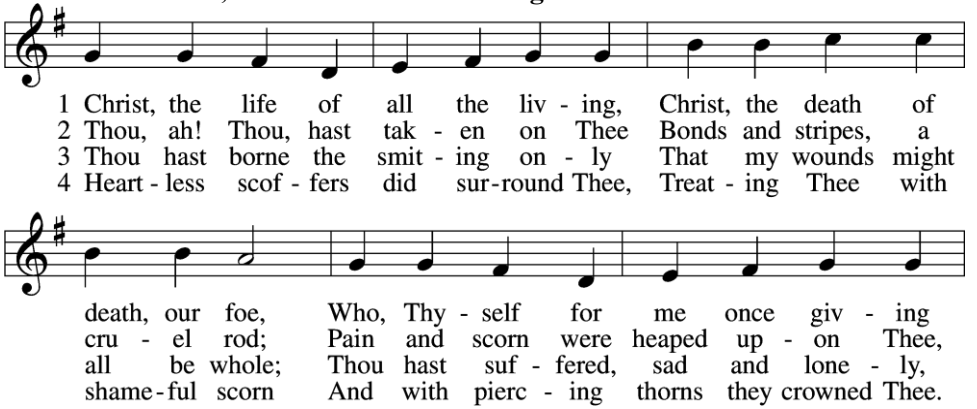
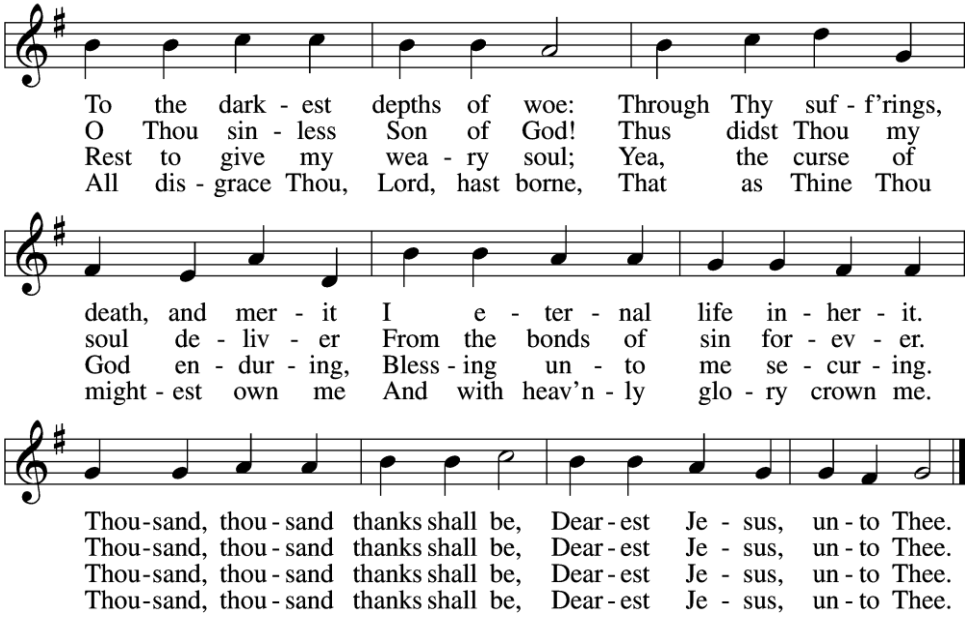
**LSB 420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living**






5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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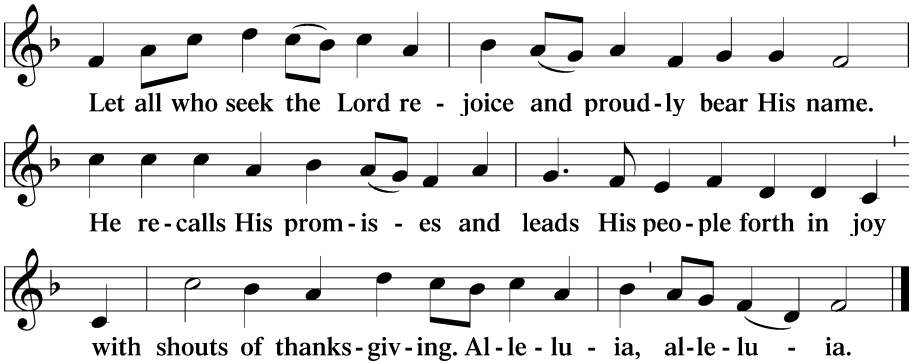
**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord**

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.**




**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

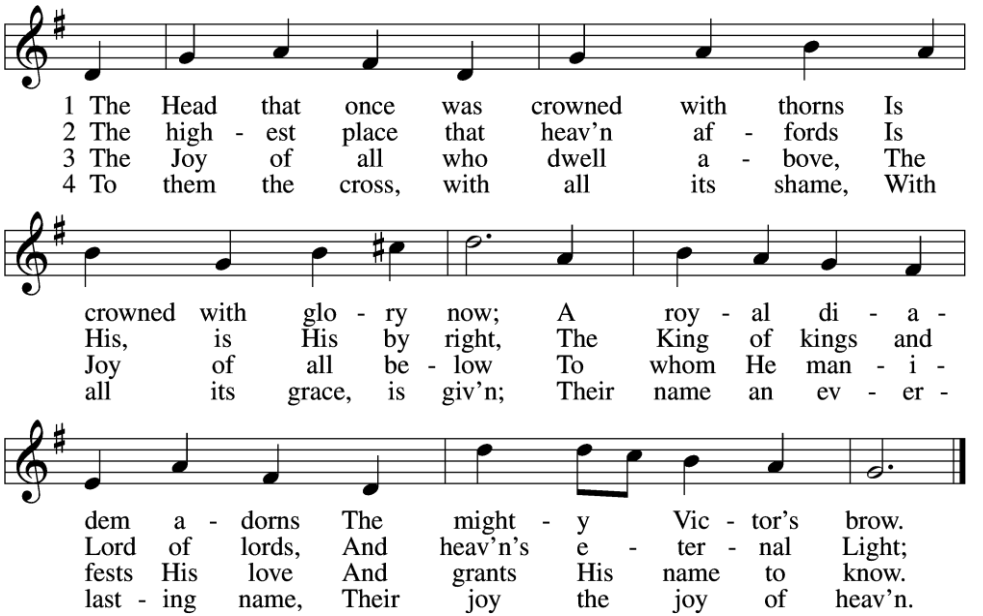
**C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** – *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 532 – The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns**



5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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**SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* (arr. Kevin Hildebrand)

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**TODAY**

9:15am **Advent Fair** (gym)
11:30am **Voters' Meeting** (sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY, November 26**

**THURSDAY – FRIDAY, November 27-28**
**Church office CLOSED**

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