LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Nov. 22nd, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✢ Preparation ✢

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

Introit *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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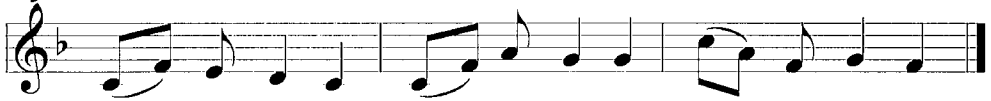
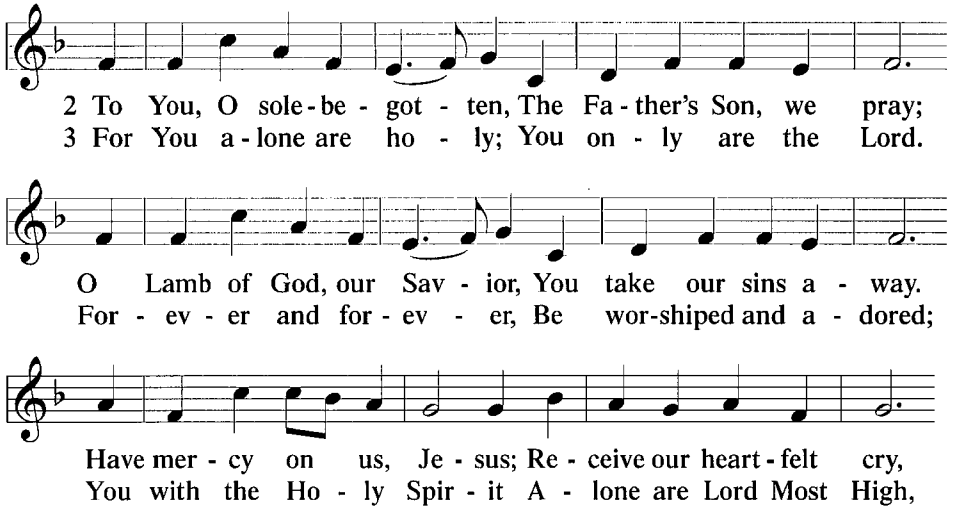
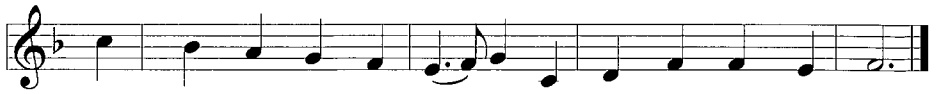
Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis





Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever C

Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 95: 1 - 7; antiphon: v. 7a

[1]Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2]Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
[3]For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
[4]In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
[5]The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

[6]Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
[7]For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

L This is the Word of the LORD.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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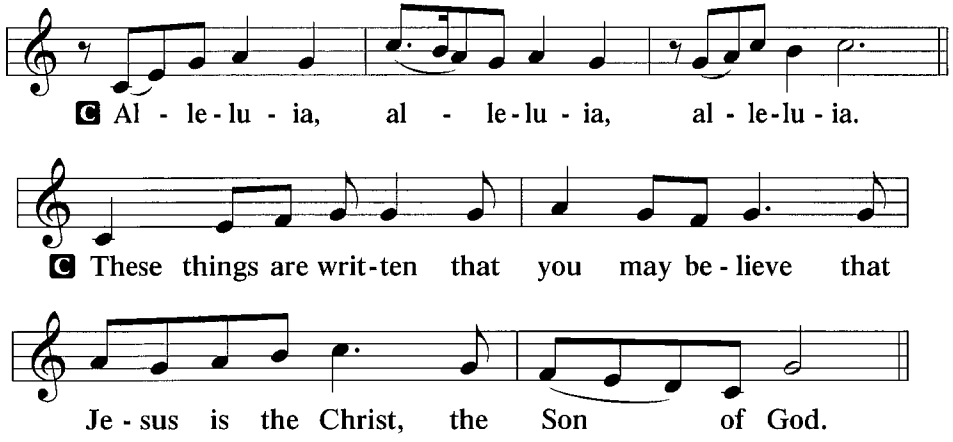
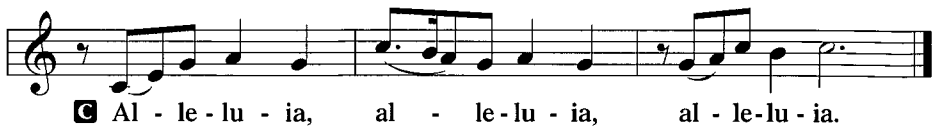
Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O LORD.**

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

All: 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon *"Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5: 16 - 26*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Connection Cards

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Offering and Prayer

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the LORD.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments.

Closing Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God