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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

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

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155***

**GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*based on Psalm 92:1,2,4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4*

It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night.**

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;  
**I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

For the LORD is the great God,  
**the great King above all gods.**

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
**and his courts with praise;**  
**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives us all our sins. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

ELW 434

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

# WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*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.*

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

## ANTHEM

*Immortal, Invisible*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

*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.*

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 1088

### Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,



hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

Text: Traditional

Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
**Glory 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.*

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

SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 679

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

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

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

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

For our brothers and sisters in any need, that we tend to their wounds and hurts, bringing healing, hope, and comfort in your name, especially..., let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and silence..*

For the blessed gifts of saintly lives, especially... that they inspire the witness of all believers who live in your promises, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

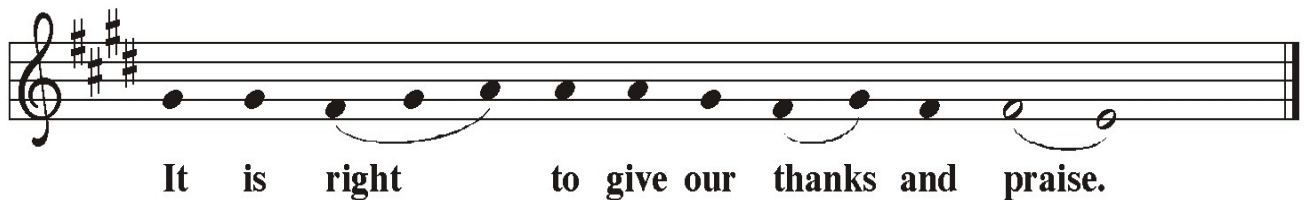
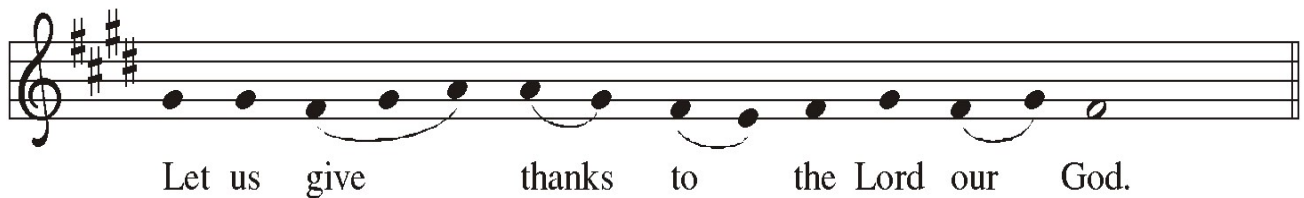
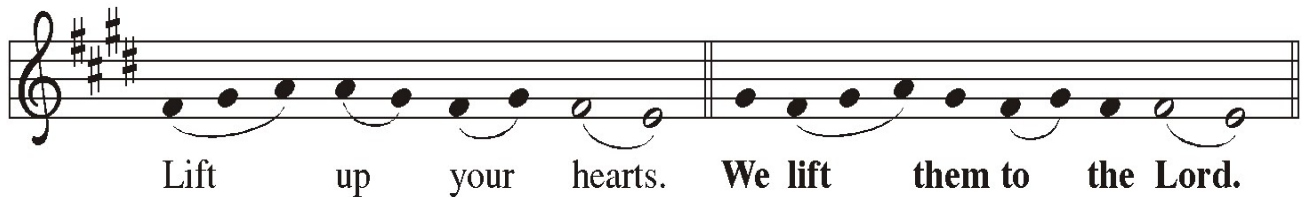
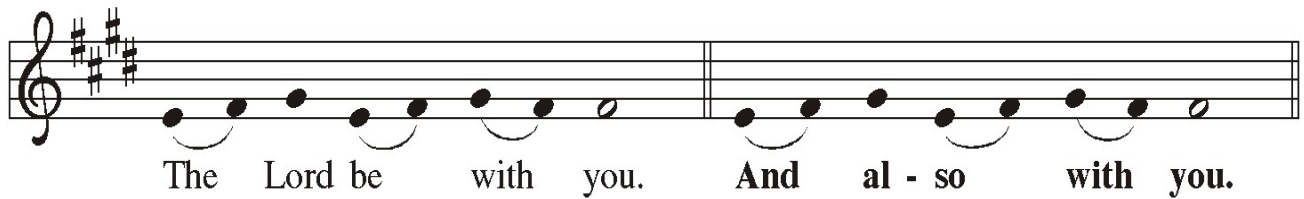
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

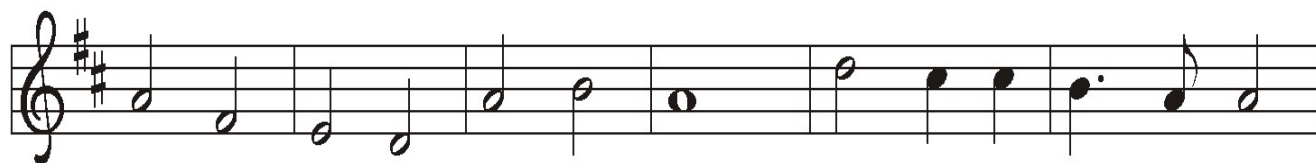
### \*DIALOGUE



### \*PREFACE FOR SAINTS

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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

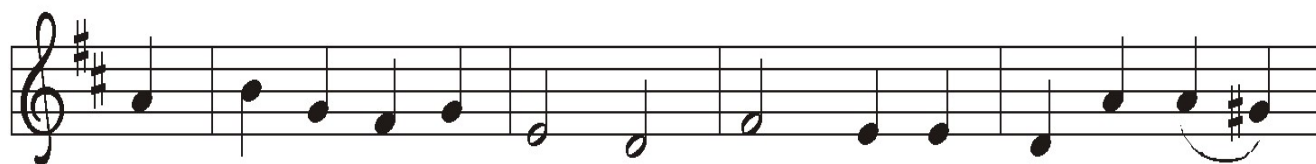
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



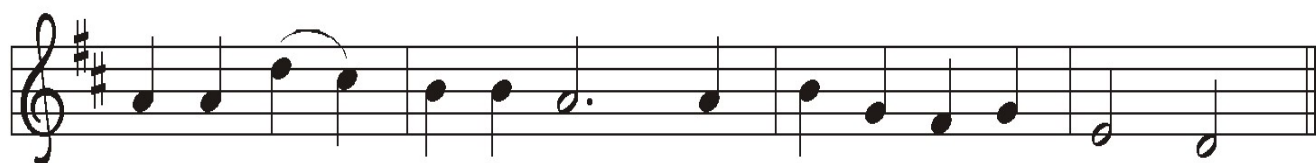
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.



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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
**Our Lord's body let us take together.**

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*Earth and All Stars*

arr. Gregory Hamilton

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*God's Work, Our Hands*

ACS 1000

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Die Himmel Rühmen*

Beethoven

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

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MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

Jocelyn Drahos

GREETER

Ann Kmet

USHER

Walter Cudecki

LIVE STREAM

Paul Watkiss

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Beverly Tarbox

## IN THE PRAYERS...

**Members of the Congregation:** Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Bettye Harden, Anita Horak, Marge Lemere, Luddy Kovalsky, Mildred Mendel, Lois Mika, George Pagurko, Mildred Riban, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel. **Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:** Betty Bartel, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Marilyn Dunne, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Mary Kmet, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Mary Frances Mason, Michele Mason, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Pat Pileggi, Gail Purcell, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Stevie Singer, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Gertrude Tarbox and Janie Tarbox.

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of beloved mother and grandmother +**Anna Stastny**+ on the anniversary of her death by loving daughter Audrey Bucz and grandchildren Brian Bucz and Adrienne Gana.

**ATTENTION:** If anyone has any vases from the altar flowers, please leave them in the kitchen. Our florist's supply is running low. Thank you!

The Missions and Outreach Committee is hosting a **food drive to benefit the Riverside Food Pantry** which serves the communities of North Riverside, Brookfield, Lyons and Riverside. Grocery bags are available on the tables at the east end of the lower hallway and are to be **returned by next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Monetary donations would also be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the dining hall **beginning today**. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The cost per plant is \$17. The deadline for payment and sign-up is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering</b>	
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	
<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2023:</i>	\$ 2,524.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$11,172.00
<i>Surplus:</i>	\$ 8,648.00

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

*Andrew, Apostle*  
*Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

MICHAEL TEOLIS SINGERS PRESENTS



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Saturday, December 2, 2023 • 7:30pm

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Online tickets at [www.MTSingers.org](http://www.MTSingers.org)

\$22 Adult  
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*A testament to the power of spiritual love.  
Bringing solace, hope, and warmth to the season.*

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**4:00pm**

**Saints Peter & Paul Lutheran Church  
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A reception will follow the performance. For more information and ticket purchases, please visit [luxcantorum.org](http://luxcantorum.org). Performances will also be held on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Lakeview, Chicago, and on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park. Brandon Michaels and Pastor Dennis of our congregation sing with *Lux Cantorum*.



*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.*

*As we experience the autumn months,*

*may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.*

*May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.*

*May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us*

*that it is you who give us the breath of life.*

*May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given*

*and the bounty we are to share with others.*

*May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is*

*temporary and life is eternal.*

*We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen*