

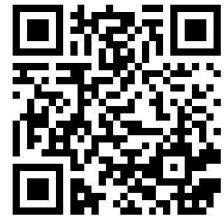


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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

CHRIST THE KING
November 24th, 2024 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be nonviolent love.

HOLY COMMUNION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

***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**

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of overflowing mercy and grace, we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

There is joy in heaven over every person who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen**

***GATHERING HYMN**

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

ELW 431

***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. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

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

PSALM

Psalm 93

Prayed in unison.

**The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!
Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

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

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

*GOSPEL READING

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. John...
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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*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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence is observed.*

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering, especially... Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and in silence.

Loving Shepherd, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen**

***PEACE**

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



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

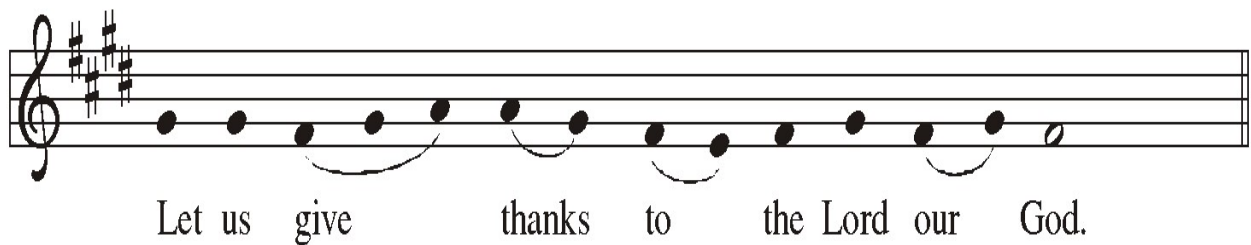
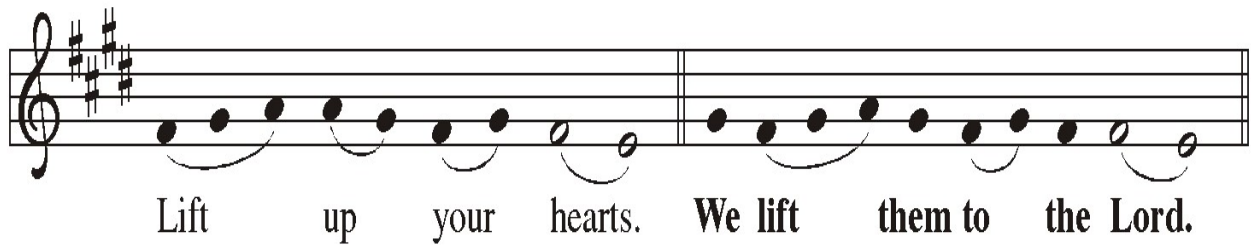
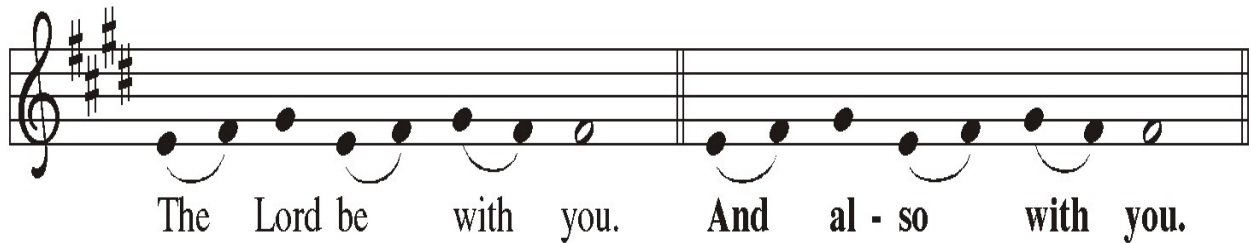
Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Molly Ijames

*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



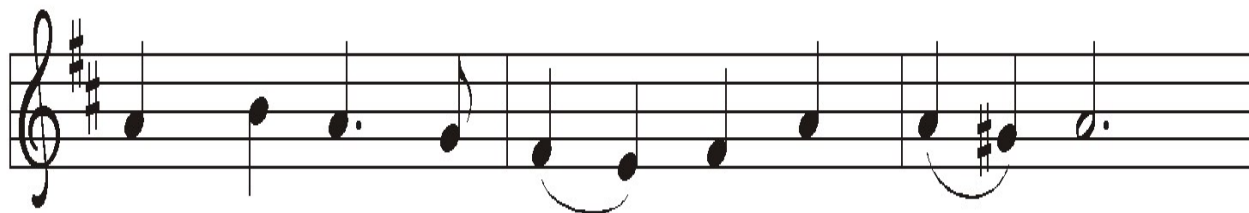
*PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... 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:

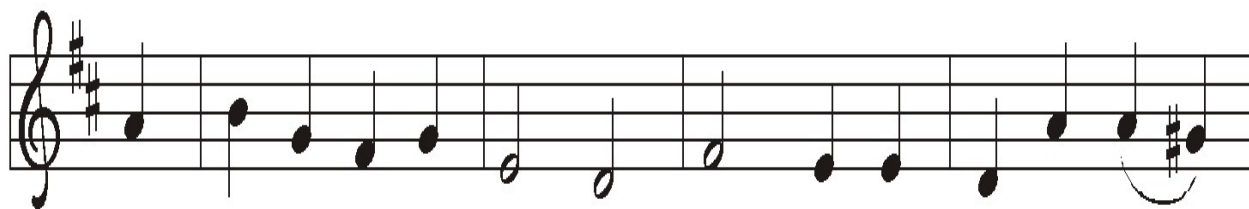
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

***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

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**

Before You Lord, We Bow

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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ASSISTING MINISTER

MUSIC MINISTER

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LECTOR

GREETERS

USHER

LIVE STREAM

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

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Charles Matthies

David Richards

Kristine Boike

George Valek

Walter and Judith Cudecki

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Thanksgiving Day

November 28th at 10:15 a.m.

A Service of the Word and Prayers of Thanksgiving

*The monetary offering will benefit
the Chicago Food Depository.*

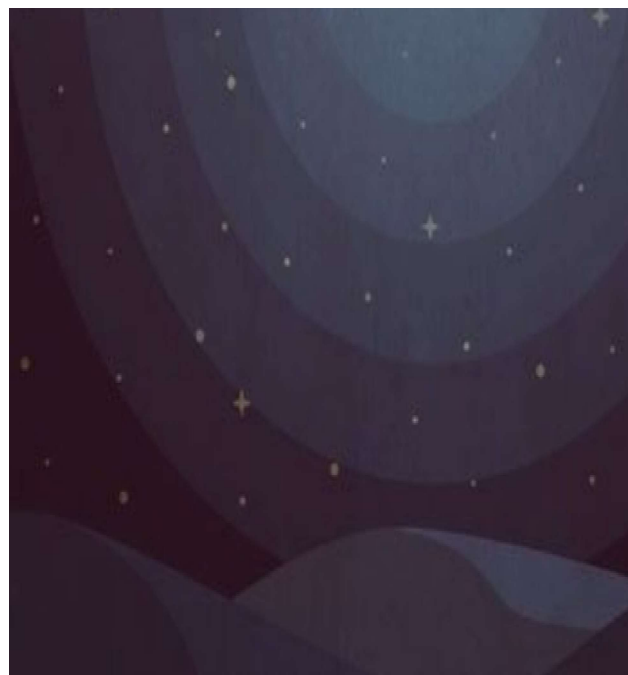


IN THE PRAYERS...

Members of the Congregation: Larry Crachy, Elaine Haase, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mildred Mendel and Mary Sasuta. *Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Marilyn Dunne, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Mike Matthies, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Tim Richard, Becky Rosas, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Stevie Singer, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson 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 remembering daughter Audrey Bucz and grandchildren Brian Bucz and Adrienne Gana.

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, **a sign-up sheet is 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 Wednesday, December 18th.



"Glory" | December 6, 8, & 14, 2024

We express awe and adulation by commemorating seasonal events from diverse communities. "Glory" honors togetherness and universal aspirations for peace, love, and hope.

Lux Cantorum Chicago will present its holiday concert entitled "Glory" at Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 4 p.m. followed by a seasonal reception in the dining hall. For more information and ticket purchases, please visit luxcantorum.org. Performances will also be held on Friday, December 6th at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago and Saturday, December 14th at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oak Park. Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels and Pastor Dennis sing with *Lux Cantorum*.

COMMEMORATIONS

*Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894;
pastors in North America*

Sunday, November 24th

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Monday, November 25th

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Andrew, Apostle

Saturday, November 30th

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.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering November 17th, 2024

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2024:</i>	\$2,615.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

A DIFFERENT KIND OF KINGDOM

“If my kingdom were from this world,” Jesus tells Pilate, “my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth” (John 18:36-37). One of the signs of the kingdoms of this world is violence. The use and threat of force is one of the main sources of a government’s power. Christians disagree on whether and when violence or force is justified. We agree, though, that fighting back is not the way Jesus chose when he was arrested. In today’s gospel, Jesus speaks of a nonviolent power, the power of truth.

What we in this country call nonviolent resistance, Mahatma Gandhi called *satyagraha*, which can be translated as “truth force.” Gandhi taught that truth is vindicated not by inflicting suffering on others but by accepting suffering in order to bring change.

We have been blessed in our lifetimes to see many people living out this “truth force” in the face of terrible persecution. Six-year-old Ruby Bridges was escorted by federal marshals every day to school through a gauntlet of people protesting school integration, sometimes threatening her life. Every day Ruby calmly prayed for them, because that’s what Jesus did when people hurt him. Countless others, whether famous like Jackie Robinson or anonymous to history, showed under persecution that they were strong enough *not* to fight back. Thanks to their courage, change came.

In Liberia recently, the Women in Peacebuilding Network played a key role in spurring the powerful men at stalled peace talks into productive negotiation by their nonviolent communal actions. The group’s leader, Leymah Gbowee, became involved in peace work at a Lutheran church. Now there are women’s peace movements in countries throughout Africa, representing a different kind of kingdom.

We celebrate a kingdom not from this world, but—thank God!—breaking into our world today.