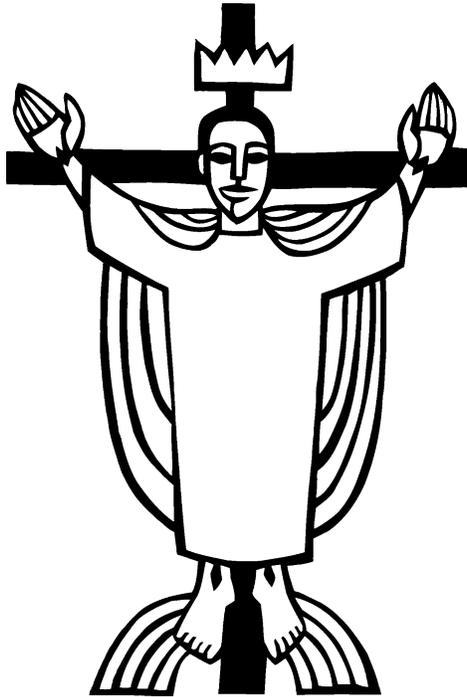


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 20th, 2022  
Christ the King Sunday  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Helena, Montana

*"Growing in Grace, Walking by Faith, Serving in Love"*



**Welcome and God's peace be with you. We are thankful you are here and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in this congregation. Please take a moment to fill out a white Welcome to Worship slip and place it in the offering plate.**

Worship in the Christian assembly is biblical and since ancient times the church has drawn upon the scriptures to shape the whole of worship. The Lutheran service is divided into four parts: GATHERING, WORD, MEAL, and SENDING which follow key biblical foundations.

Children are always welcome to worship at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Worship Bags and Children's bulletins are available in the back of the church. Sunday School takes place during worship and all children are welcome to join us! We will take them downstairs following the Children's Sermon, bring them upstairs for communion, and you can pick them up after worship.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs following worship for coffee hour.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**GATHERING** (*Matthew 18:30*)

(Please respond with the words in **bold print** and stand, as you are able, at the places marked with an \*)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn** .....“**Crown Him With Many Crowns**” ELW #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

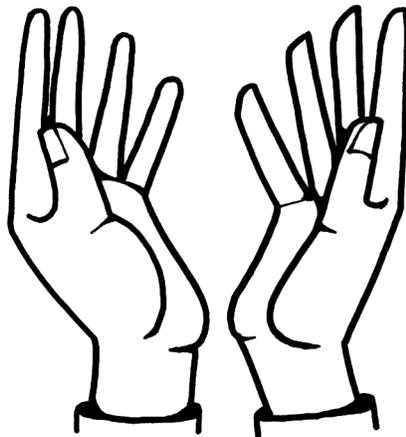
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of mercy and forgiveness,  
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
We have harmed your good creation.  
We have failed to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you.  
Turn us in a new direction.  
Show us the path that leads to life.  
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

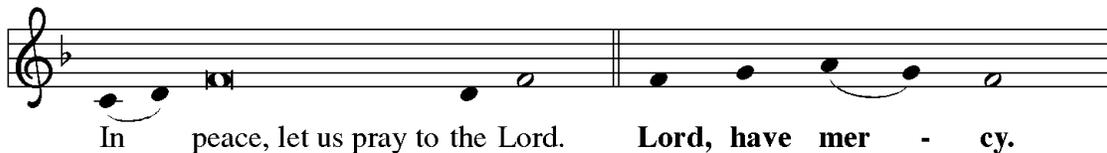
Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



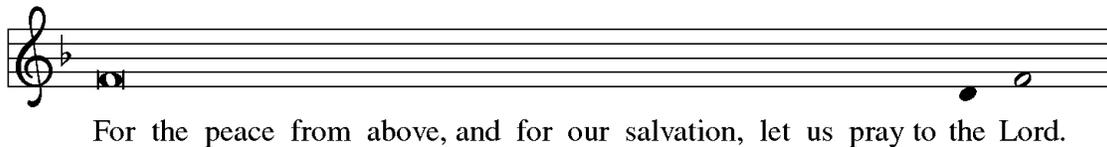
**\*Greeting**

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

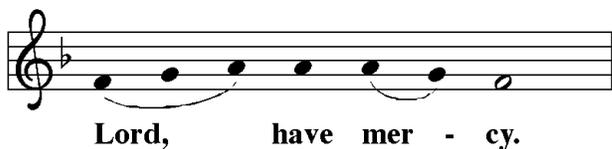
**\*Kyrie**



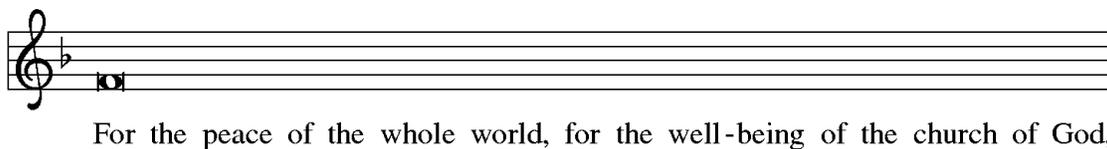
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



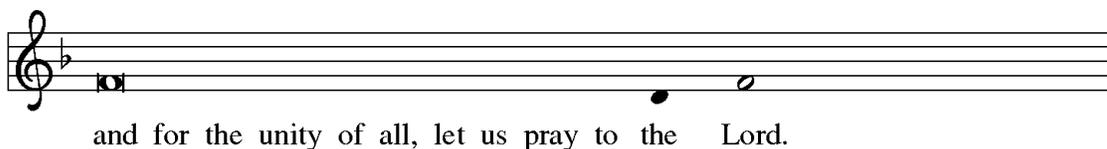
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



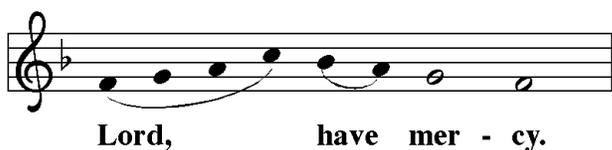
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



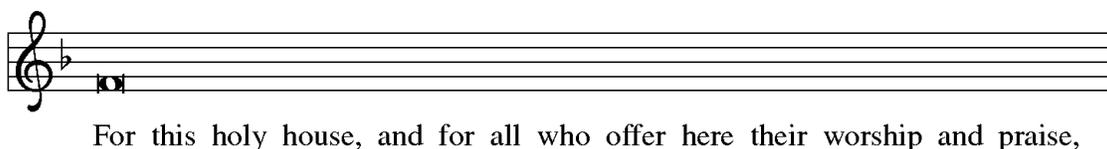
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



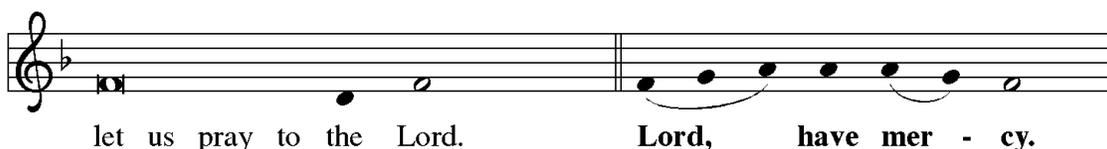
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



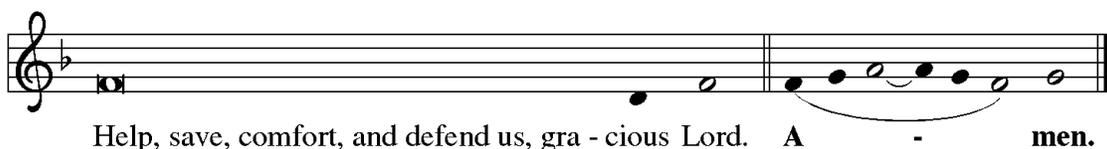
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

\*Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

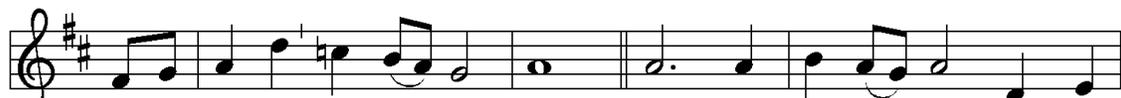


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD** (*John 1:1-5,14*)

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah



he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

### Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### Response after the reading: The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

### Children's Time

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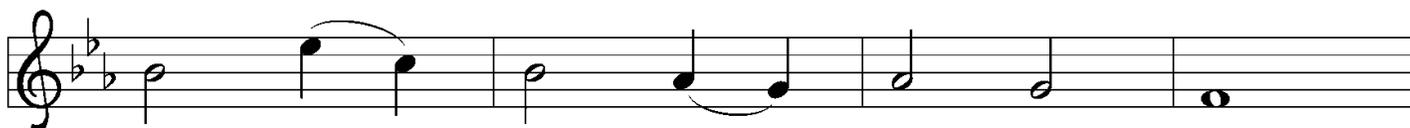
\*Hymn of the Day ..... "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

verses 1-2 before the sermon

verses 3-4 after the sermon



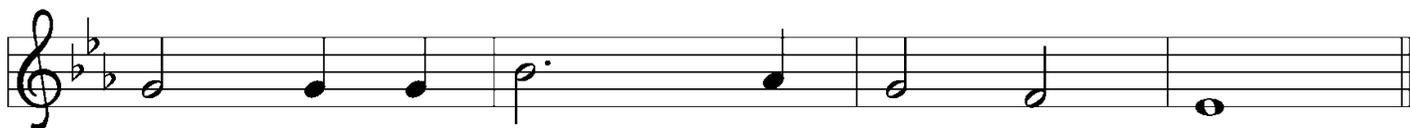
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Sermon.....Pr. Patricia Harant

**\*Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,  
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

**\*Prayer Response**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen.***

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

*(...Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” (John 20:19))*

As Christ welcomed everyone,  
let us open our hearts and lives  
and be like Christ to everyone we meet.  
The peace of the Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.*

**MEAL (Matthew 25:35)**

*(An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need and the communion table is set.)*

**Offertory Music.....St. John’s Sanctuary Choir**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. P. Drennan**

**(The Congregation is invited to join the choir on the anthem and the music is on the next page.)**

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# COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Words  
Anonymous

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN  
by FELICE DE GIARDINI (1716-1796)  
Arranged by  
PATTI DRENNAN (ASCAP)

## CONGREGATION (in unison)



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King.  
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word.  
3. To Thee, great One in Three,



Help us Thy name to sing.  
Gird on Thy might - y sword.  
the high - est prais - es be



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all  
Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy  
hence ev - er - more. Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, and give Thy word suc - cess.  
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

### \*Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**Amen.**

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:*

### \*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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

### \*Words of Institution

### \*Lords Prayer

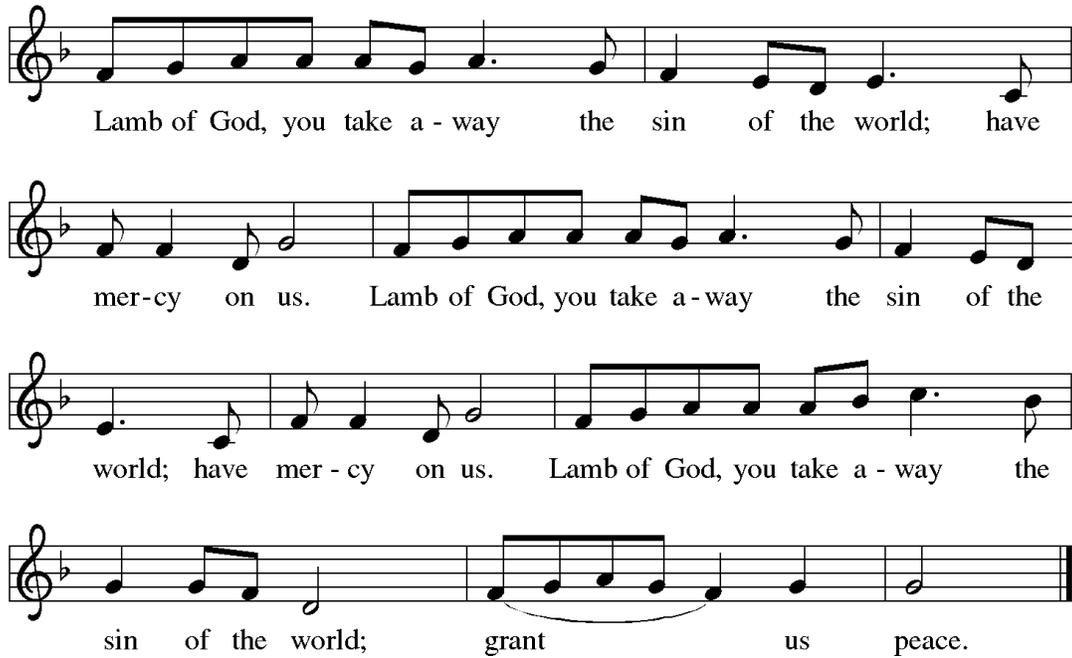
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## \*Invitation

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

*(We celebrate open communion and all who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.)*

## 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.

## Communion Music

### Prayer After Communion

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending of Communion

## Announcements

## SENDING (*John 20:21*)

### Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn ..... "Soon and Very Soon" ELW #439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
 Thanks be to God.

## MINISTERING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pr. Patricia Harant, Preaching  
Pastor Kendra Wilde, Presiding  
Angela Conley, Technology and Sound  
Dodie Walsh, Organ  
Connie Conley, Choir Director  
Christina Tielking & Renee Slocum,  
Bell Choir Directors  
Bella Twoteeth, Sunday School Teacher  
Frederick Frey, Cantor

Lorrie Vennes, Lector  
John & Gwynn Munding  
Gale & Lorrie Vennes  
Communion Servers  
Karen Bryson, Sharon Russell  
Angel Tetrault, Jena Hilchen  
November Altar Guild

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**In our prayers:** for communities experiencing weather related disasters, for the communities experiencing violence, for peace in war zones including Ukraine, for the safety of missionaries at home and abroad, Marcus Mosness, Greg Field, Tom Morrow, Karsten Anderson, Derek French, Larry Brandvold, Deb Berg, Tom Jacobson, Luke Almas, Anne Tennant, Dennis Evanson, Karen Nave, Karen Doig, Adeline Rasmussen, Marge Jacobson, Meg Biggs and family, Scott Muir, Karen Sturm, Erma Polich, Robert Brinton, Bill Mattfeldt, Payan Teeters, Dale Twingley, Richard Bomar, Bruce Gottwig, Rueben, Emma Rose Plute, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Rosita Moe, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Chris Gibbs, Randy Holmes, Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, for the homeless in our community, and for all who seek health and wholeness

**For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:**

Keith Williams, Dick Lamping, and all the Saints in heaven

**For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:**

Hazel Aasved, Esther Fuehrer, Marge Mihelish, Julie Wolff, Adeline Rasmussen, Susan DeBree, Bill Mattfeldt, Carl Mattfeldt, Marge Jacobson, Troy & Jimmie McGee, Karen Nave, Mary Gardinier

**Missionaries:** Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon  
Missionaries around the world

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

*John Munding, LPA is on call Nov. 21-27 and will preach on Nov. 27.*

**Sunday, November 20th: Social Ministry meeting following worship in The Guild Room**

**Monday, November 21st: Krumkake at 1:00 pm**

**Tuesday, November 22nd: Morning Circle at 9:30 am at Touchmark**

**Evening Circle at 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, November 23rd: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7:00 pm**

**Office Closed November 24th and 25th**

*\*\*The Deadline for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at Noon.*

*The deadline for January Herald is Wednesday, December 14th.*

### **MEET YOUR TRANSITION MINISTRY TEAM**

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful ministry team who will help lead us during our time of transition until we install our new pastor, Keith Weatherford, in January of 2023. Each week a different Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) or minister will provide pastoral services for the week and preach and lead worship. Whoever is scheduled to preach that week (please check your Herald calendar) will be on call the Monday through Sunday they are scheduled to preach. Numbers and emails are listed below for our team.

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**SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER-  
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE AND LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY  
ON CAT/GRIZ WEEKEND**

Our designated social ministry offering for the month of November is Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran Campus Ministry on Cat/Griz weekend. Lutheran Disaster Response provides resources to help rebuild the lives and communities of those dealing with natural disasters, famine, and war or violence. Lutheran Disaster Response remains hard at work long after the first responders are gone. They share God's hope, healing, and renewal. The list of needs is long which includes hurricane Ian relief, flooding in the US, the crisis in Haiti, and the Horn of Africa drought. Please send in your donations or place them in the pew offering envelope and check the Social Ministry box.

**Yesterday was the Cat/Griz game! Today we will take a special offering at the door to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at both MSU and UofM.**

**ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING EVE**

Join our brothers and sisters from New Life, Our Lady of the Valley, Our Redeemer's, and Saint Peter's for a joint Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 pm at Saint Peter's (511 N. Park Avenue.) A pie reception will follow. Please bring a pie to share. The offering in the evening will go toward God's Love and Helena Food Share.

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

Keith Weatherford will be ordained on Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings, MT. Rostered Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. Processing clergy will gather in the fireside room at 1:30 pm. There is a small group from St. John's who are planning to attend and if you are interested in carpooling please contact the office. We will also host a watch party here at church at 2:00 pm for those who are unable to make the trip to Billings. If you would like to livestream the service at home please visit [goodshepherdbillings.org](http://goodshepherdbillings.org).

**ORDINATION GIFT**

We would like to give Keith a gift at his upcoming ordination celebration and the church will be purchasing a pectoral cross for him. If you would like to make a contribution please send in your money to the office or place your donation in a pew offering envelope and indicate "ordination gift."

**MIDWEEK CONNECTION**

We are back! Everyone is welcome to join us each week on Wednesdays for our "Space of Grace Between Sundays." Dinner is at 5:30 PM, Worship w/Holy Communion at 6:30 PM, and study for all ages at 7:00 PM (elementary school, confirmation, and adults.) Come for any part or all of the evening. Open to all!

## **THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S**

Bless you, St. John's, for making lefse, rossettes and krumkaka! Fun to converse while we work and a great time to meet our members. Do attend our last day of preparation: Nov. 21 @1:00 pm Krumkaka.

## **QUILT RAFFLE**

We have a beautiful, handsewn antique quilt made by Joyce Norgard donated by Douglas and Judith Gedrose that WELCA will be raffling off as part of our Festival of Angels. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and available today in the narthex.

## **PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Even though we waiting for our pastor to start in January, our ministry team continues to utilize the pastor's discretionary fund to assist those who are in need in the congregation and to support the ministry of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan is a vital ministry partner for us as we refer people who have immediate needs to them. Thank you to all who give to this special fund.