



**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Sunday, November 26, 2017



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS**

**See insert**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

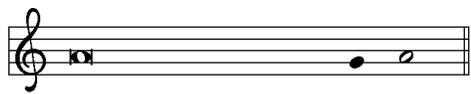
**GATHERING HYMN      "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"      ELW 634**

**GREETING**

**ELW Pg. 147**

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.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



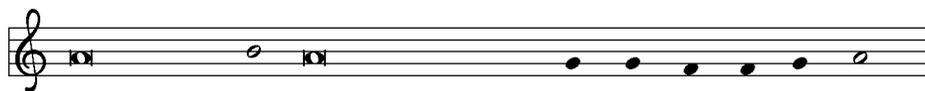
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



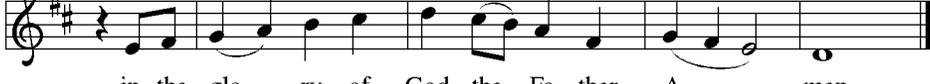
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

see insert

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might,

**C: 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.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

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L: The first lesson is from Ezekiel, the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter.

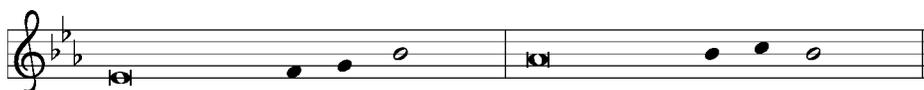
<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord!  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 95:1-7a

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### TONE



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### REFRAIN



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Psalm 95:7  
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<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

**<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.**

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

**R**

**<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.**

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

**<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD | is our God,**

**and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.**

**R**

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23**

**see insert**

L: The second lesson is from Ephesians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:****Matthew 25:31-46**

see insert

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!***The congregation is invited to sit***CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL****SERMON****PASTOR JEFF STEEBER***The congregation is invited to stand*

**Nicene Creed****ELW Pg. 104****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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

see insert

A: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

*A brief silence*

A: Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. As we gather for worship in safety, we pray for places where the church is persecuted. Watch over your people as they witness to your good news. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Give bountiful pastures, safety, and health to herds, livestock, and all animals. May our care for all of your creation reflect your shepherding love for all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for international organizations that shine your light in places of strife. Lead relief and aid workers, leaders and volunteers to seek the lost and provide safety. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, abused, or ill *especially...* Give wisdom to counselors, doctors, nurses, and all in professions that provide healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Shepherd your churches to welcome the stranger and immigrant in our midst. Call all your people to welcome, clothe, feed, and visit those in need just as you have provided for the lost and despairing throughout the ages. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Give us the hope to which you call us, our glorious inheritance with all your saints. Enrich our lives with the faith and vision of those saints who have died. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## OFFERING

## “Come, You that are Blessed by God” Sanctuary Choir

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

ELW Pg. 107

A: Let us pray.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Pg. 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

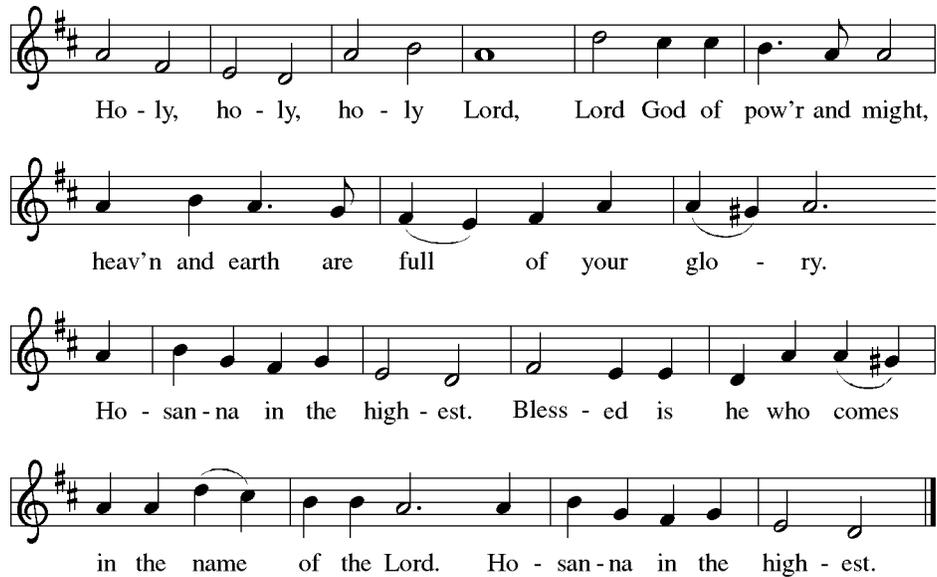
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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## PREFACE

P: 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:

# 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW Pg.109P:

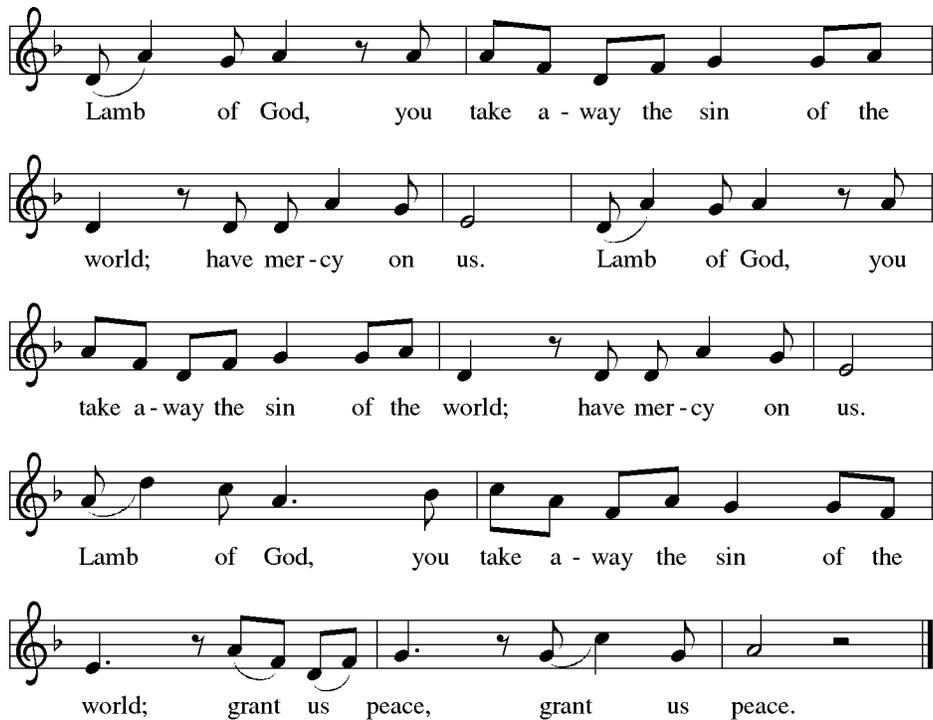
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS “Come, Thou Almighty King”	ELW 408
“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	ELW 789
“Beautiful Savior”	ELW 838
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	ELW 855

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

ELW Pg. 114

**BLESSING**

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”**

**ELW 848**

**DISMISSAL**

**ELW Pg. 115**

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**