

**CHRIST THE KING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011**

**\*PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-Service Voluntary: *“Fugue on the Kyrie”* – F. Couperin  
Welcome / Announcements

**† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †**

Prelude: *Variation on “Hanover”* – J. Jones  
*“Oh, Worship the King”*

**† GATHERING †**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:**

**Hymn #842: *“Oh, Worship the King”***

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us

even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God

strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts

through faith.

**C: Amen.**

# GREETING

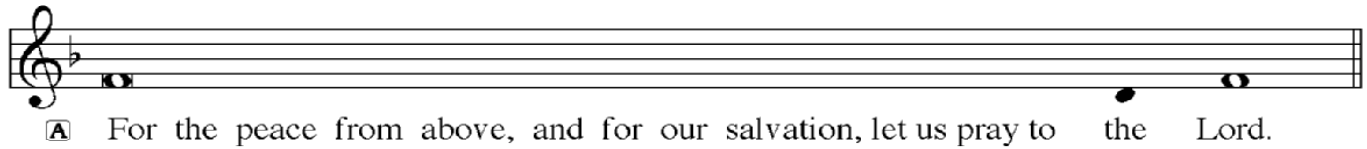
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

# THE KYRIE



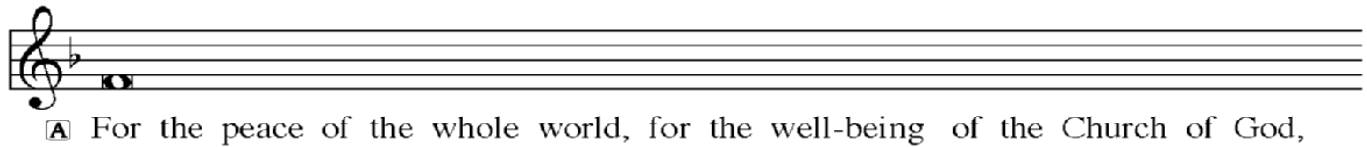
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



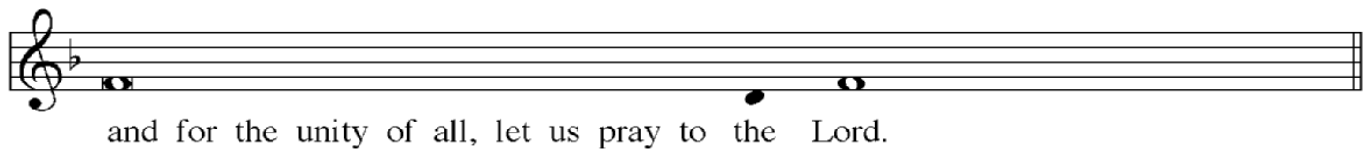
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



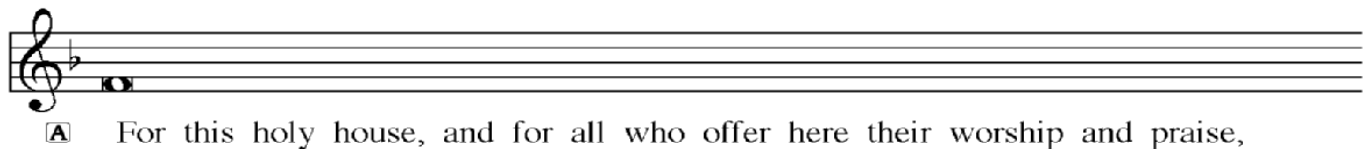
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



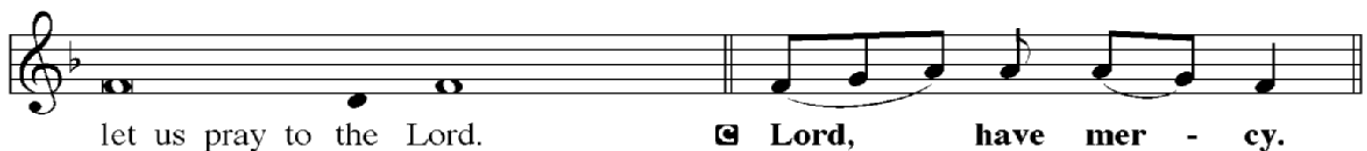
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



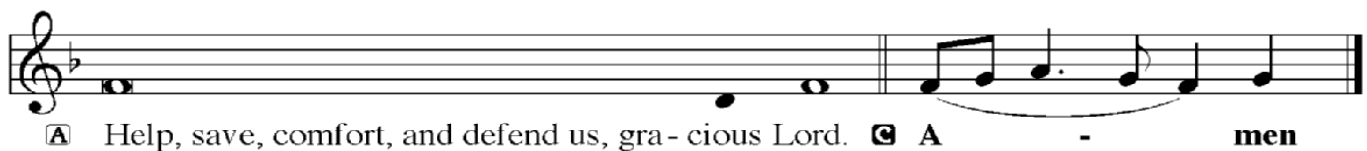
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ 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.



☐ 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.



☐ 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.



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



al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

## † GOD'S WORD †

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**

L: A reading from Ezekiel the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*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.

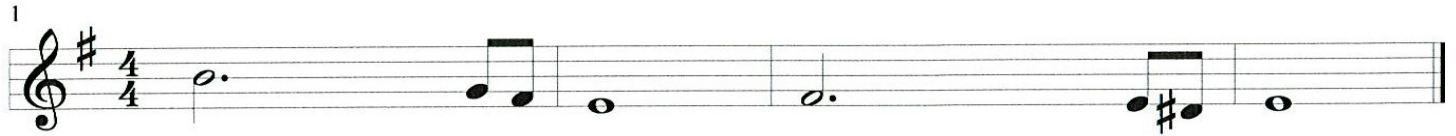
<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALMODY

Psalm 95:1–7a



<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before His presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD | is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep | of His hand.

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 1:15–23**

L: A reading from Ephesians the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

*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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: 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.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*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.*

<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.' 37Then 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? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And 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.' 41Then 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; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I 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.' 44Then 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?' 45Then 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.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



### **GOSPEL RESPONSORY:**

*"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"*

– arr. A. Fedak

*Chancel Choir*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:** *"The Least of These"*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**#502:** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

## **\*THE NICENE CREED**

**C:** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## † WE OFFER TO GOD †

\*P: Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: Ruler of the universe, bring your wisdom to the churches of the world. Strengthen their proclamation of the gracious reign of Christ to all people everywhere. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of creation, make us wise and mindful caretakers of the land, air, and water. Turn us away from patterns of careless and neglectful stewardship of your good earth. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of power, guide the nations into ways of justice and truth. Where conflicts prevail, may peace be forthcoming. Strengthen the weak. Temper the strong. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of glory, guide our lives in service to you through love and care for all your children. Strengthen us to seek justice for all people and to reach out in welcome to the stranger in our midst. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Life-giving God, strengthen us to face our mortality with humility and courage, and to trust in your promise of life from death. Support those who grieve (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY:** *Variation on "St. Columba"* – C. Stanford  
Tune of Hymn of the Day

**\*OFFERING HYMN:** *"Let the Vineyards..."* **Hymn 182**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of mercy and grace,

**C: The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ our redeemer and Lord. Amen**

† **WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER** †

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 PREFACE:**


It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*THE SANCTUS**

  
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.

**\*THE PREFACE CONTINUES**

You are indeed Holy .....

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,.....  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

  
\*C: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, .....  
To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and  
glory in Your holy church, now and forever.

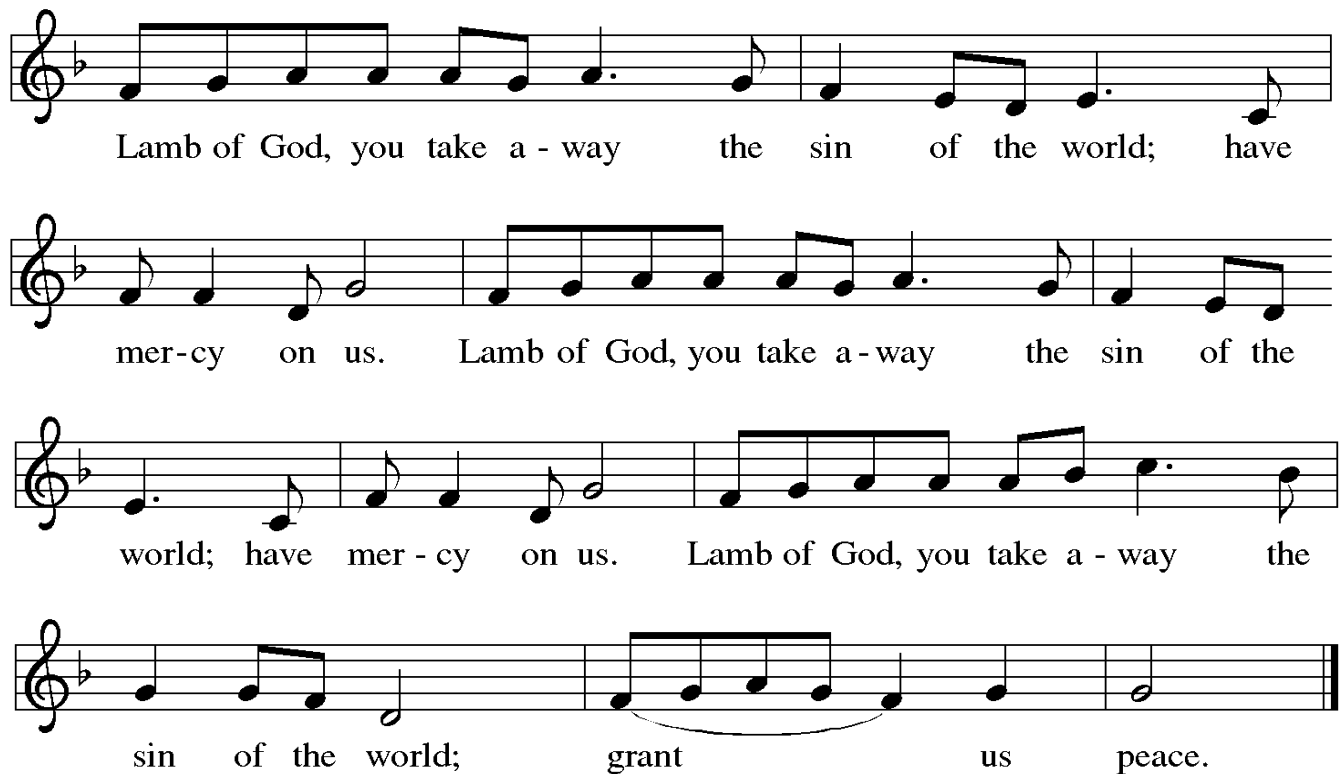
  
\*C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

## \*TRADITIONAL 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.

## \*DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*THE AGNUS DEI



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.

**All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them to the Communion Rail. Pick up an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion, Exit By Way Of The Side Door. If You Cannot Come To the Altar, the Pastor Will Come To You, Please Notify An Usher.**

During Communion

**Hymn 416:** *“At the Name of Jesus”*

**Hymn 826:** *“Thine the Amen”*

**Hymn 838:** *“Beautiful Savior”*

**Hymn 616:** *“Jesus, Remember Me”* (sing 3 times)

\*Post Communion Blessing

\*Post Communion Canticle: *“Thankful hearts”* **Hymn #204**

\*Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

† **WE LEAVE TO SERVE** †

\***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.** (sung responsively)

\***SENDING SONG:**

**#408:** *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

\***CLOSING PRAYER**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Lord of All"

- arr. T. Doran

**Acolyte:** Gus Barr

**Communion Assistants:** Pat Rampolla and Kim Craven

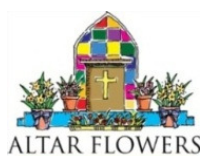
**Scripture Reader:** Leonard Gray

**Lay Worship Leader:** Rick Dillon

**Nursery:** Martha Brubaker

**Greeters:** Ed and Annamaria Leed

**Ushers:** Ron Gehr (Head), Rick Dillon, Kristi Leonhard,  
Ryan Brubaker, Randy Brubaker (alt.)



**The Altar Flowers** Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Mike and Sally Leed in Honor of Their Wedding Anniversary.

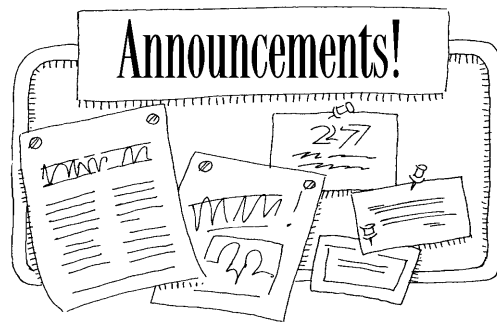
**The Bulletins** Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Kim Craven in Memory of Her Parents.

**\*Welcome to all!** If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again.

**\*Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has difficulty hearing. Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish to use one of the units during worship.

**\*Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the back of the church. Please take one during worship. Just return the bag, crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!

Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



**Pastor's Hours**  
Monday 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:30 am  
Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

\* Call anytime on cell phone  
(717)468-9049

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**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR AVAILABILITY BEFORE SCHEDULING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH!**

### † ACTIVITIES †

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES:** – 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 10:30 am Sunday School.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:** **Monday:** 9:30 am Women in Prayer; 7:00 pm Boy Scouts; **Tuesday:** 2:00 pm Hill Top Singers at Luther Acres; 7:00-8:30 pm Bible Study; 7:00 pm Cub Scouts; **Wednesday:** 1:30 pm Worship and Music Committee; 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship; **Thursday:** 11:00 am Free Community Thanksgiving Meal at Ephrata Business Center; **Saturday:** 8:00 am - 9:00 pm Women's Ministry Bus Trip; 5:00 - 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers).

**ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2011– First Sunday of Advent:** 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 10:30 am Sunday School; 4:00 pm Adair/Hartlove Wedding.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2011– First Sunday of Advent:** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.



***\*In the event of wintry snow and/ or ice please call the church at 336-8800 after 7:00 am on Sunday morning to verify whether or not church will be canceled.***

***\*Holiday Candle Sale:** Candles will be available for pickup on December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Reflective Service of Evening Prayer (Vespers):** Saturdays 5:00 to 5:30.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship:** November 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Mellingers Lutheran Church
- **Needed:** Lay Worship Leader, Acolyte, Candlebearer or Crucifier. Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.

### **GREETER SCHEDULE**

**November 27:** Skip and Linda Hutchinson

**December 4:** Mike and Pat Haller

**December 11:** Children of the Sunday School Program

### **ALTAR FLOWER/BULLETIN DEDICATION CHARTS**

*The 2012 altar flower and bulletin dedication charts are posted for you to start your dedications.*

### **COMMUNION CARDS**

*If you have communed and not completed a communion card, please do so now in order to update our records. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with this matter.*

## **YOUNG AT HEART MEAL DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT NOON**

*At noon on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Social Ministry will host a Young at Heart dinner for those over 60. The evening will consist of a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, fellowship, and bingo for your entertainment. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office with the number that will be attending. We hope to see you there!*

## **ANGEL TREE**

*The Angel Tree Program is a collaborative effort with Ephrata Area Social Services, churches, businesses, organizations and members of the community to provide new clothing and/or toys for children in need during the Christmas season. Paper angel tags with the first name, age and gender of a child who will receive the gift are located on the tree in the narthex. Please remove one or more tags from the tree, complete the sign-up sheet indicating your name and phone number and the name, age and gender of the child (or children) chosen and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church by **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Also, as the angel tags are removed from the tree, we would like to fill the tree with winter scarves, gloves and hats to help people stay warm over the winter season.*

## **MISSION SUPPORT**

*On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the church council voted unanimously to use funds from the money market to pay 3 months of Mission Support and 3 months of Hunger Appeal in which we are behind due to a shortfall in budgeted giving receipts.*

## **POINSETTIAS**

*It's the time of year for ordering poinsettias for the Christmas season. The price for one 6.5" potted, red poinsettia with 5+ blooms will be \$6.00. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please complete the order form to include your name, telephone number, number of poinsettia plants, and the total amount due. Please list to whom you would like the poinsettias made in memory of or in honor of. Include your cash or check inside the envelope and place the envelope in the SPECIAL FLOWERS mailbox or give to Melanie Brubaker at church. Please make checks payable to Mellingers Lutheran Church.*

***DUE DATE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18.***

*Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service,  
Saturday, December 24 or Sunday, December 25.*

## **PRAYER CORNER:**

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



**EPHRATA HOSPITAL:** Julie Hoyer

**LANCASTER REHAB HOSPITAL:** Marvin Showalter

**REHAB IN INDIANA:** Kathleen Jeffers

**LIFE CARE HOSPITAL (Mechanicsburg):** Dave Emberger

**GOLDEN LIVING NURSING HOME (Reading):**

**HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM/EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS:**

Halligan Family, Ed Leed Jr. Family (Sayre, PA)

**CHURCH MEMBERS AT HOME:** Mary Burkholder, Kim Craven, Lorriane Eberly, Barbara Fetter, Bessie Fetter, Vivian Gehr, Sue Gray, Georgette Haldeman, Alice Hehnly, Kathryn Hertzog, Ann Jones, Lottie Leshner (w/son Ron), Pauline Martin, Judy Meckley, Ruth Messner, Ginger Mohler, Readith Petery, Betty Weik, Deb Zerbe, Clair Adams, Rick Dillon, Leonard Gehman, Sam Heiser, Richard Keller, Nevin Keiffer, Jeff Moyer, Tim Pannebecker, Jerry Petery, Ernie Shimp, Luke Showalter, Jay Weaver, Larry Weaver, Ron Weinhold, Alvin and Ella Hollinger Michael Showalter, Harry & Joan Wentzel Sr.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS AT HOME:** Norma DeLong, June Eberly, Susan Farr, Ruth Gregg, Katie Hartlove (Rehab), Susan Hartman, Shirley High, Kathleen Kearney, Libby Kern, Caryll Lausch (staying w/daughter Lori Moyer), Bobbie Loose, Kelly Means, Amanda Meek, Rebecca Miller, Jean Newell, Marie Otwell, Fawn Sensenig, Becca Sprinkle, Clyde Brown, Robert Henry (Birdsboro), Mark Larocca, Richard Lefevere, Pastor Greg Lindsay, Marvin McGallagher, Larry Shimp, John Smith, Ray Starks

**We pray for friends and family at home. If you have family or friends in need of prayer, please contact the office. Then contact the office WEEKLY regarding the status of those we are praying for.**

**GRIEVING FAMILIES OF:** Paul Leisey Jr., Mark Ulrich, Pastor Paul Blank, Robin Plank, Dave Nolt, Verna Buchter, Dale Weik, Jr., Levi Hoover, Howard E. Allen, Jr, Rick Barron, Lauren Trefney, Evelyn Hauck, Elva Meckley, Fiona and Brigid Tully, Pauline Wealand, Amanda Baum

**ARMED FORCES:** Jeff Barnett, Eric Clavier, Steven Fassnacht, Jason Freeze, Shane Horning, Adam Lausch, Patrick Thompson, Chris Weidman, **Troops in Afghanistan** –Michael Guigley

**PRAYER MENTOR PROGRAM:** Jenna Weachter, Ryan Brubaker, Connor Craven, Haleigh Leisey, Christopher Parrish

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**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (717) 336-8800 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO [mellingerslutheran@gmail.com](mailto:mellingerslutheran@gmail.com) IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR PRAYER CORNER. Thank you!**

	<b>11/13/2011 9:00 am Service</b>	<b>11/12/2011 5:00 pm Service</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>134</b>	
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,405</b>	<b>\$14</b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
<b>Bldg./Repair Fund</b>	<b>\$10</b>	

**Receipts Compared to Budget As of 11/13/2011**

**General Funds**

**Adopted Yearly Budget \$233,345**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
<b>MTD</b>	<b>\$10,965</b>	<b>\$8,977</b>	<b>\$1,988</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$183,707</b>	<b>\$203,204</b>	<b>(\$19,497)</b>

**Other Funds**

	<b>Month To Date</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
<b>Building &amp; Repair</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$3,965</b>
<b>Capital / Building Fund</b>	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$2,310</b>
<b>Repay Capital Loan</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,242</b>
<b>Organ Pipes</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,620</b>
<b>Sanctuary Improvements</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,275</b>
<b>Computer/Office Equipment</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats
Monday	Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35	Care given to the needy
Tuesday	Romans 12:14-21	Feed your enemy
Wednesday	Proverbs 11:16-30	The fruit of the righteous
Thursday	Luke 17:11-19	Giving praise to God
Friday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Thanks be to God
Saturday	Psalms 95	We are filled with good things
Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

Come to worship him with thankful hearts and songs of praise.  
The LORD is the greatest God, king over all other gods.  
*Psalms 95:2-3 (CEV)*

**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord, thank you for all you have given to us and done for us. You are great and mighty! Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

*Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat; thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything. Amen.*

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God the Father give you his Holy Spirit so that you grow to know God better. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What does it mean to be thankful? For what are you thankful?
- Is thanksgiving more a choice or a feeling?
- How do we show thanks to others? How do we show our thanks to God?

### DEVOTIONS:

Create a "Thanksgiving Box" to use this week. Ask your children to decorate the outside of a shoebox with typical Thanksgiving symbols. Keep this box in a conspicuous place, such as your kitchen table. Each day leading up to Thanksgiving Day, ask household members to reflect on their day, recall things for which they are thankful, and write these down on slips of paper to place in the box. On Thanksgiving Day, open the box and read what has been written. Say a prayer of thanks for all God has done for you and given to you.

### SERVICE:

When you offer prayers of thanks for the food on your table and say your mealtime blessings, remember those who go without. As you prepare your Thanksgiving meal, cook some extra food that you can freeze in portions to give to persons in need of assistance in the coming weeks or months. Also consider inviting a widow, single person or someone who is lonely to share in your household Thanksgiving meal.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Household holiday traditions like Thanksgiving are a wonderful way to connect with your children. It may seem easier to just do it all ourselves, but we lose out on the benefits that come from making Thanksgiving a household affair. Use these ideas to create Thanksgiving traditions that include everyone:

- Let your children help prepare for the meal by including them in tasks that can be done ahead of time. Younger children can wash veggies. Teach an older child to make Grandma's apple pie. Teenagers could be allowed to come up with their own side dish to make. Make sure everyone helps clean up as well!
- Children can help decorate and prepare the table for Thanksgiving dinner. Encourage their creativity. They could make place markers, create a menu or design a table centerpiece (e.g. leaves, acorns, and pine cones placed on a platter or in a bowl).