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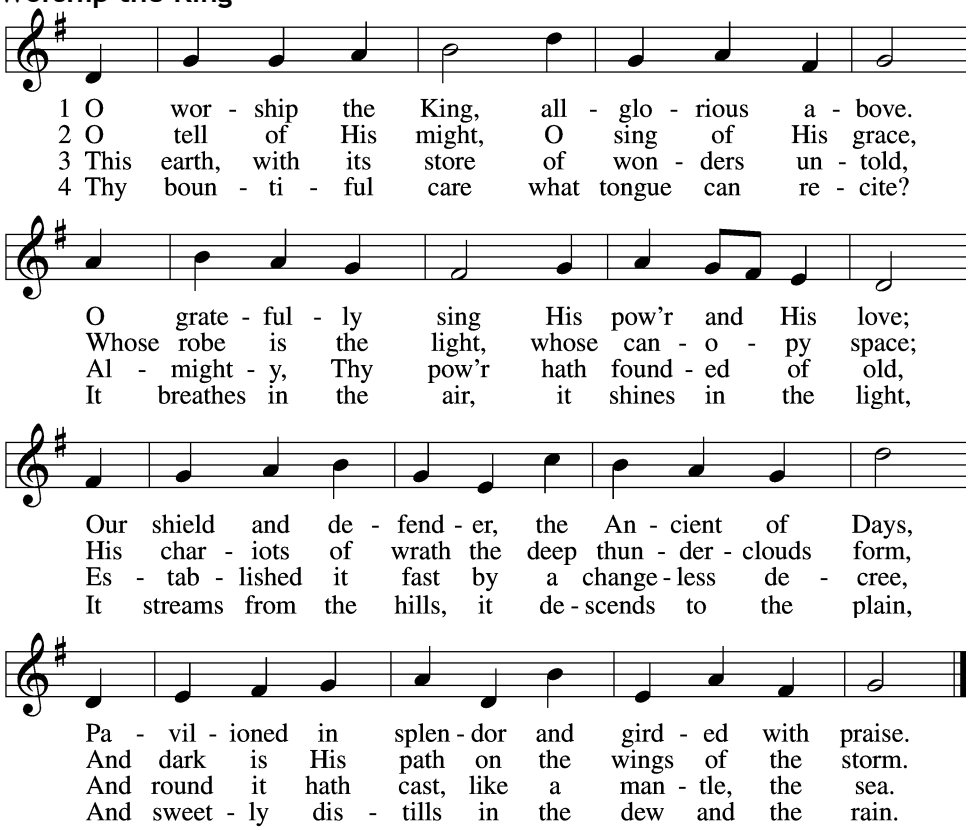
November 15, 2026
9:00 AM
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to our worship service this morning.
St. Paul's has a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.
Sunday School meets at 10:15 AM.
We request that members and visitors fill out an attendance card.
Please pass the card down to the center aisle.
After the Children's Message the children will gather the cards.
You are welcome in this house.
The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church is:*
Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

804 O Worship the King



5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

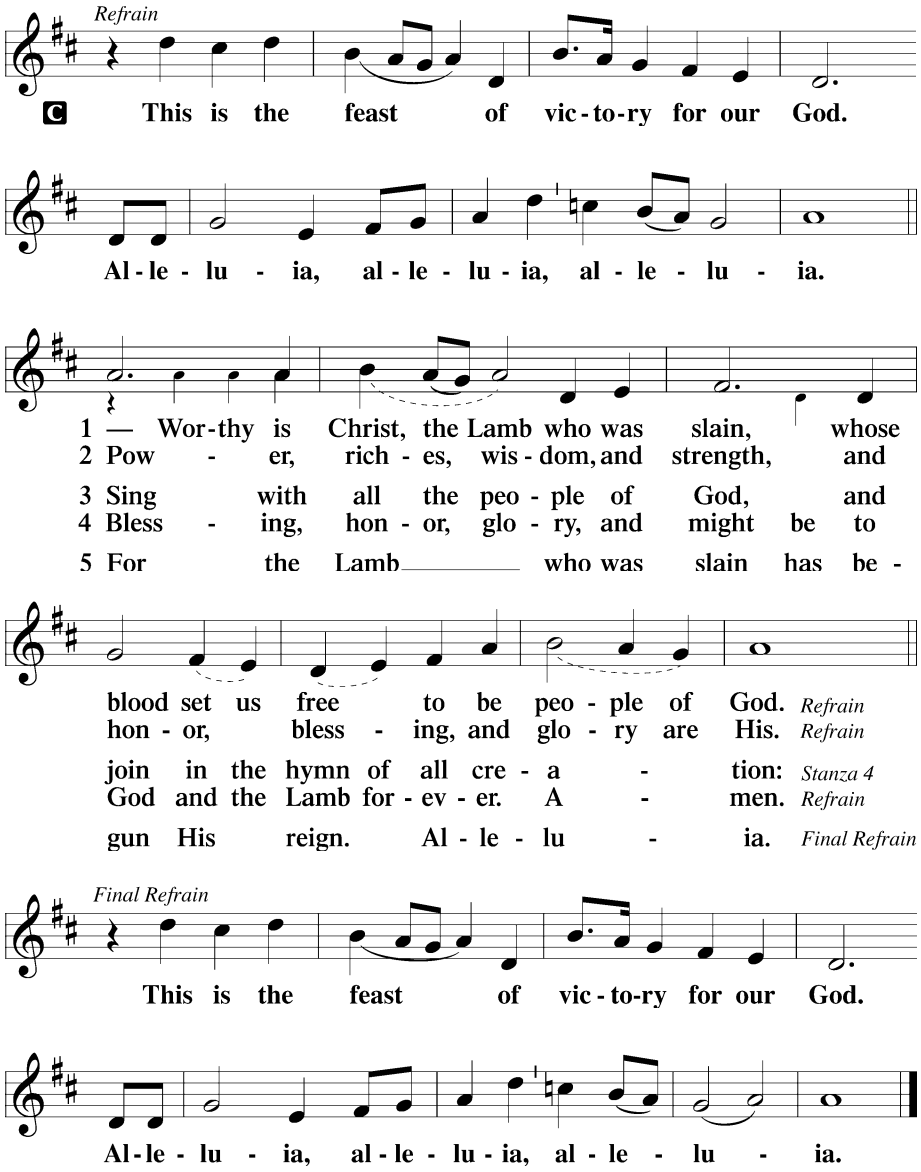
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12*

[1]Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
[3]You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
[4]For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
[5]You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
[6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
[7]For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
[8]You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
[9]For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10]The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
[11]Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
[12]So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong

to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

P **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

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

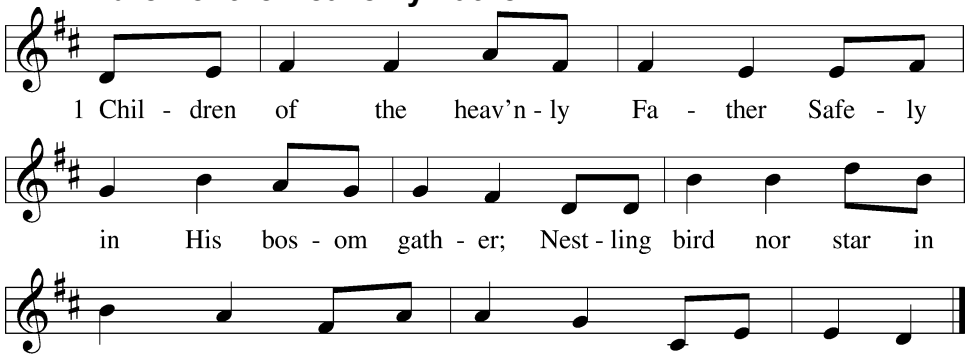
[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn – "Children of the Heavenly Father"

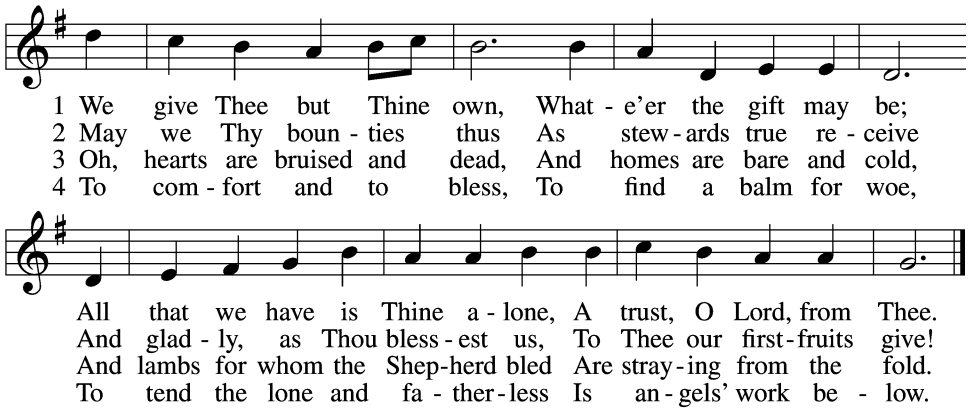


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Children's Message

Children Collect Attendance Cards

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Sermon

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Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant all Your baptized people to live holy lives in this age, looking forward with eagerness to Your Son's joyous return and seeking only to be found in Him on that glorious day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings, preserve all in authority from violence and fraud, corruption and cowardice. Endow them with courage, integrity and wisdom to preserve peace and govern according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness,

strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all life, receive our praise for those who have died trusting in Christ Jesus. Give us our portion with the saints in light, and bring us all to the day of resurrection joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
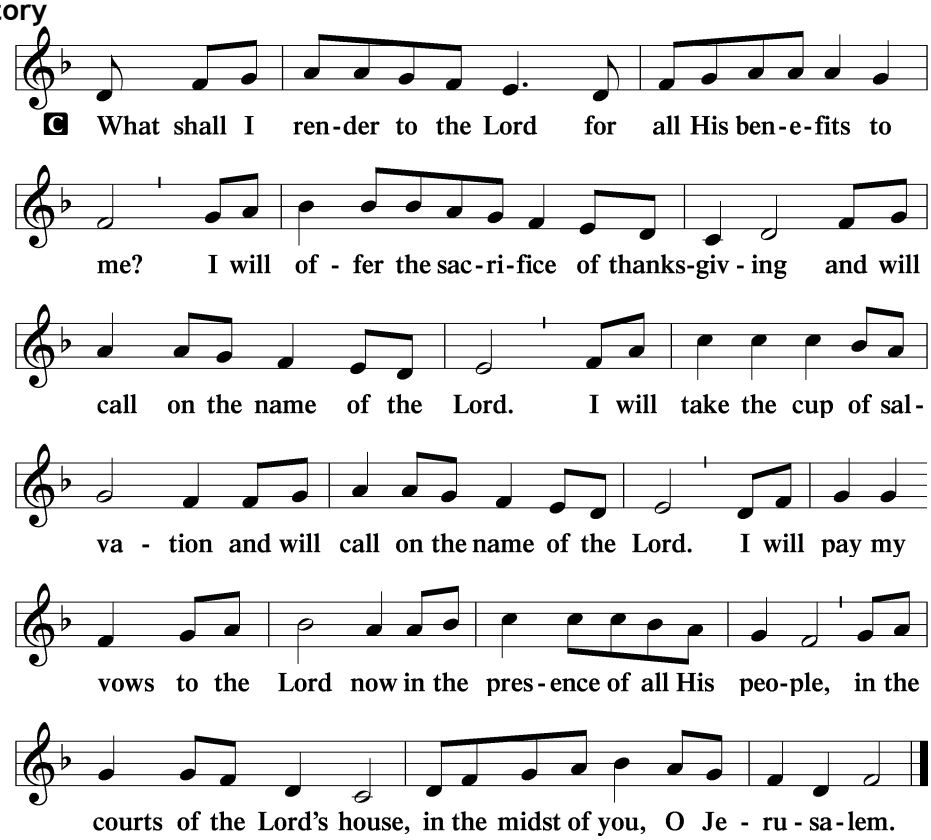
Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offering

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Offertory *LSB 159*



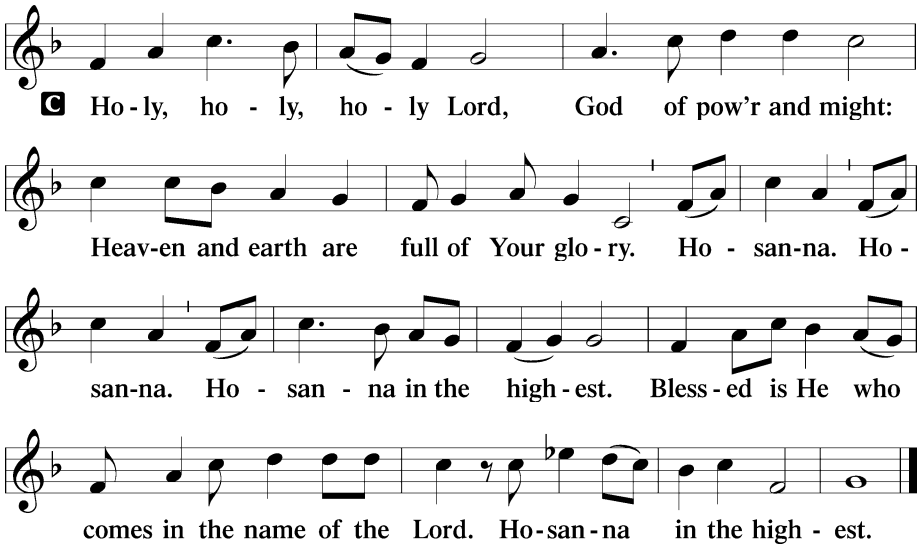
Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Corinthians 11:29-30), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this Altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, or an elder.

Preface *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

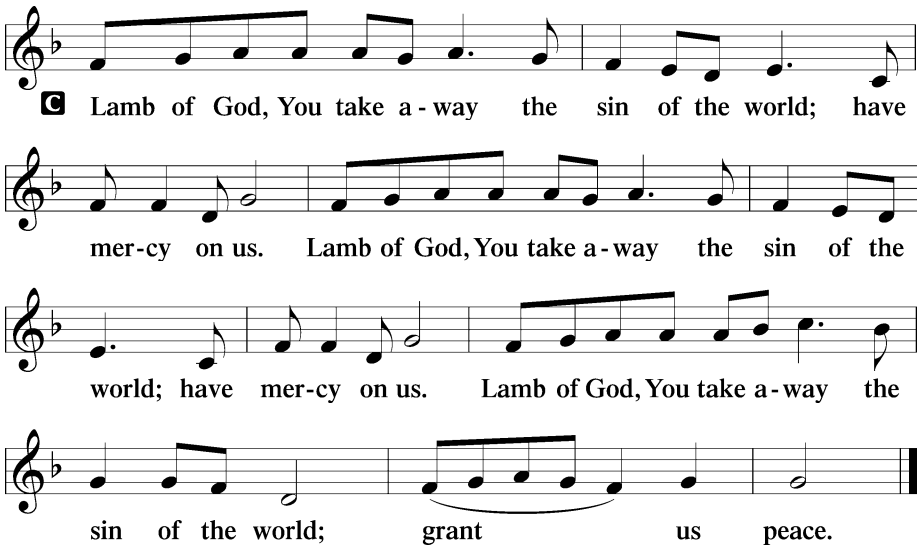
Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

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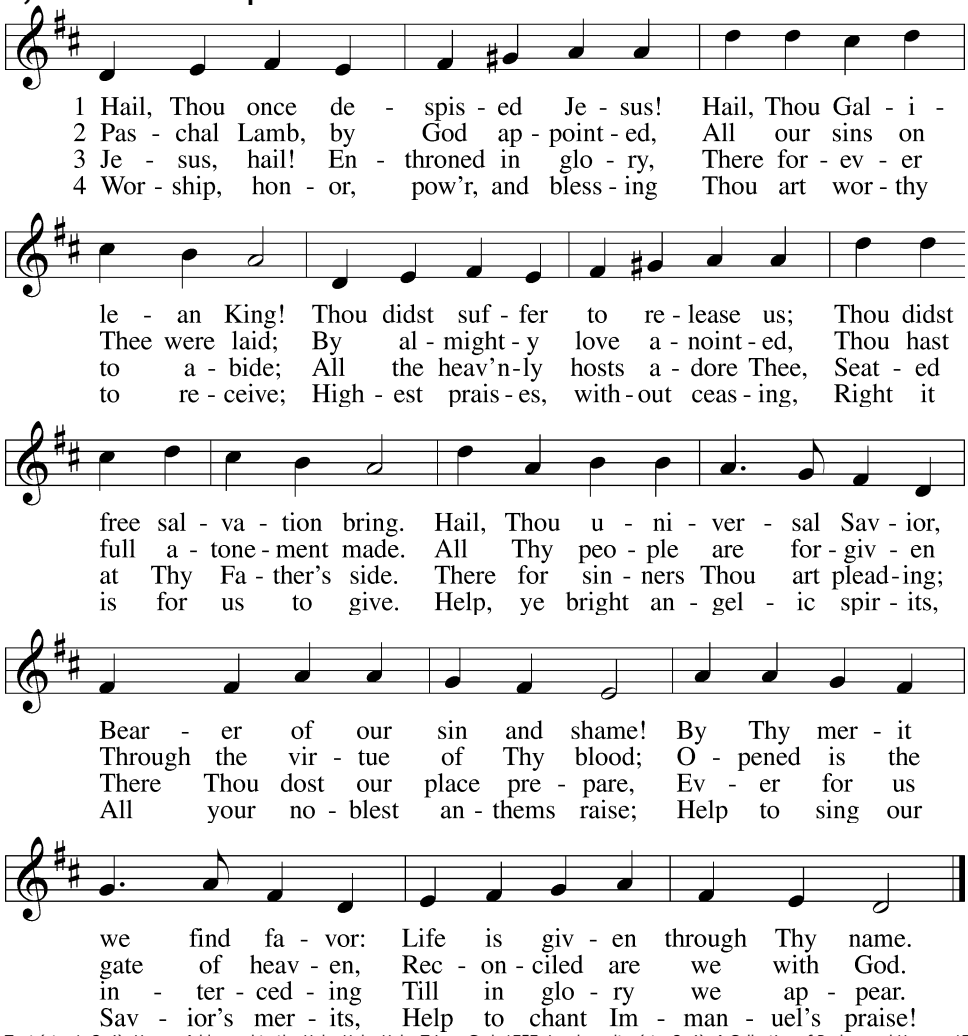
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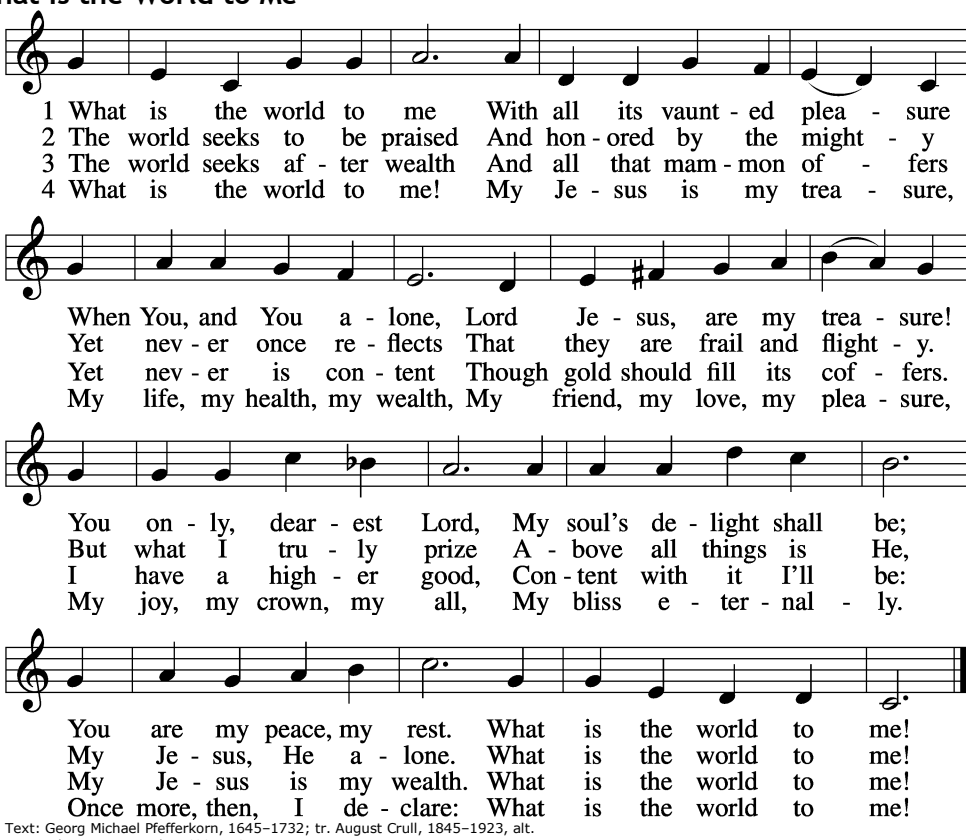
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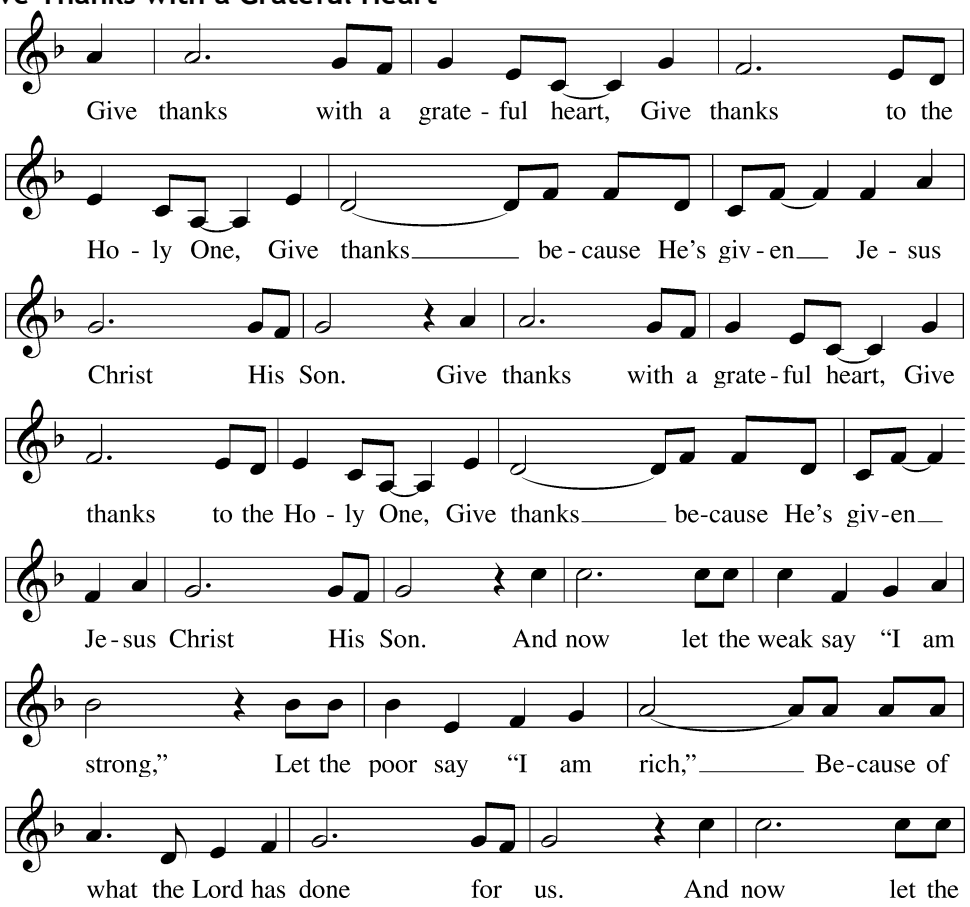


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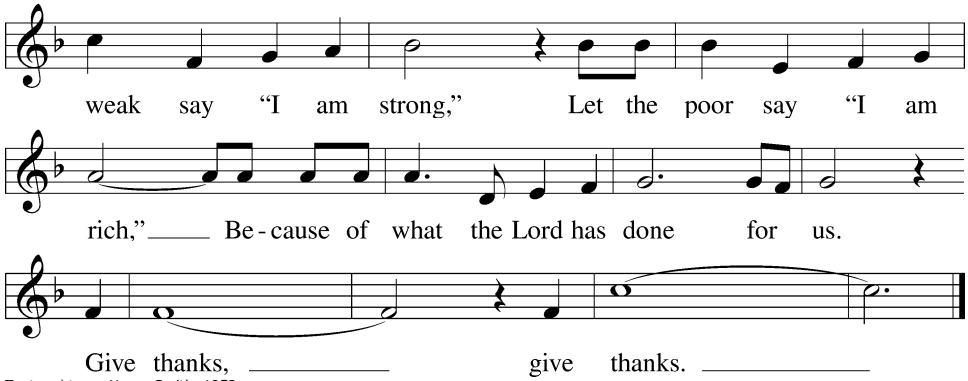
730 What Is the World to Me



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806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart





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854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

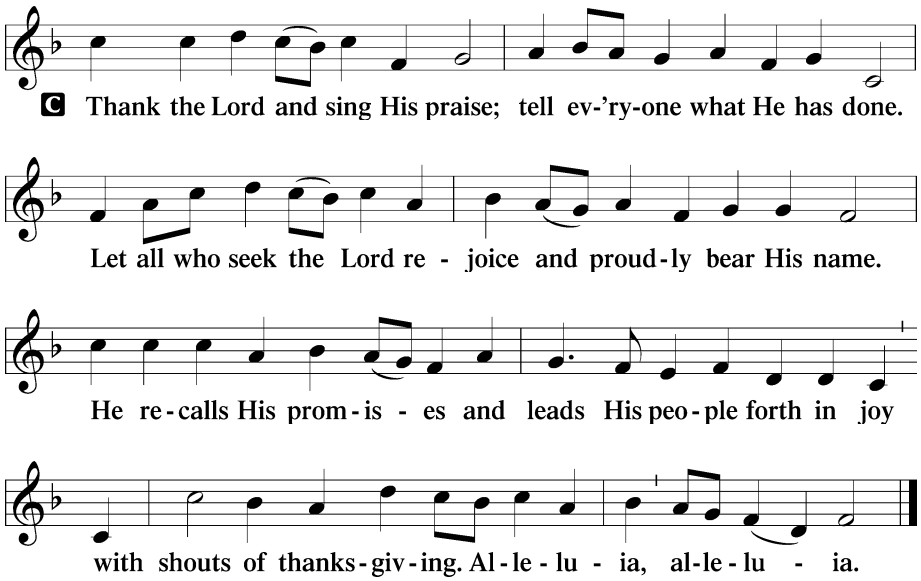
4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage of feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
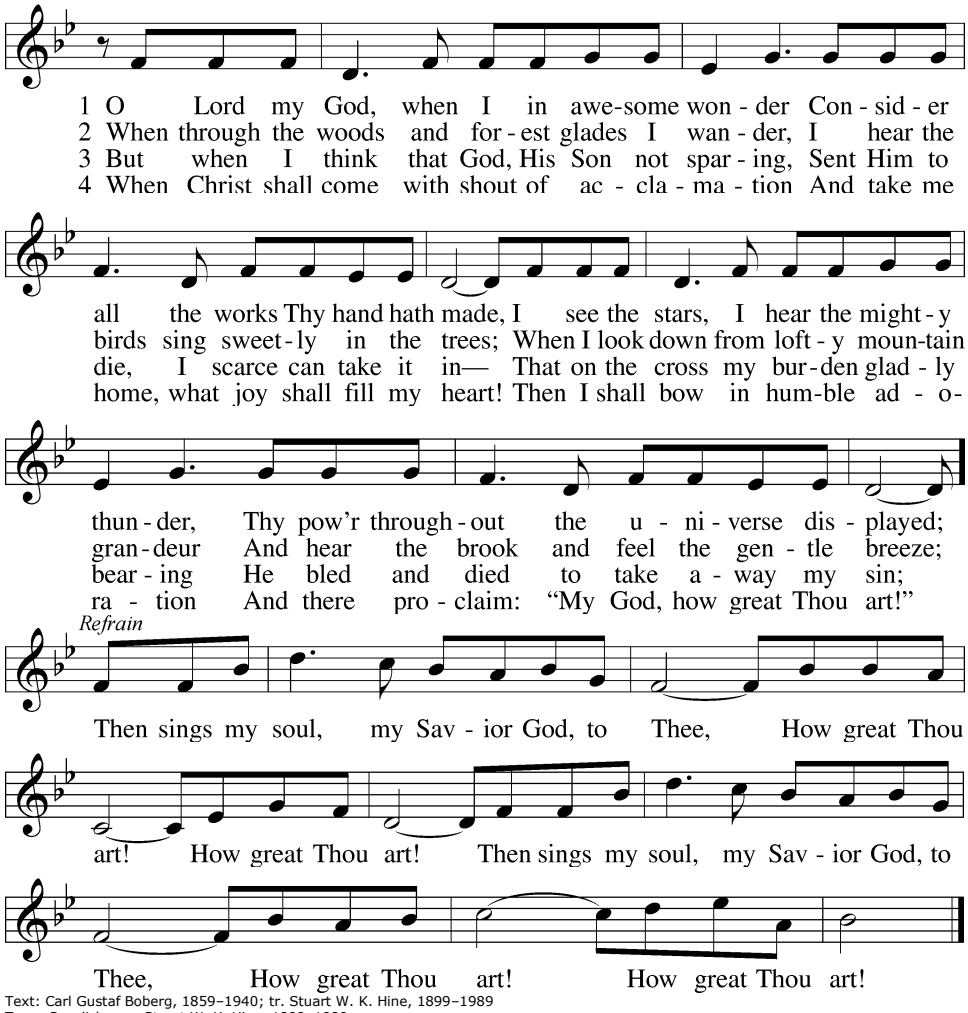
C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

801 How Great Thou Art



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NURSERY ATTENDANT: Kathy Wurflein

*We are grateful to **Pam Wiederkehr** for sharing her musical gifts and serving as Organist for worship today.*

What a joy it is to worship together!
*Last Sunday, **99** people joined us as we gathered in fellowship and faith.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML Donation Drive

Through **January 2027**, the LWML will be collecting **new or gently used shoes**. The donation box will be in the narthex for your convenience. Please tie the pair together if the shoes have ties. If not a shoe with ties, bind the shoes together with string or a rubber band.

***We cannot accept ice skates or roller blades. ***



Chili Cook-Off Today!

Join us today at **11:30 a.m. in the Church Basement** for our Chili Cook-Off and class competition!

There is **no fee to enter** and **no fee to attend**. This event serves as our Build to the Future Fundraiser.

The Upstairs Classes **(2nd-5th Grade)** are facing off against the Downstairs Classes **(PK3-5th Grade)** in a friendly battle for chili bragging rights. Everyone is invited to attend, sample all the chili you can eat, and cast your vote for your favorite recipe.

The coveted **People's Choice Chili Champion** will be determined by donations placed in each contestant's voting bucket. The chili entry that receives the most donations will be crowned this year's winner!



LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come celebrate the Christmas season!

SATURDAY

December 5, 2026

10:00 AM

LOCATION

Stockers

11102 Buggy Whip

Waukomis

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Please bring a wrapped ornament to exchange with another Christmas-loving lady!

QUESTIONS? Ask Adola

210-385-1272

PRAYERS

Recovering: Patty Campbell, Milburn Kroll, Don Nobis, Susan States, Delores Theimer

Cancer Patients: Tommy Deterding, Bud Durheim, Ed Fulk, Judy Helberg, Carolyn LaBrue, Ruth Lyons, Peter Markes (Cindy Fischaber's nephew), Timi Schoeling, Sandy Williams and Brenda Woodford.

Medical Problems: Beverely Allen, Steve Allen, David Braley, Trudy Clark, Cecil Durheim, RoAnn Hejna, Marie Hearty (April Heitfeld's aunt), Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Dorothy Lagan, Pat Lemke, Ruth Lyons, Sharyn Mueller, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Dian Salisbury, Todd Sanders, Kathy Snowden, Mary Tinnea (April Heitfeld's Mother) Brenda Woodford, Danielle Wyant

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 15
Justin Biggers
Ray Mueller
NOVEMBER 16
Amberlee Fleischmann
NOVEMBER 17
Brenda Braley
NOVEMBER 18
Mike Melton
NOVEMBER 19
Carole Wade
NOVEMBER 20
Shirley Sanders
NOVEMBER 21
Diane Loesch
Deloris Theimer

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 15TH
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Chili Cookoff
MONDAY 16th
9:45 AM Dominoes
10:00 AM Finance Board
5:00PM-9:00PM McAlister's Dine-Out
TUESDAY 17th
11:00 AM Balance & Strength
1:00 PM Pinochle
WEDNESDAY 18TH
9:00 AM Chapel
THURSDAY 19TH
11:00 AM Balance & Strength
5:00 PM School Board
7:00 PM Church Council
FRIDAY 20TH
7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study