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*~Matthew 25:31*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Christ the King – November 23, 2014**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Christ the King – November 23, 2014**

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

***Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100***

*Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.*

***Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927***

*Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"*

**PRELUDE:** 'Crown Him with Many Crowns' – Michael Helman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!**

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.

**Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns,  
King of kings and Lord of lords.  
Hallelujah!**

**\*GATHERING SONG #855: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**\*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.**

**\*HYMN 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, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God of power and might,  
your Son shows us the way of service,  
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.  
Give us the wisdom to know what is right  
and the strength to serve the world you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20–24** (page 803 in Old Testament)

*Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

<sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 95**



1 O come and sing un - to the Lord; to God our voi - ces raise;  
2 Be - fore God's pres - ence let us come with praise and thank - ful voice;  
3 The Lord our God is King of kings, a - bove all gods en - throned;  
4 To God the spa - cious sea be - longs; God made its waves and tides,  
5 O come, and bow - ing down to God our wor - ship let us bring;



let us in our most joy - ful songs the Lord, our Sav - ior, praise.  
let us sing psalms to God with grace; with grate - ful hearts, re - joice.  
the depths of earth and moun - tains high by God a - lone are owned.  
and by God's hand the ris - ing land was formed, and still a - bides.  
yea, let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our Mak - er and our King.

Text: Psalm 95:1-7a, vers. *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

IRISH

Music: *A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1749

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23** (page 192 in New Testament)

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an - ces - tor David

*Repeat alleluia*

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31–460** (page 29 in New Testament)

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

The holy gospel, according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #434: *Jesus Shall Reign***

**\*REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us: Helen Kramer, Wilbur Kramer, Joy Schlag, Bob & Irene Davidson, Waldo & Edna Smallwood, Bonnie Tirk, Bertha & James George, Jane Habe, Harold & Doris McCandless, Irvine & Imogene Werner, Clara Forsythe, Charles Grant Werner, Frank Niklewicz, Charles Gurtner, Bud & Peg Hager, Leland & Helen Hager, Mildred Huch, Marie Huch, Jake Huch, Bob Stefko, Daniel Stefko, Frank Stefko, Emily Harbison, Margaret & Francis Ward.

As we remember these your children,  
**strengthen us to follow Christ through this world  
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,  
where suffering and death will be no more.**

Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN #732: *Borning Cry*** (stanzas 1 & 2)

**\*PRESENTATION (10:30 am SERVICE ONLY)**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsor:* I present Lucas Charles Kramer for baptism.

*Pastor:* Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents:* I do.

*Pastor:* As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents:* I do.

*Pastor:* Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Lucas in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* I do.

*Pastor:* People of God, do you promise to support Lucas and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

*Assembly:* **We do.**

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH (8:00 & 10:30 am SERVICES)**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

(at 8:00AM the service continues with Affirmation of Baptism on the next page)

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (10:30 am SERVICE ONLY)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*BAPTISM (10:30 am SERVICE ONLY)**

Lucas Charles Kramer, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Lucas with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lucas Charles Kramer, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*WELCOME (10:30 am SERVICE ONLY)**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (8:00 am SERVICE ONLY)**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN #732: *Borning Cry* (stanzas 3 & 4)**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

For your whole church, that it will continue to joyfully proclaim your love to the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our care of creation, that we resist the temptations to use it wastefully and seek more opportunities for restoration and wise use, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all nations of the world, that they will come to the knowledge that your peace brings plenty and your wisdom brings justice, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our brothers and sisters in any need, that we tend to their wounds and hurts, bringing healing, hope, and comfort in your name, especially Jim, John, Robert, Frieda, Joe, Bill & Kathy, Jim, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation, that we do everything possible to bring joy and peace into our neighborhoods and communities, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our call committee and bishop, that they know your will for the next pastor of our church, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the blessed gifts of saintly lives, especially Clement, Bishop of Rome and Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, that they inspire the witness of all believers who live in your promises, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN #826: *Thine the Amen***

(All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward)

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

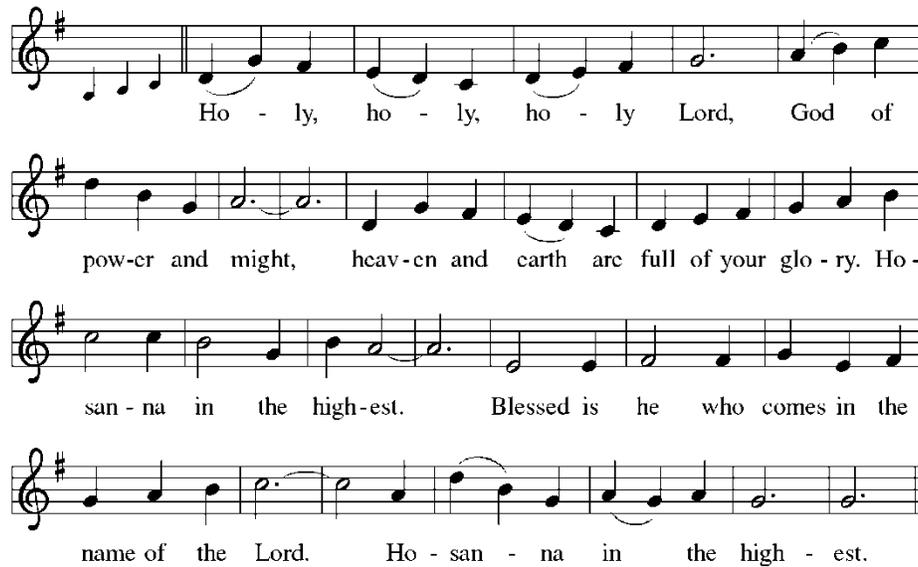
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
surrounded by evil and bordered by death  
we appeal to you,  
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace  
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
the sacrifice of his life and death  
and the victory of his resurrection,  
we await with all the saints  
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine  
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:  
teach us your mercy and justice,  
and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S 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 TO COMMUNION**

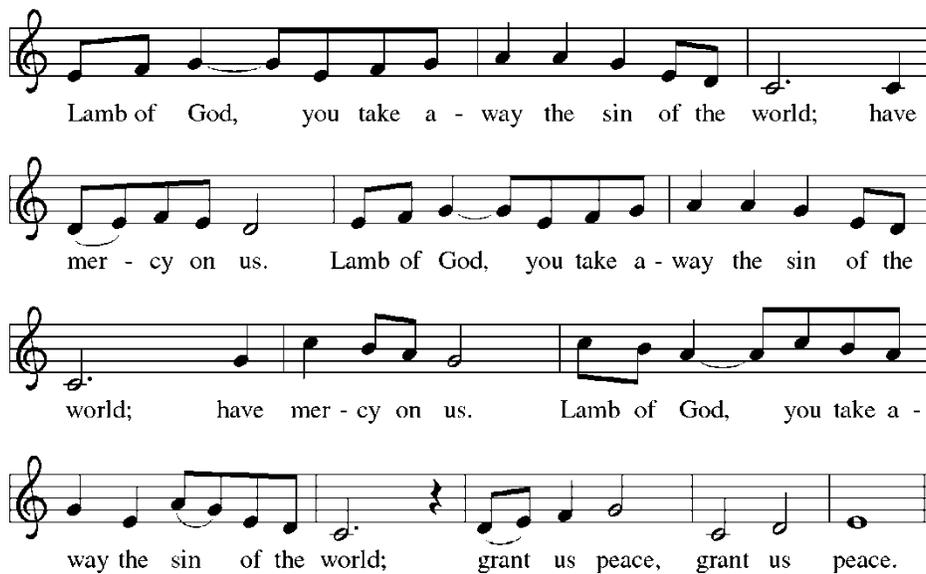
The reign of God is at hand.  
Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.*

**\*COMMUNION SONG**



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 #820: *O Savior, Precious Savior***

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #634: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: 'Jesus Shall Reign' – David Cherwien**

**The flowers this week are given by Davena & Jim Hopson in memory of their son, James Hopson Jr.**

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Kelly Greb

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:** Emily Greb

**Lector:** Kelly Greb

**Usher:**

**Attendance Last Week:** 71

**Weekly Budgeted Need:** \$ 2,640.27

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$ 124,092.66

**YTD Actual Expense:** \$ 113,449.97

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Jarrett

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:** Gio Sunseri

**Lector:** Valerie Cardinal

**Usher:**

**Attendance last year:** 93

**Last Week's Giving:** \$ 3,698.75

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$126,072.75

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