

**November 13, 2022**

# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
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## **Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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## **Introduction to the day**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

## PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Camil Van Hulse

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.**

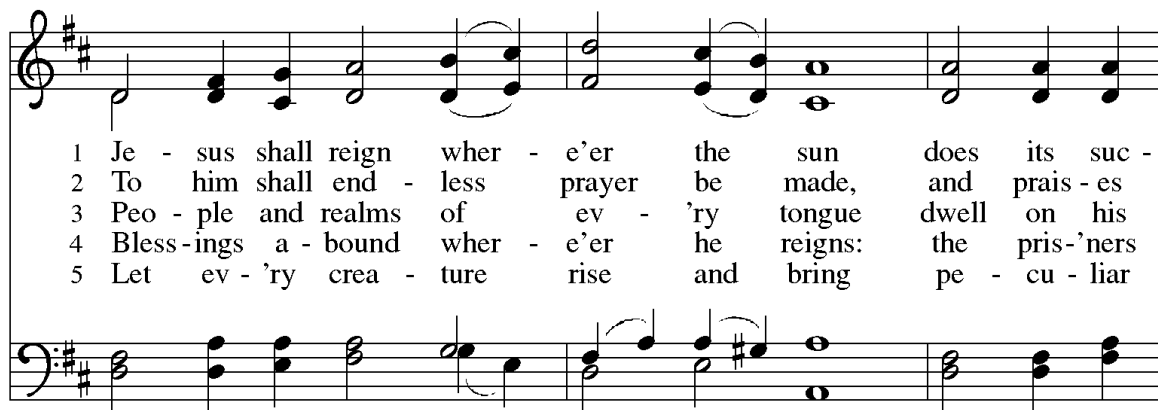
**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

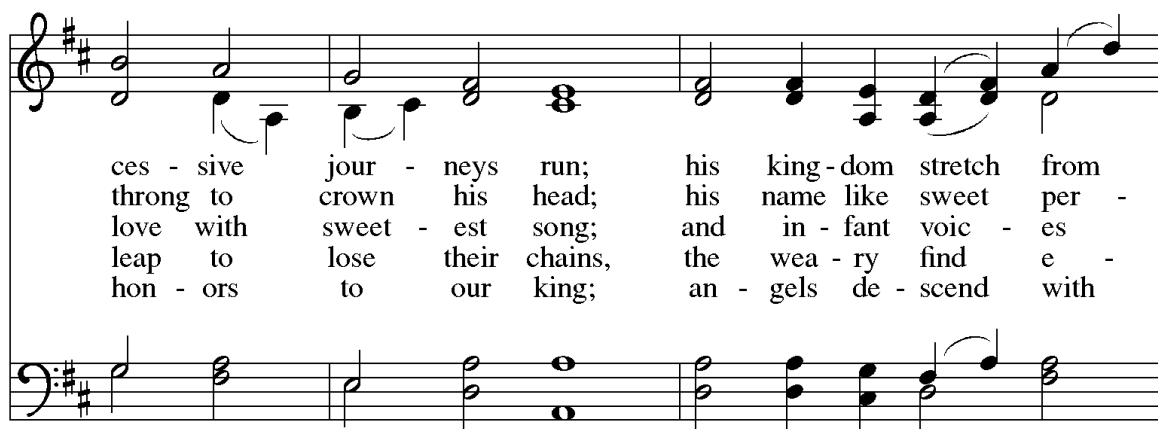
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

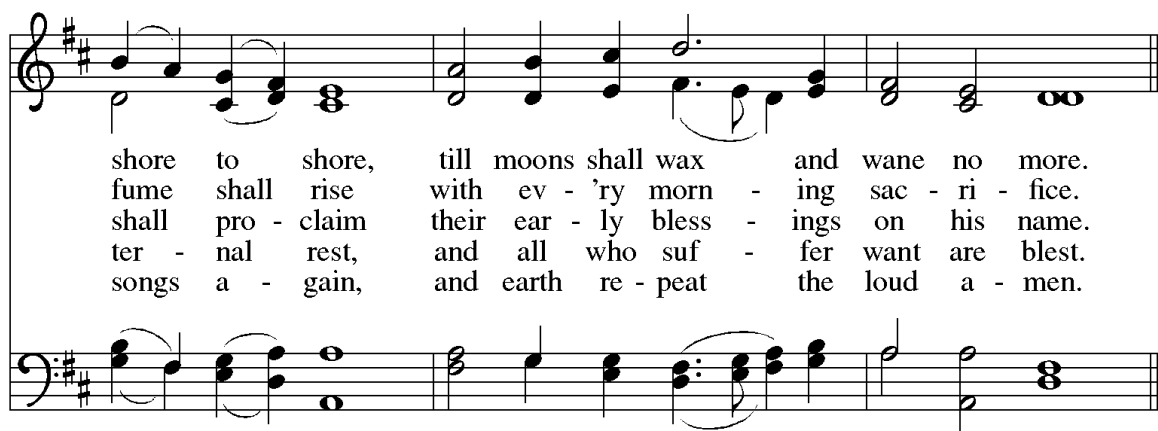
## Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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## 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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Now the Feast and Celebration



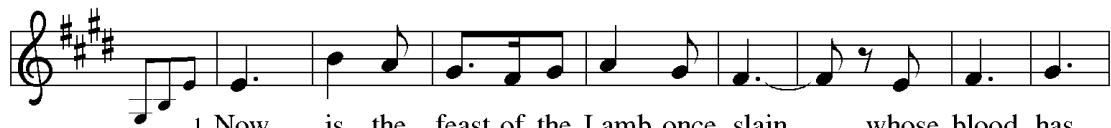
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

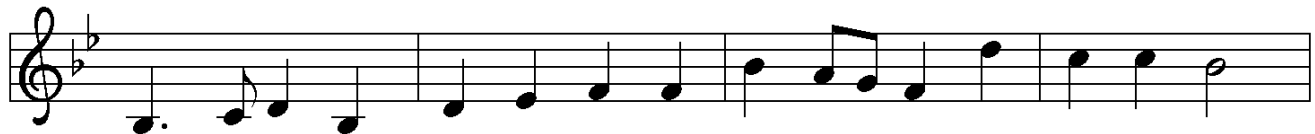
<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON & NOISY OFFERING

*The Pantry Ministry & the Parish House Ministry are an important and vital part of our community. Today we will be taking an offering for the Pantry Ministry.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

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

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in

various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

**5 MINUTE SERMON**



*During the Hymn of the Day, you are invited to bring your 2023 pledges forward and place them in the offering plate.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey  
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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular

## **Prayer Over Pledge Cards**

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

*The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel  
Diocesan Bishop, Diocese of Olympia*

## **PRESENTATION OF A NEW MEMBER**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Jan Sollenberger, united with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome into the life and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

## **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called 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.

*The presiding minister addresses the new member.*

Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

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

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in Christian living?

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

**WELCOME**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. The pastor addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome our new member to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to the entire world.**

*The congregation gives acclamation and thanks.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition, the assembly responds: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:*

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

“Sing to the Lord”

(Ken Medema, arr. Keith Christopher)

Chancel Choir

*Please stand if you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

## COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Previous Lord, Take My Hand”

arr. Jack Schrader

*Please stand if you are able.*

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



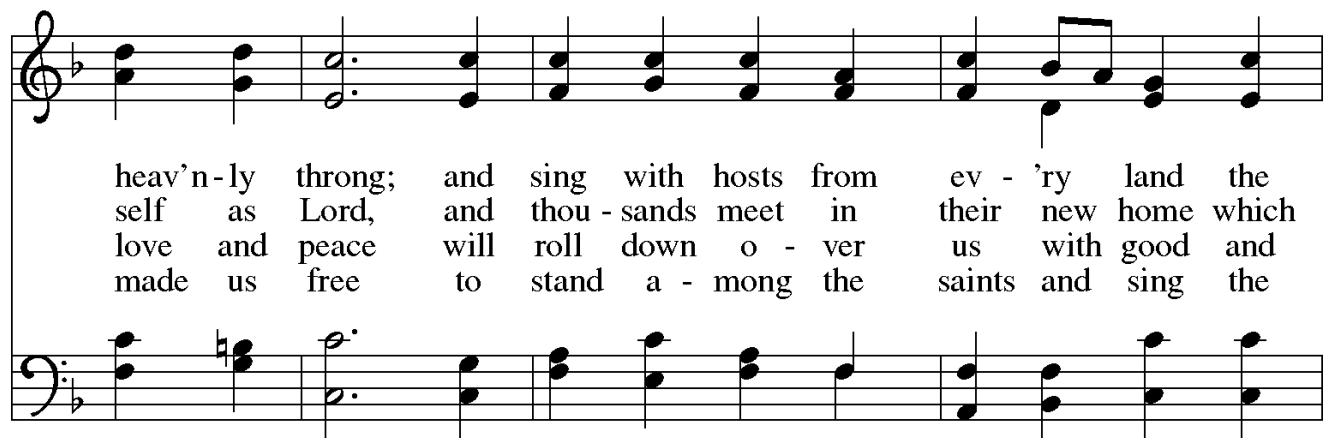
*Give thanks unto  
the Lord*

# SENDING SONG

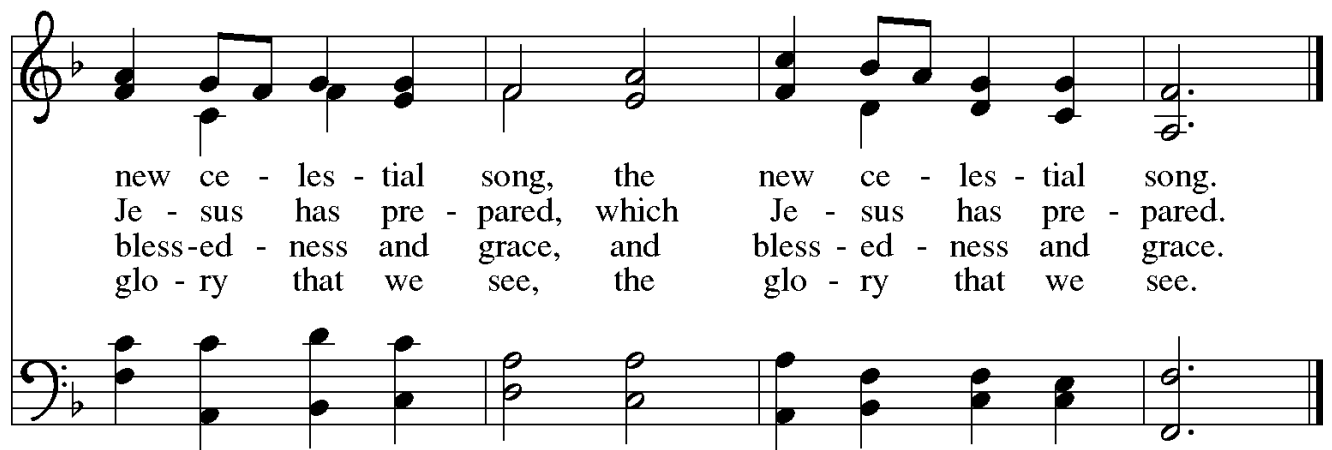
## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen”

arr. Johann G. Walther

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Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson

Nursery: Connie Nelson

Coffee Hour: Potluck

Reader: John McCracken

Ushers: Walter & Brenda Kopf

Greeter: Rich Weingartner

Acolyte: Maddie Webb

### 10/31/2022

Loose Cash	\$ 66.00
Loose Checks	\$ 75.00
General Fund	\$ 2,225.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 150.00
Parish House	\$ 350.00
World Hunger	\$ 5.00
Youth	<u>\$ 107.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 2,978.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 370.00
Pantry	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,398.00</b>

### 11/6/2022

Loose Cash	\$ 25.00
Loose Checks	\$ 85.00
General Fund	\$ 7,495.00
Rush Memorial	\$ 250.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 231.00
Youth	<u>\$ 304.75</u>
Subtotal	\$ 8,390.75
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 3,972.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,387.75</b>

### Year to Date

### January 1- September 30, 2020

Income	\$207,320.00
Expenses	<u>\$215,821.00</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (8,501.00)

## Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 13	10:00 A.M.	Pledge Sunday Festivities
Monday, November 21	7:00 P.M.	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, November 26	9:30 A.M.	Decorating Church for Christmas
Sunday, November 27		Last day to order Poinsettias
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>		<b>No Adult or Children's Sunday School</b>
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 P.M.	Middle School Youth Activity Night
Sunday, December 11	10:00 A.M.	Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 18		Stuff the Stocking Food Delivery
Monday, December 19	7:00 P.M.	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, December 24	4 P.M. & 7 P.M.	Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 25		No In-Person Worship

## Recurring Events

Children's Sunday School	Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Adult Sunday School	Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Worship	Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
Noon Bible Study	Each Tuesday at Noon
LWR ACTION and Quilters	Each Wednesday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Confirmation Class	Each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Each Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
Bell Choir Rehearsal	Each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.

## Today is Stewardship Sunday!

Stewardship Sunday is the day we turn in our Pledge Cards. We drop them in the offering plate during morning worship. As we mark this day, we will also:

1. Hear a five-minute sermon in worship
2. Be gifted with a delightful presentation following worship, given by Rich & Linda Triemer
3. Enjoy a potluck dinner following this presentation, in which you will have time to view the **Ministry Fair Displays** that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall

# Advent



Poinsettia order forms are available in the Narthex. Order forms are due by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Come and help decorate the church for the Christmas season on Saturday, November 26 at 9:30 A.M. Coffee and donuts will be provided by Pastor Ellen.



The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Children will be fitted for costumes on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, during Sunday School. There are no lines or rehearsals.

*Christmas Program*

This year, Christmas Eve services will be at 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. The nursery will be available for both services.

