The Beginning of the End >



THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.
Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 8.

Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END – The Best Use of Us

Living eschatologically… That's a fancy way of saying, "living in the knowledge of how things all work out in the End." And it's just what Jesus wants for you. He wants you to be so absolutely certain that your future is secured and is secure in His hands that you can live freely in the present, using what He's given you, and enjoying it all because you know how things work out in the End. His parable and St. Paul's encouragement are the Word of God today to stir us to rearrange our lives again so that we are of good use to Jesus who has entrusted us with everything we have!

A personal prayer before worship

> *O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray that You would open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

THE DIVINE SERVICE

*The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.*

HYMN 560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

INVOCATION

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
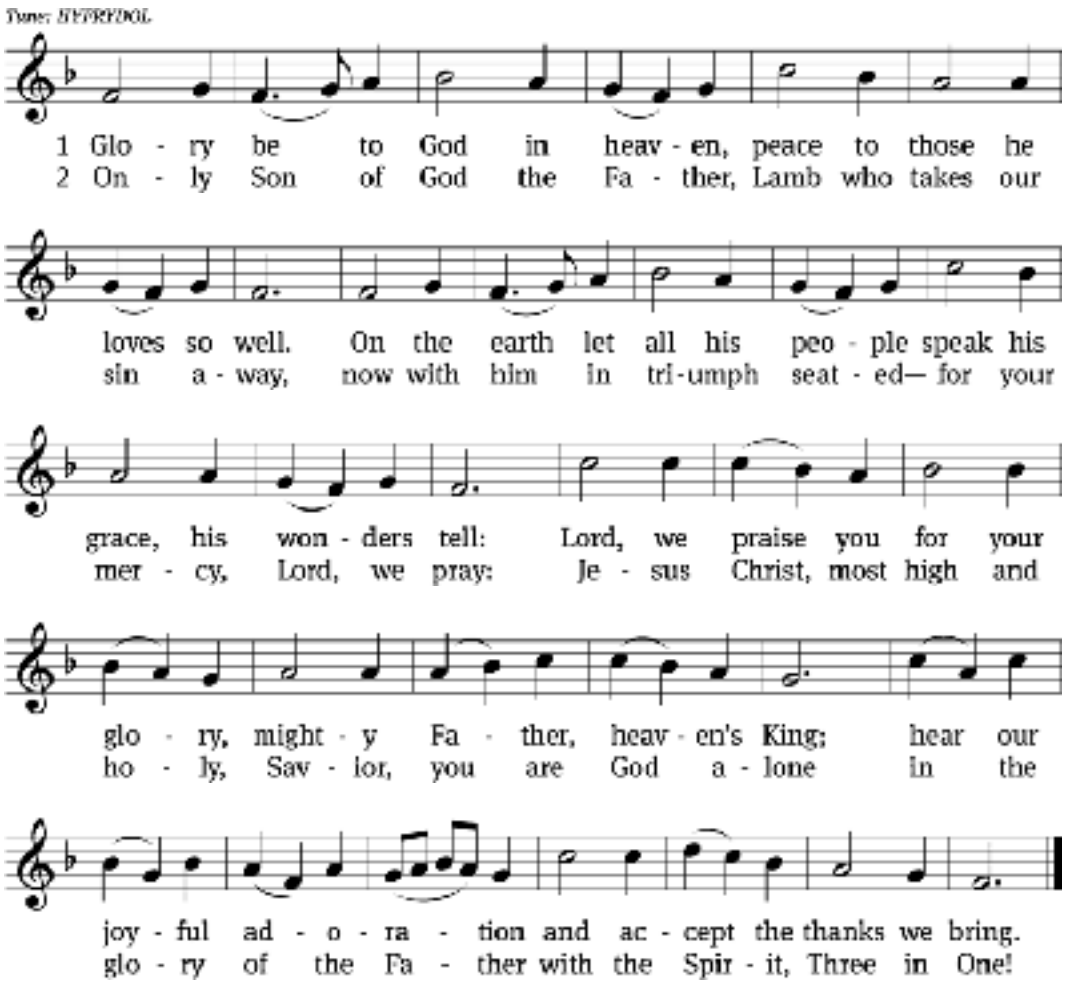
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN *(Gloria in Excelsis)*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING — Isaiah 1:10-18
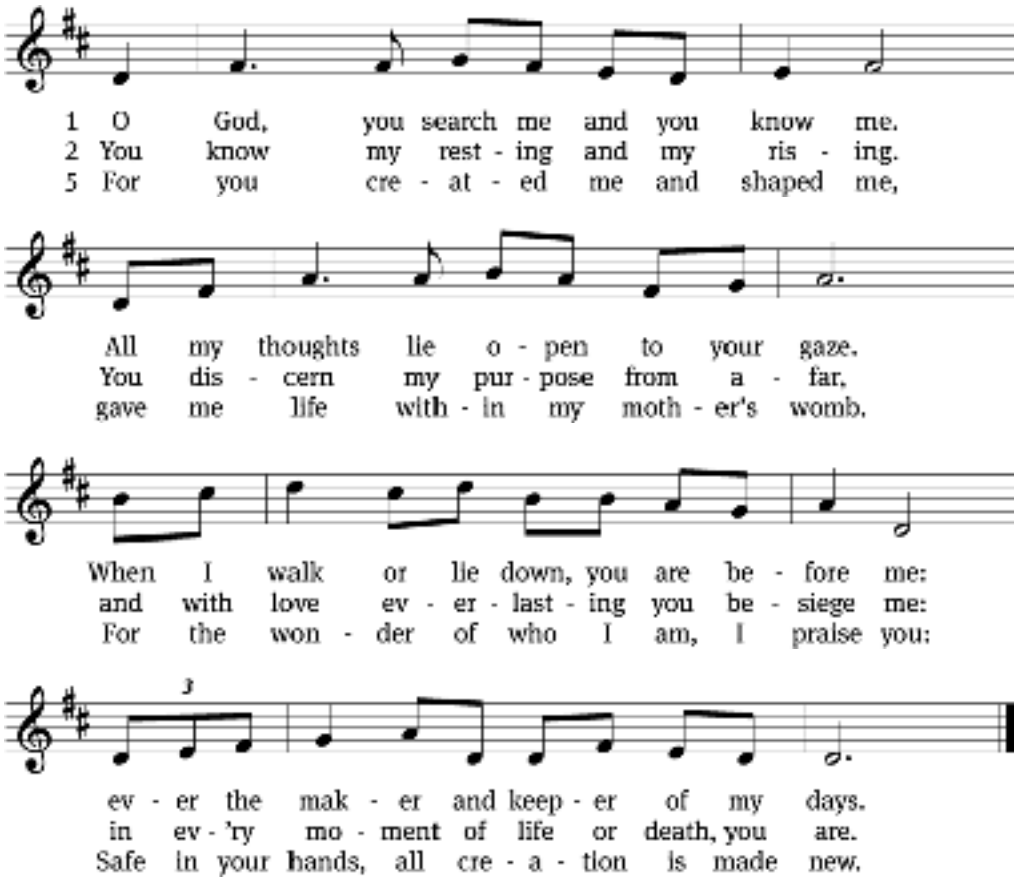
The Israelites had treasures - the promises of God and the rituals that taught them about Him and their relationship to their forgiving LORD. But they did not treasure these things in faith; they simply went through the motions and they did not act in love toward one another. The Lord calls them to repent. He says to them what He could rightfully say to us: I don't hear you anymore. But His call to repent is love -

He calls them to repent so that they can see His love: He will wash them from all their sins.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
11"The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.
"I have more than enough of burnt
offerings, of rams and the fat of
fattened animals; I have no pleasure in
the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
12When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
13Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations
— I cannot bear your worthless
assemblies. 14Your New Moon feasts and
your appointed festivals I hate with all my
being.They have become a burden to
me; I am weary of bearing them.
15When you spread out your hands in
prayer, I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers, I am
not listening. Your hands are full of blood!
16Wash and make yourselves clean.Take
your evil deeds out of my sight; stop
doing wrong.
17Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend
the oppressed. Take up the cause of the
fatherless; plead the case of the widow.
18"Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139G O God, You Search Me



SECOND READING — Romans 12:1-8

Paul sees something beautiful: the body of Jesus, His Church at work under God's mercy

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Revelation 2:10

Alleluia! Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.
Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 25:14-30

Through a parable Jesus calls his followers to faithful service in grateful response to the gifts that the master has given and in joyful anticipation of the master's impending return.

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

21"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27Well then, you should

have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
28" 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN 751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

SERMON **MATTHEW 25** The master trusts the servants

Please stand

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the Church and her leaders, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for and those we name in our hearts, *(brief silence)* that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces, and for all of us as citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**.

For our communion in the body and blood of the Lord, and for hearts that burn with desire for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the offerings to support the God's work in

this place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for… Mike and Joeleen Jones, Betty Moser, John Farrell (all with health struggles), Judy (Nancy Brandt's sister in cancer treatment), Brent (in ICU), Brent's son and baby Gentri (both in need of transplant), Sam Traugott (Al Perry's brother recovering from heart surgery), Christina Huff (sister of Brandon Huff with bladder cancer)

All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
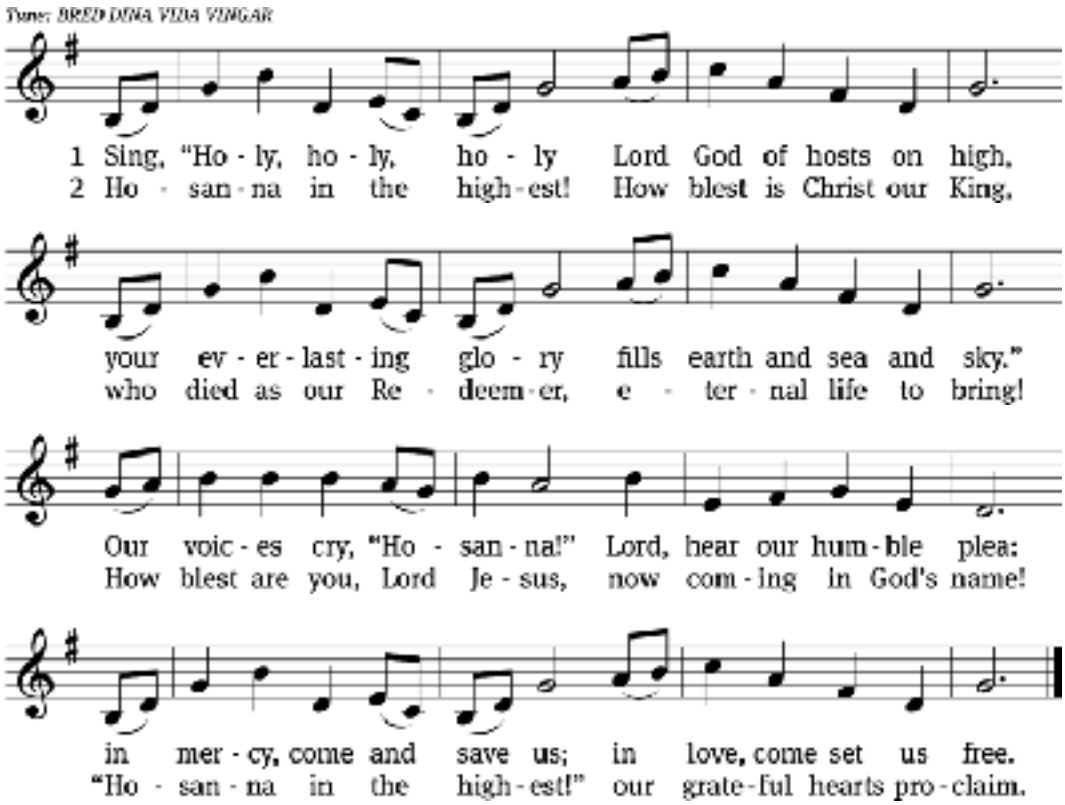
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament and deepen our longing for the day when he will welcome us to his eternal feast.

Remember us in Your kingdom as we 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS
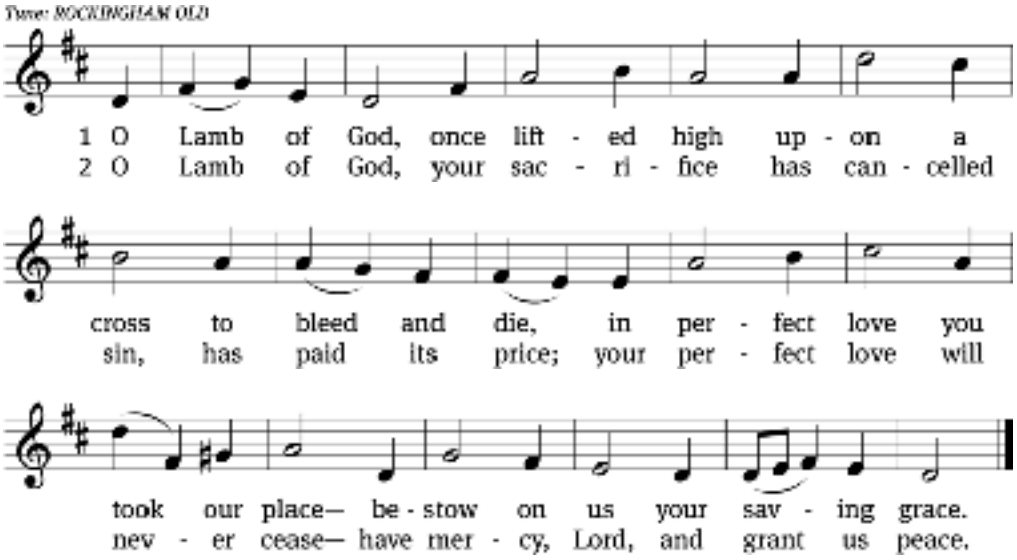
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O LAMB OF GOD



Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

HYMN 729 Son of God, Eternal Savior

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your + sins are forgiven.
Amen.

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✙ give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

Refrain **To this I hold my hope is only Jesus**
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed (Refrain)

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave (Refrain)

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne (Refrain)

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov 25 at 6:30 pm



Daily Advent Devotion

Monday–Friday, Nov 30–Dec 23
7:45 am

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