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The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost (Year C)
The Holy Eucharist ♦ November 16, 2025 ♦ 9:00AM

WELCOME!

It is an honor to have you here for worship. We hope you will feel safe and comfortable in this holy house. A few notes to help you along the way:

- Most of what you will need is printed in this bulletin.
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) is the source for hymns which are listed by number in the upper right- or left-hand corner of the page.

PROVIDING FOR THE YOUNGEST SAINTS

Children learn to worship by participating in the liturgy. The worship of the whole community is enhanced by their involvement. Should your little one need a break, please feel free to move about, to step out for a moment, or to make use of the prayer-ground as may be helpful.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may commune in either or both elements of bread and wine. The ushers will direct you forward via the center aisle. You have options!

- You may take an empty cup from a tray and hold onto it. You will then be given the bread to consume before approaching a minister who will fill your cup from a pouring chalice. After consuming the wine, please place the cup in the receptacle as you return to your place.
- You may bypass the small cup, receive the bread, then dip it into the chalice before consuming it.
- If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, please cross your arms before your chest and you will be offered a blessing.

A star () invites you to stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING RITE

* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God,

People: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: God the faithful one loves you, in † Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All: Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN #796: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

* GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

People: And also with you.

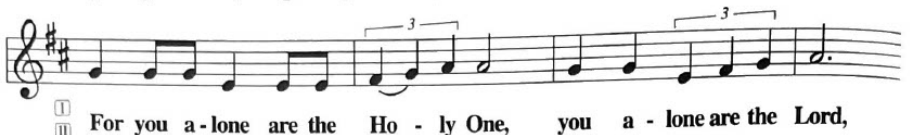
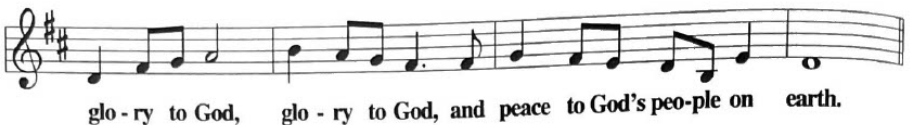
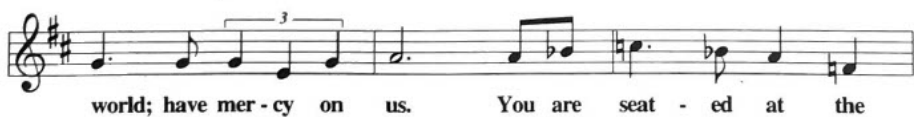
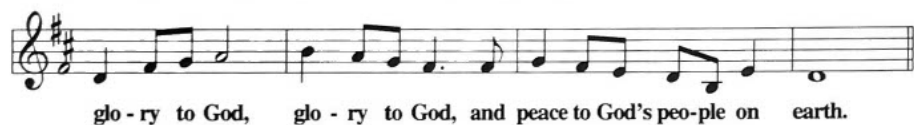
Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, so that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2A

Lector: A reading from Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

*The psalm will be read responsively; the people will read the **bold** text.*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and all those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

**MEDITATION: WE GATHER TOGETHER ARR. FRANCES L. CALLAHAN
(BELL CHOIR)**

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Lector: A reading from 2nd Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat

anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you

are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #787: ON EAGLE'S WINGS**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes, "Hear us, O God..." to which the people are invited to respond, "Your mercy is great."

Pastor: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE MEAL

* THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: THE GIFT OF LOVE ARR. HAL HOPSON (ADULT CHOIR)

* OFFERTORY HYMN #184: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (NELSON)



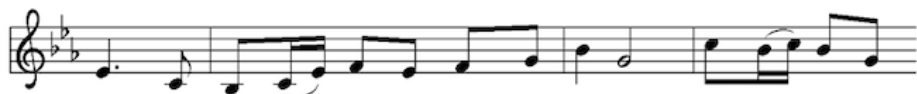
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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 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.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS



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



Pastor: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears... In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Send the Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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

Pastor: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

* LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN #785: WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ strengthen you and keep you ever in his grace.

People: Amen.

* HYMN #207: THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Deacon: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

People: Amen.

THE SENDING RITE

*** BLESSING**

Pastor: *The blessing is pronounced.*

People: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN #439: SOON AND VERY SOON**

*** DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Presiding Minister/Preacher: The Rev. Susan F. Sprowls, *Interim Pastor*

Deacon: Roxanne Toomey

Director of Music: Nicole Nicholson

Organist: Kamelija Galijan-Curry

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Doris Ohlander

Communion Assistant: Hans Vogel

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Ushers: Michael Murphy and Craig Sparke

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Nathaniel Wynn by the Schmitt family, and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Barbara & Roy Stone.

Announcements

Today is Stewardship Sunday. We invite you to thoughtfully consider your church giving in 2026 and to submit an Estimate of Giving Card. A card is available in your bulletin. If you have any questions about stewardship, please speak with Barbara Stone or Pastor Sprowls.

BSA Troop 656 is collecting orders for its annual **Christmas wreath fundraiser**. Order forms are available in the sanctuary and on the coffee hour table. **Today is the final day to submit orders.** Please see Dee Bloomfield to submit yours!

Save the date! CLC's Centennial Kickoff will be held on **Wednesday, November 26th** beginning with a 6PM prayer service in the chapel of St. John of Jerusalem Cemetery. Worship will continue at CLC at 7:30PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All are encouraged to attend.

Save the date! Wantagh's Winter Wonderland Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 29th** from 12:30-5PM at the Wantagh Train Museum. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Della Rao.

Monetary and tangible donations are currently being accepted for the Seafarers' Christmas at Sea care satchels. We are especially in need of men's **small, medium, or large** hoodies, thermal or sports socks, and t-shirts, knit hats or scarves (no fringe or pom-poms, please), and cans of nuts or large chocolate bars. Donations can be left in the designated boxes in Room 2000. If you have any questions, please see Jan or John Eastlund.

St. John's Food Pantry

As SNAP and other benefits are being reduced or rescinded, donations of food and personal care items are needed now more than ever. Please place donations in the box in Room 2000. Needed items include beef/chicken stew, canned chicken, cooking oil, coffee, corned beef hash, noodles, hot cereal, hot chocolate, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix & syrup, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, salad dressing, birthday cake items, shelf-stable milk, facial tissue, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. *Please check the expiration dates before donating.*



We Remember Those on the Prayer List

Judy Angeloch, Kathleen Cardone, Becky Carlson, Regina Coons, Sal and Sue Costanzo, Alison Daurio, Joan Drake, Kelly Dempsey, Lynn Deere, Logan Dunne, Doris Gannon, Betty Gibberman, Bill Gilmor, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Grieser, Theresa Heenan, Arnold Howard, Ruth Kollar, Susan & George Kremer, Jean Leib, Chris Mantay, Mary Ellen Massaro, Janet and William McShea, Marilyn Miller, Lilly Ann Munnich, John Nittoli, James Pallas, Barbara and Gary Proce, Catherine, Terri and Della Rao, John Reardon, Emmett and Rose Reilly, Ann and Barbara Reimer, Della Dorn Rice, Kay Riese, Anne Scheirer, Joseph Arthur Skorupski, Donna Smith, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Nancy Valenti, Laura Vogel. To update a name on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Congregation Council

The Reverend Susan F. Sprowls, *Interim Pastor*
Matt Murphy, *President* • Kirsten Duprez, *Vice President*
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