

Jesus said to them

**I AM THE
BREAD OF LIFE**

He who comes to me
will not hunger and
He who believes in me
will never thirst.



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First Lutheran Church

November 23, 2025

Thanksgiving

*Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving.
When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion,
when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world,
and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer
to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving."
Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SAINT GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Robert A. Hobby

Come, You Thankful People, Come

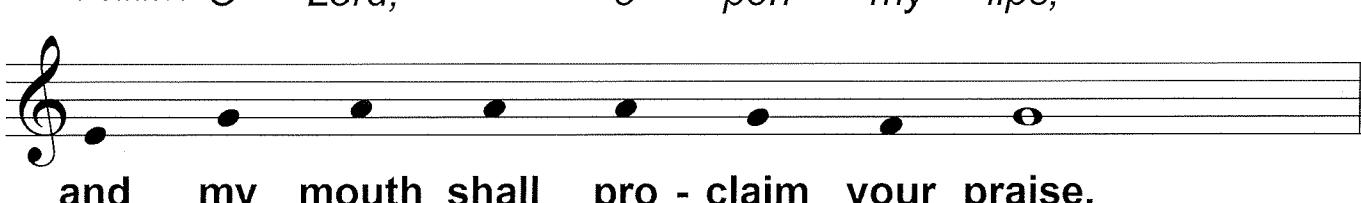
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MORNING PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



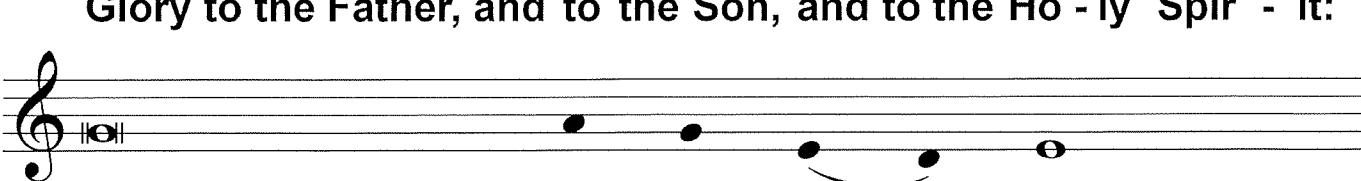
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



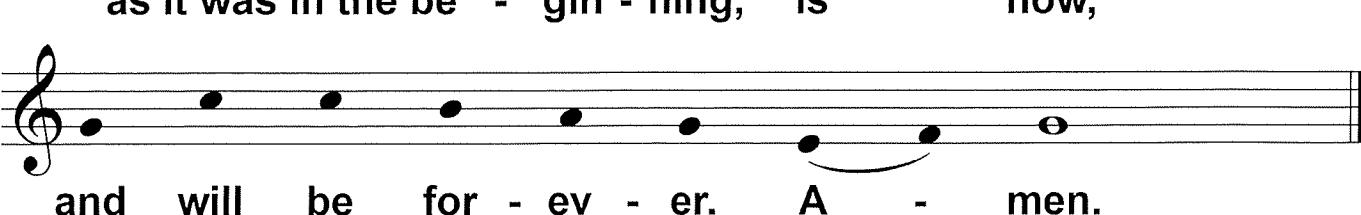
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



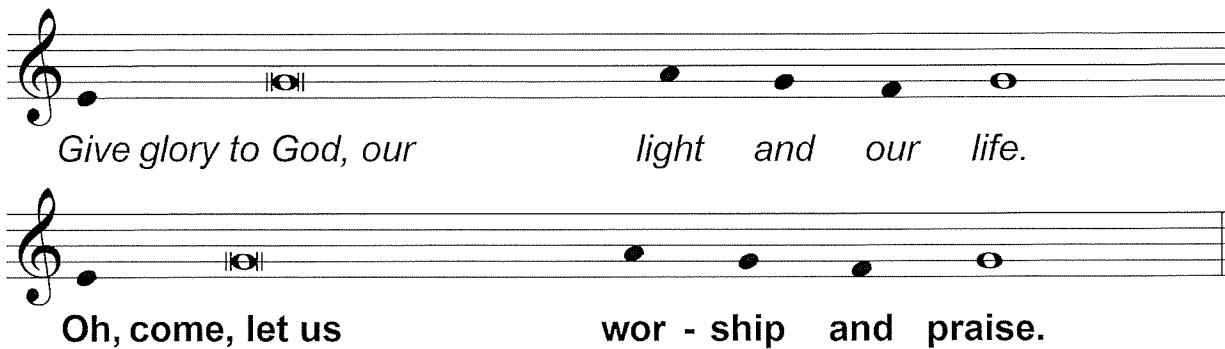
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY

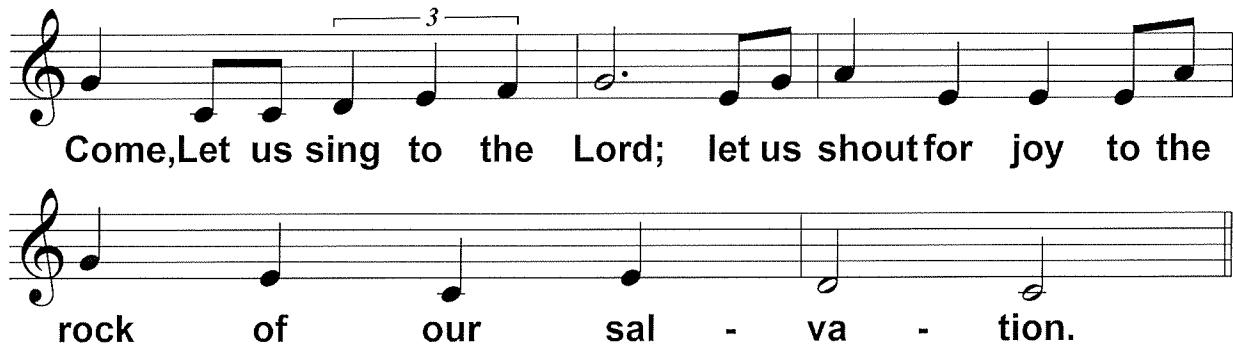


Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

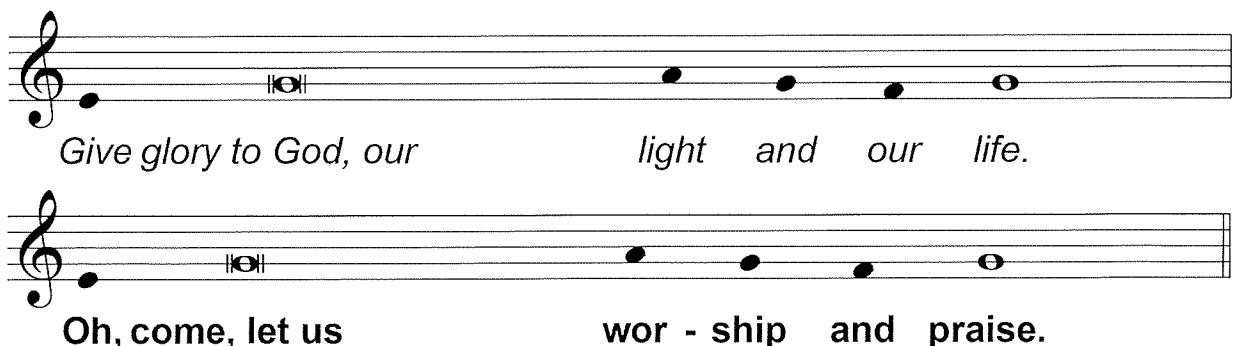
PSALM 95:1-7



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God our Father,
your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

BELLS OF PRAISE

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Cathy Moklebust

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

++ Children may go to Sunday School

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

L: A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

¹ “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites

and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VOCAL SOLO

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Elijah Shiley, bass

Richard W. Gieseke

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

L: A reading from Philippians, the fourth chapter.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁵ When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

(Please be seated)

REFLECTION

JONATHAN NOMINEE

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

KREMSER

Wayne L. Wold

*We Praise You, O God
We Gather Together*

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG**We Praise You, O God****ELW # 870**

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: God who is known in grain and vine, the baptismal waters, and in your word,
renew the church's bishops, pastors, deacons, church staff,
and all leaders of faith, that they live into the fruitful nurturing of disciples.

Each petition concludes:

P: Hear us O God,

C: your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

SENDING

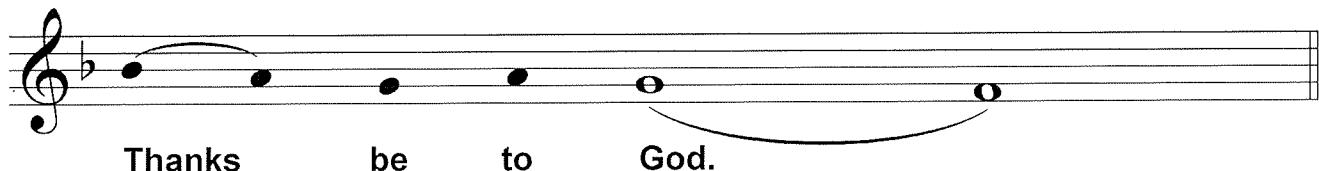
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us, bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

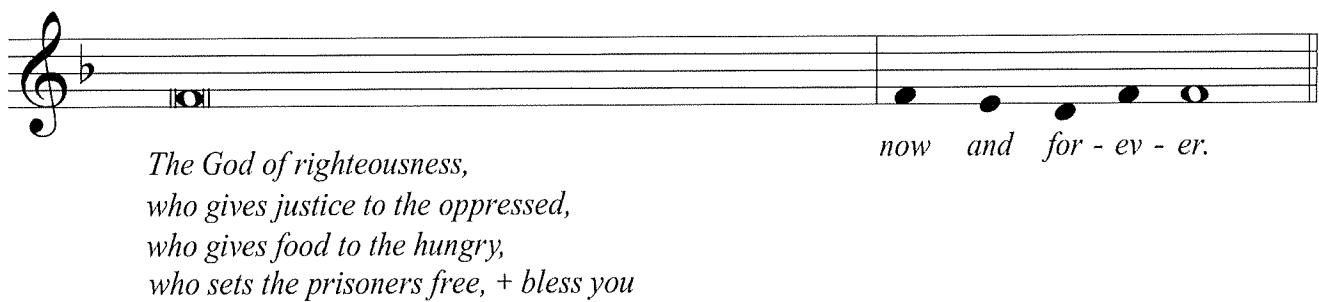
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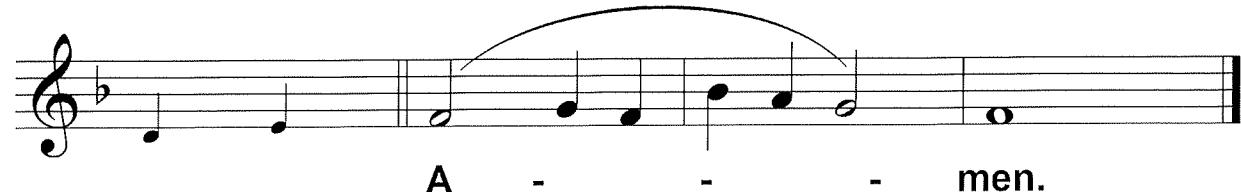
Presider: Let us bless the Lord.



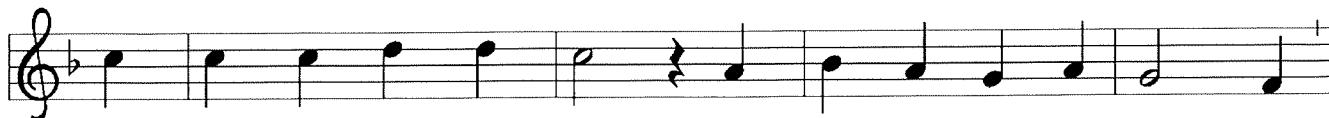
Thanks be to God.



The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, + bless you
now and for - ev - er.



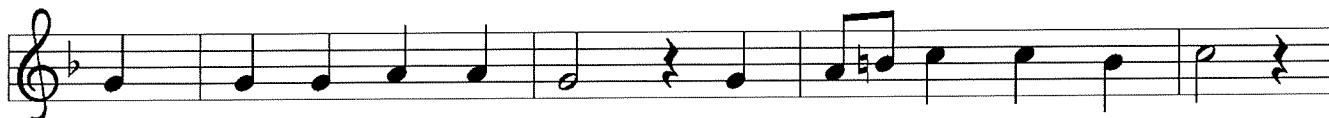
A - - - - men.



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Sigfrid Karg=Elert

Choral Improvisation on Now Thank We All, Opus 65, No. 59

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Nov 23
10:00AM	Church Service
Bountiful Feast—	Decorating for Christmas
<u>Monday</u>	Nov 24
10:00AM	No Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Nov 25
<u>Wednesday</u>	Nov 26
7:00PM	Thanksgiving Service @ First Christian Church
<u>Thursday</u>	Nov 27
	Thanksgiving Day
<u>Friday</u>	Nov 28
<u>Saturday</u>	Nov 29

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Nov 30
10:00AM	Lessons & Carols
4:00PM	Tuba Christmas
<u>Monday</u>	Dec 1
10:00AM	? Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Dec 2
<u>Wednesday</u>	Dec 3
6:00PM	Worship & Music Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Dec 4
<u>Friday</u>	Dec 5
<u>Saturday</u>	Dec 6



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Altar flowers were given last Sunday in

Memory of



Jeannette Ruess

By

The Ruess Family

Bountiful Feast

Today!!!



We are also going to start decorating for Christmas right after the meal. Everyone is welcome to help (especially if you can climb ladders).



Important Congregational Meeting will be held December 7th after church service. Please plan to attend.



TubaChristmas!

November 30, 2025 4PM

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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