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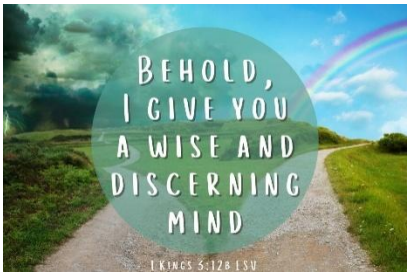
MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTOR: DAVID PETERSON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 8:30 & 10:15 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.
As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

VISITORS.. Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. We would love to meet you!

PLEASE REMEMBER… to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Vicars and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

DID YOU KNOW.. Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

LITTLE FOLKS.. Parents… please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

BE COMFORTABLE.. There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: *The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.*

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

FLOWERS for the altar today are given by Bert Rice in honor/memory of all Military members.

PRAYERS: John Arnold, Jeanie Volpe, Phyllis Nicklesen, Ami Gudjohnson, Thomas Alcaraz, Bill Timm, Marie Sadegur, Sue Nasinec, Gina Dombroski (niece of Tom Volpe) Kristian Heidemann, Joann Danielson, Mike (son-in-law of Linda Strand), Marilyn Johnson (friends of Marie Ritten) Meridith Hancock, Jennifer Schaub (niece of Ted/Niki Duffy), Carrie Russo (aunt of Ted/Niki Duffy), Marilyn Z (friend of Lorie Rapp), Jessica Sanders (granddaughter of Jim & Linda Byrant), Sharon Hundtoft, Shirley Shilley, Trevor Lake, Mary Marsh, Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Forrest Marsh, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Nicene Creed & the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of November. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation please join in



P Our God desires to give us great gifts.
C Let us ask for worthy gifts.
P What would you have God do for you?
C God, give us wisdom, love, and a commitment to do justice.

P God is Good
C All the time
P All the time
C God is Good

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P Loving God,

C We have rebelled against your life-giving reign and raised up worldly kings for ourselves – people, possessions, fame. You have sent us prophets to declare to us the error of our ways and we have despised them, choosing instead to follow false prophets who tell us what we want to hear. We have failed to heed your persistent call to lives of simplicity, love, self-sacrificial service, and commitment to the flourishing of all creation. Forgive us our short-sightedness and self-focus. Draw us back to you, that we might center our lives on our relationship with you, and turn outwards in love for all that you have made.

P Our God still reigns over all that is, and cherishes each and everyone of us as beloved children. Know that your sins are forgiven, and go forth in that knowledge to serve and do justice in all the earth. In Jesus' holy name we pray.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705



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.

KYRIE



SONG OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY *together we pray:*

P Generous God,

C You offer us all we need to flourish in our lives. Open us to receive your gracious gifts, and commit us to sharing them with others, for the good of our neighbors and all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P May the peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you

P Please generously share God's peace all around!

WORSHIP MUSIC

Saturday (4) *Bells of Glory* "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Sunday (8:30) *Bells of Glory* "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(10:15)Choir "Find Us Faithful"

LESSON 1 Kings 3:4-28

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place;
Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the Lord
appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."
6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father
David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness
of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have
given him a son to sit on his throne today. **7** And now, O Lord my God, you have made
your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not
know how to go out or come in. **8** And your servant is in the midst of the people whom
you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to
discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

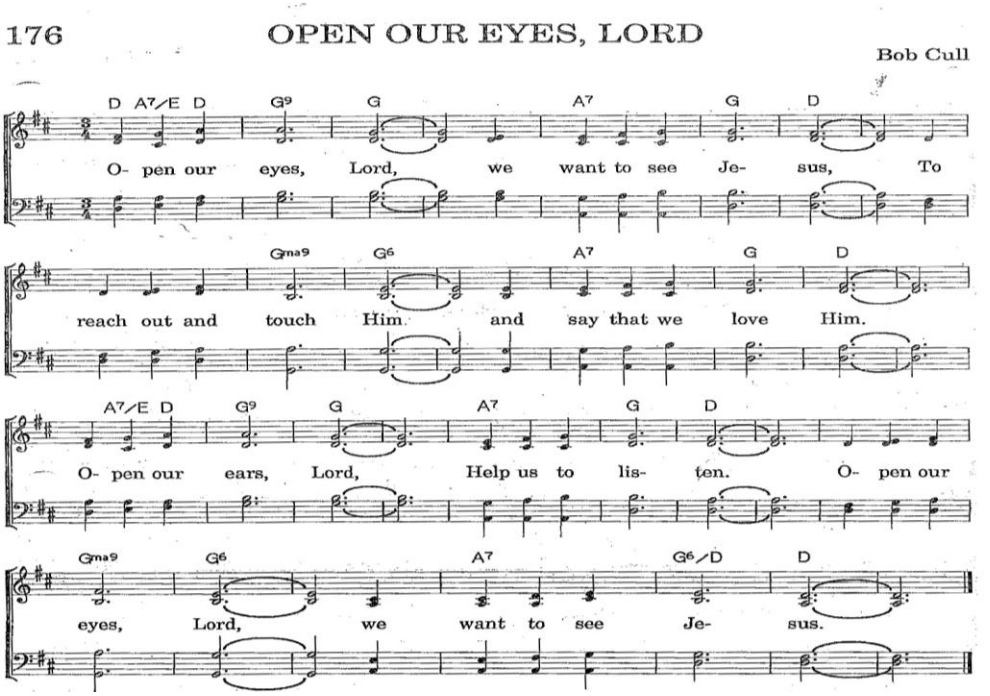
10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, “Because you
have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your
enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do
according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you
has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you
have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with
you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your
father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

15 Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood
before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings
of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

16 Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.
17 The one woman said, “Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I
gave birth while she was in the house. 18 Then on the third day after I gave birth, this
woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house;
only the two of us were in the house. 19 Then this woman’s son died in the night because
she lay on him. 20 She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me
while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast.
21 When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I
looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.” 22 But the
other woman said, “No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.” The first said,
“No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.” So they argued before the king.

23 Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,’
while the other says, ‘Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.’ ” 24 So the
king said, “Bring me a sword,” and they brought a sword before the king. 25 The king
said, “Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other.” 26 But
the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son
burned within her, “Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!”
The other said, “It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.” 27 Then the king
responded, “Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.” 28 All Israel heard
of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because
they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 6:9-10

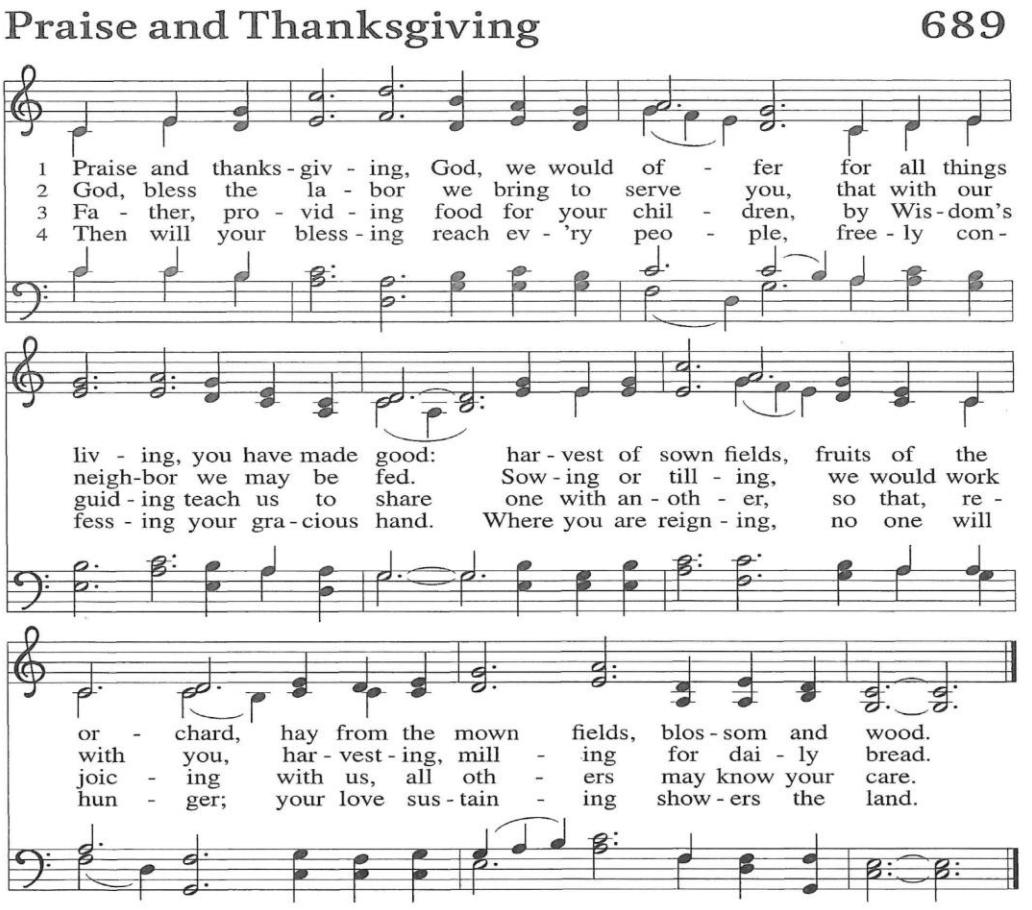
9 "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. 10 May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: *"Living the Dream"* Pastor David Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689



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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.

PRAYER INVOCATION



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P Give us wisdom to recognize the divinity in all that you have made, from the smallest bacterium to the greatest blue whale. And then, recognizing your presence in all of it, commit us to its care and keeping. God of mercy,

C You hear our prayer.

P Give us wisdom to elect and then continue to work with leaders whose goal is justice, peace, equity, and the flourishing of all people and creation. God of mercy,

C You hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C Bless Your Church. Bless the Vicars in your church. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. We pray for each of our mission congregations, the Grand Canyon Synod, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values.

We also pray for Pastor Dave Peterson whom God has called to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P Give us wisdom to work with medical and mental health professionals who treat us, and give wisdom to all who treat those we know and love, and those whom we do not know. God of mercy,

C You hear our prayer.

P Give us wisdom to love ourselves as you love us, that we might care for our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, and live lives of love and service to all with whom we come into contact. God of mercy,

C You hear our prayer.

P Give us wisdom of all those who have come before us, and who have lived and learned from their challenges and mistakes. Keep us ever grateful for your saints whose wisdom inspires us each day including Marilyn Davis, Annie Taylor & Neva Frohlick. God of mercy,

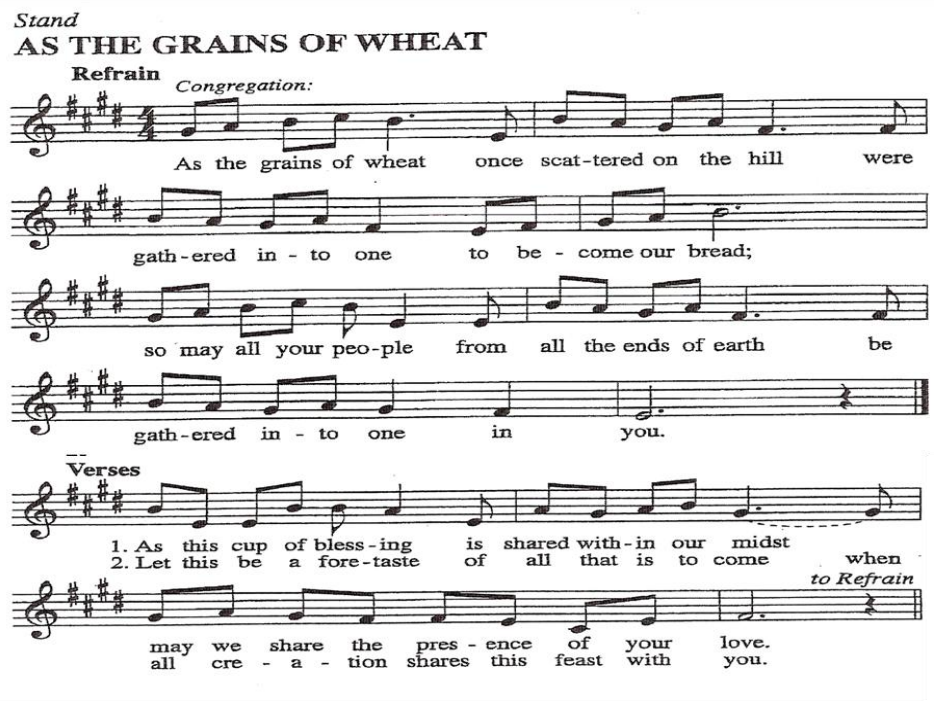
C You hear our prayer.

P Sovereign God, we lift these prayers to you, and have faith that all things are in your hands.

C Amen

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in-person giving as well as online giving.)

OFFERING RESPONSE *(please stand)*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

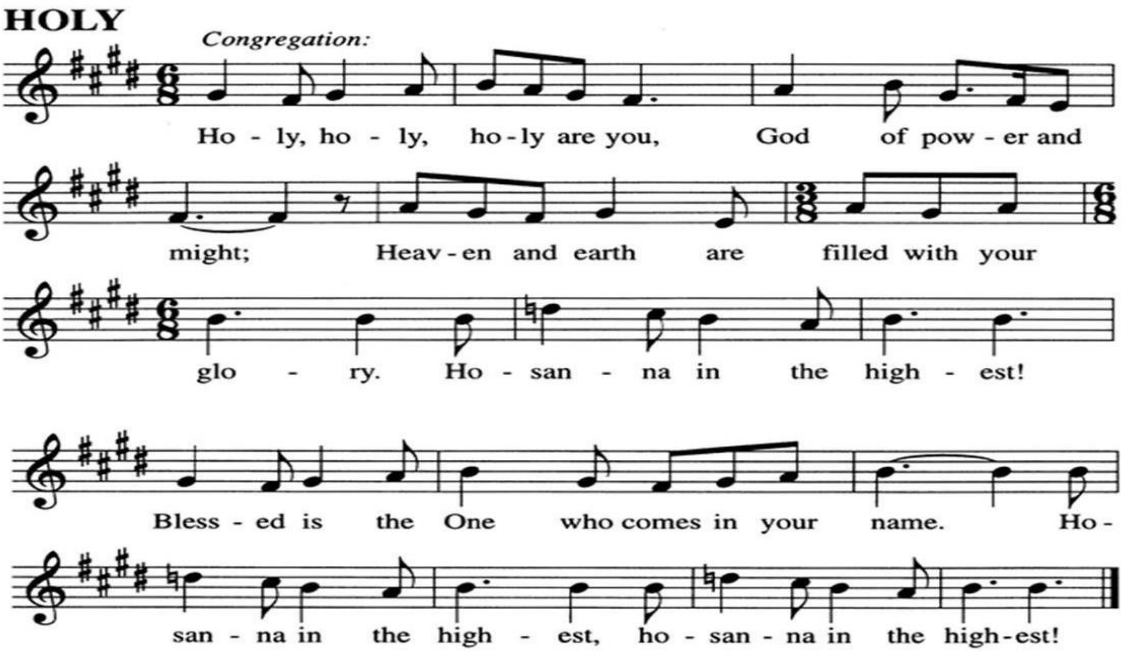
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice**. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing**. Everyone should complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION



Now We Join in Celebration 462



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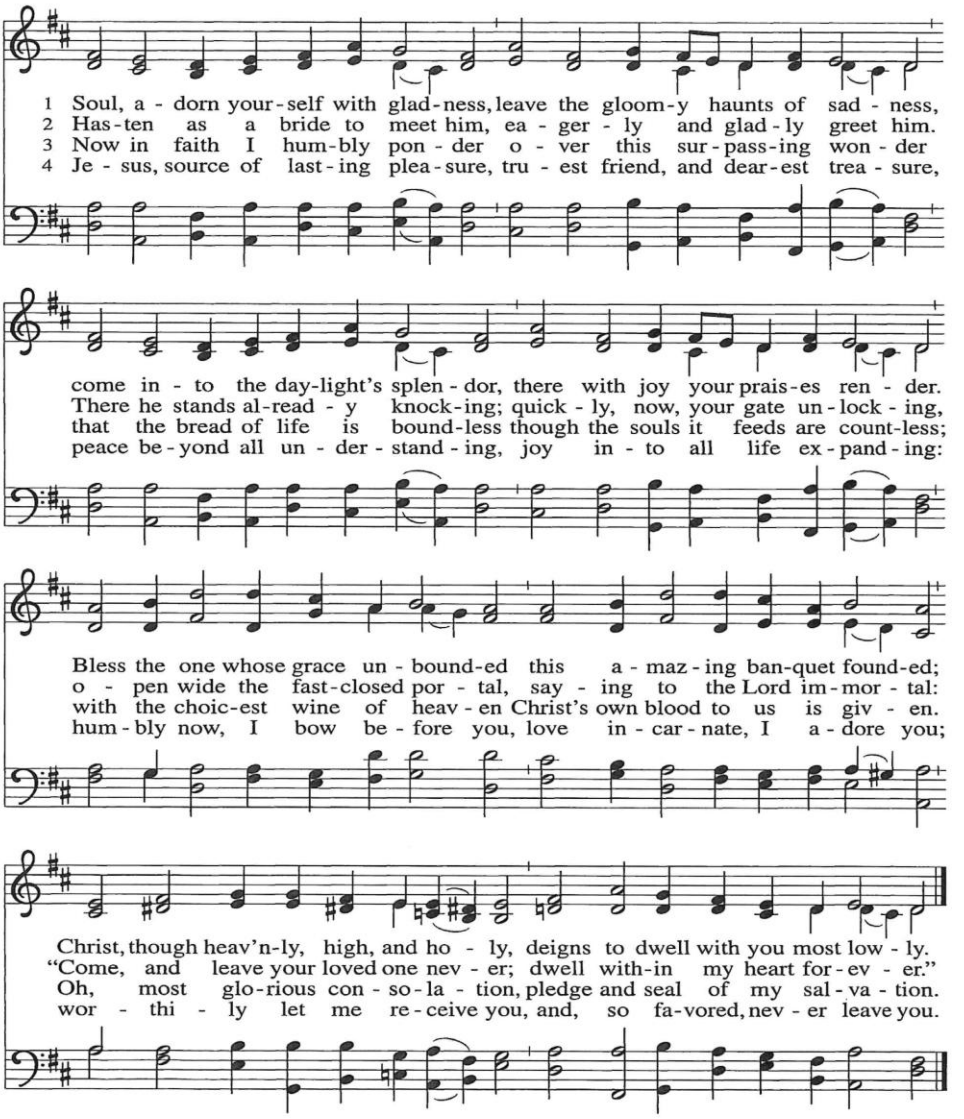
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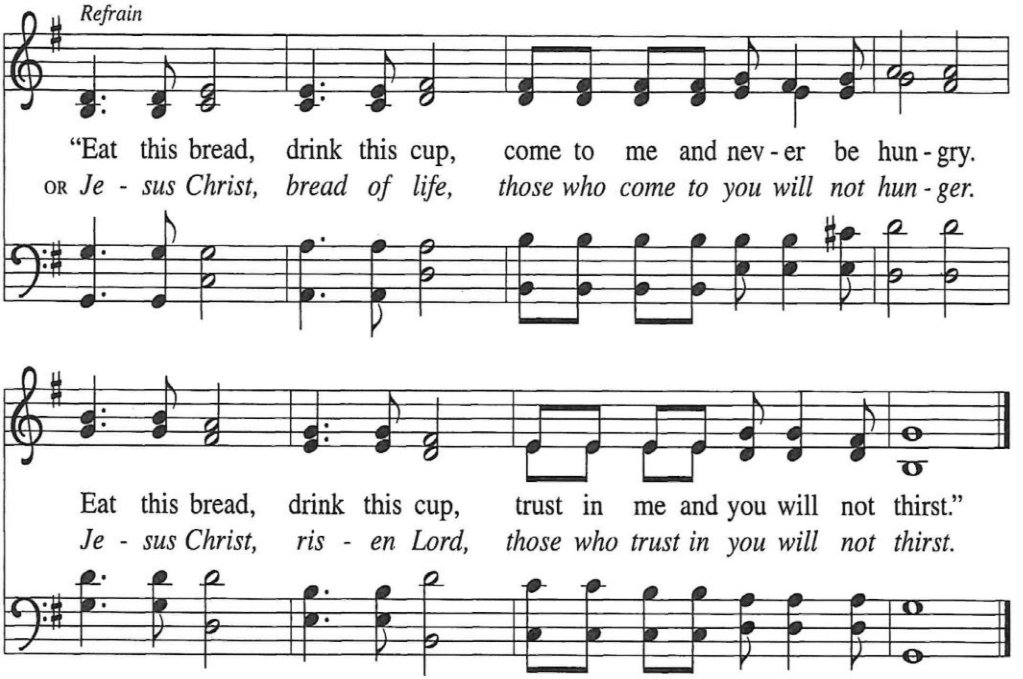
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HOLY COMMUNION

472 Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

P **T**he Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(together we pray)*

C Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547



BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY (Old Testament): We have a new Bible Study beginning Thursday, Nov 12 at 3:00. Judy Zeiss will guide the adventure of discovery through the Old Testament people, events and prophecies. The title of the study is: "The Old Testament: Our Mess, God's Message." Bring your Bibles, Bring your questions, pray for blessing as we journey together. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall Classroom. Everyone is welcome!

GIFTS: Social Concerns will be accepting gifts for foster children starting November 1 through November 29. We are helping sponsor 23 foster, children ages including an 18 year old girl and a 2-week-old baby. Please place unwrapped gifts in the boxes in the

narthex. Take a star from the tree in the narthex to give you some ideas. Thank you for your generosity.

Just a heads up, Good Gifts project for ELCA global missions. We will be accepting donations from December 5 - 13. Your purchase of an animal or another resource will benefit global missions. A few volunteers are needed to accept donations at each service on those weekends. Contact Evelyn Trone or Carol Schock if you can help.

BIBLE STUDY (Acts): The Monday Bible study will begin on November 2nd at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

2026-27 STEPHEN MINISTRY: New Stephen Ministry Classes will begin on Friday, November 6th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. Please contact the church office or one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.

GLORIA DE CRISTO WOULD LIKE TO HONOR AS MANY VETERAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR FREEDOM 400 WEEKEND NOVEMBER 8TH. PLEASE COMPLETE AN INFORMATIONAL FORM FOUND IN THE NARTHEX, INCLUDE A PICTURE (BOTH PAST & PRESENT IF POSSIBLE) AND ANY STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO gloriadecristo@outlook.com BY NOVEMBER 4TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JIM OR SHERRIE WEHRER.

JIM & SHERRIE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
10/31	Niki	Al/Linda Sprauer	J. Taylor/D. Lee	Jean Gerfen	Char/Dave
11/1	Char	Sharon Powell/Char	Lauren/Jan Erickson	Char	Michelle/Dave
11/1	Jan	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Linda Strand/Char	Jim Wehrer	Ted/Niki
11/7	Jan	Jack Greenfield/Char	M. Jones/S. Noltemeyer	Linda Sprauer	Gary/Linda
11/8	Nancy	Mike & Lois Gustafson	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Jim Bryant	Char/Dave
11/8	Joanne	Lisa Crayne/A. Archuleta	Ted/Niki Duffy	Lisa Crayne	Michelle/Tom

Attendance: October 24 = 30 October 25 = 108

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Mon. 11/2	9 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Mon. 11/2	11 am	Alanon	Fellowship Classroom
Mon. 11/2	1 pm	Bible Study (Acts)	Fellowship Classroom
Tues. 11/3	9 am	Coffee With Jesus	Fellowship Hall
Tues. 11/3	10:30 am	Project Freedom 400 Mtg.	Fellowship Classroom
Tues. 11/3	11:-00 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Tues. 11/3	12:30 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Tues. 11/3	6:30 pm	Fireside	Fellowship Classroom
Wed. 11/4	9 am	Line dance exercise	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 11/4	12 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 11/4	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary
Wed. 11/4	5:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thurs. 11/5	10 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary
Thurs. 11/5	11:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 11/5	6:30 pm	Fireside	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 11/6	8 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 11/6	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 11/6	10 am	Arts and Crafts Social	Fellowship Hall
Friday 11/6	1 pm	Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Classroom
Sat. 11/7	9 am	Tops	Nursery
Sat. 11/7	**9 am**	**AA**	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 11/7	**4 pm**	**Worship with Communion**	**Sanctuary**
Sunday 11/8	**8:30 am**	**Worship with Communion Freedom 400**	**Sanctuary**
Sunday 11/8	**10:15 am**	**Worship with Communion Freedom 400**	**Sanctuary**
Sunday 11/8	12:15 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 11/8	1 pm	Foothills Social Group	Fellowship Hall

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