PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13



First Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026

Veteran's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG — *Kevin J. Sadowski*

Partita on Rejoice, Rejoice Believers
II. Bicinium
IV. Toccata

MORNING PRAYER

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

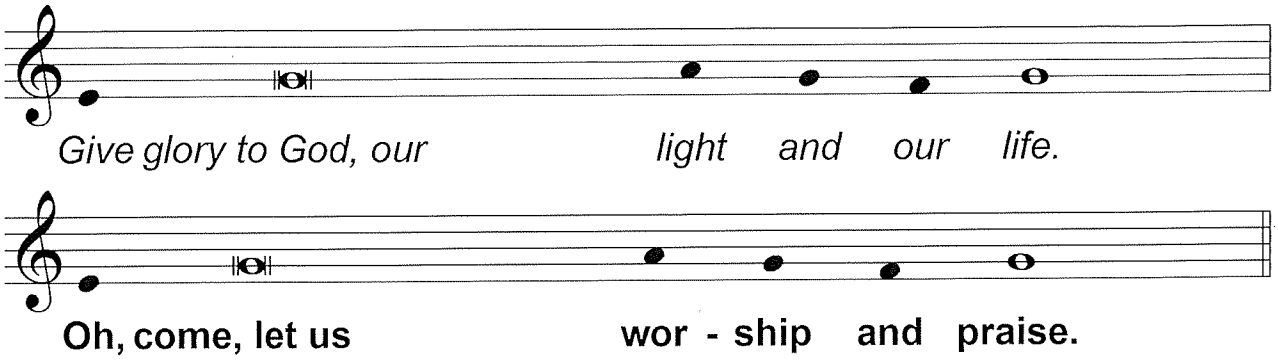
AM: Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

OPENING



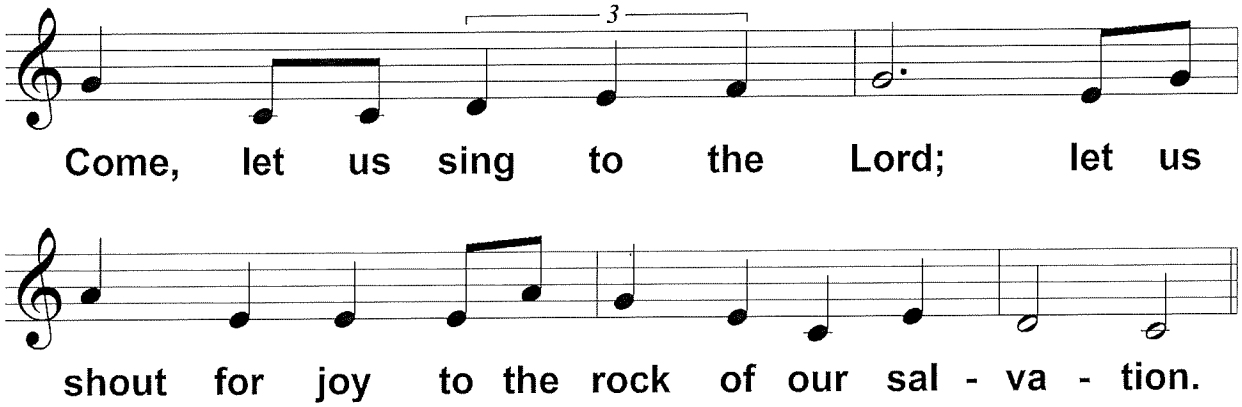
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INVITATORY



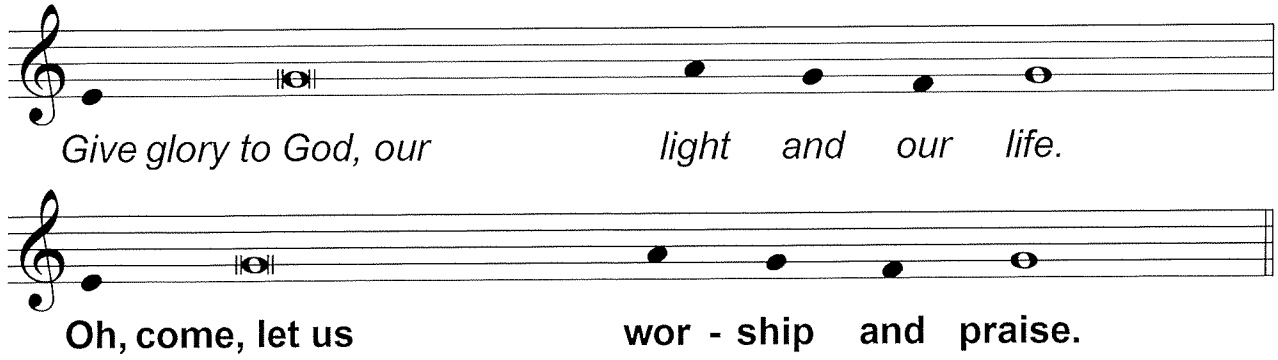
MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life
with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING *AMOS 5:18-24*

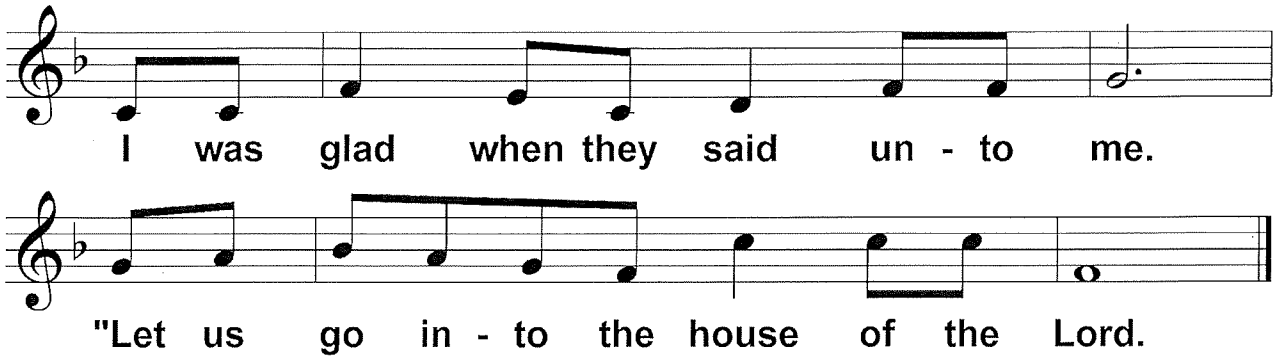
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

R: A reading from Amos, the fifth chapter.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or
went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *PSALM 122:1-9*



The Cantor will sing the verses:

[1] I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."
[2] Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
[3] Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;
[4] to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. ***Refrain***

[5] For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.
[6] Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. ***Refrain***

[7] Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.
[8] For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.
[9] Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." ***Refrain***

SECOND READING *1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18*

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

R: A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

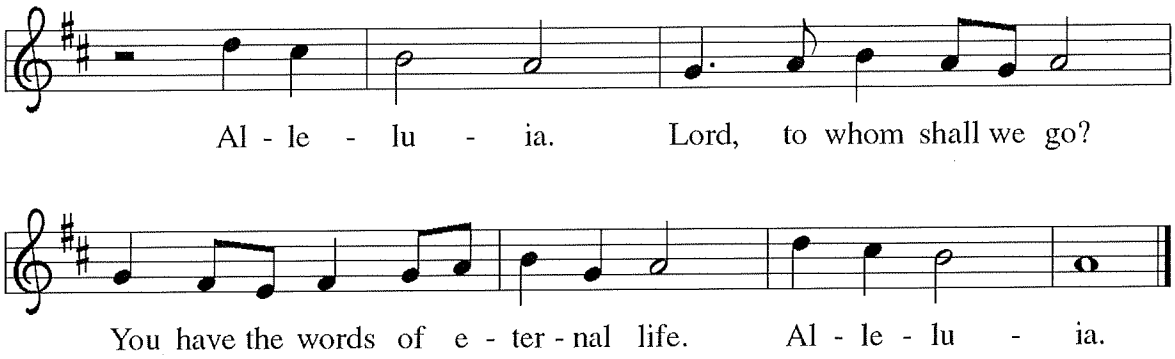
[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the

archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

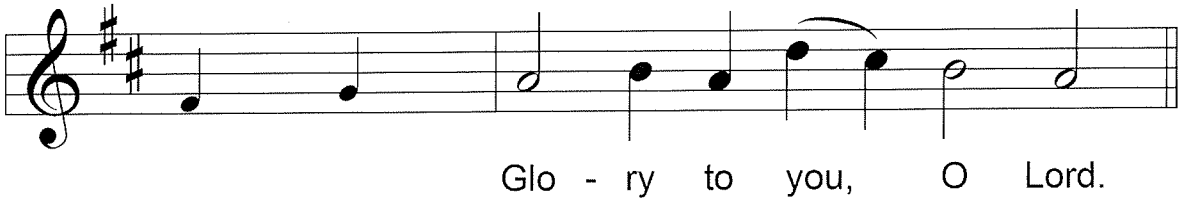
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL *MATTHEW 25:1-13*

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

PM: The Gospel according to Matthew:



[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you

had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY *REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS* *ELW # 244*

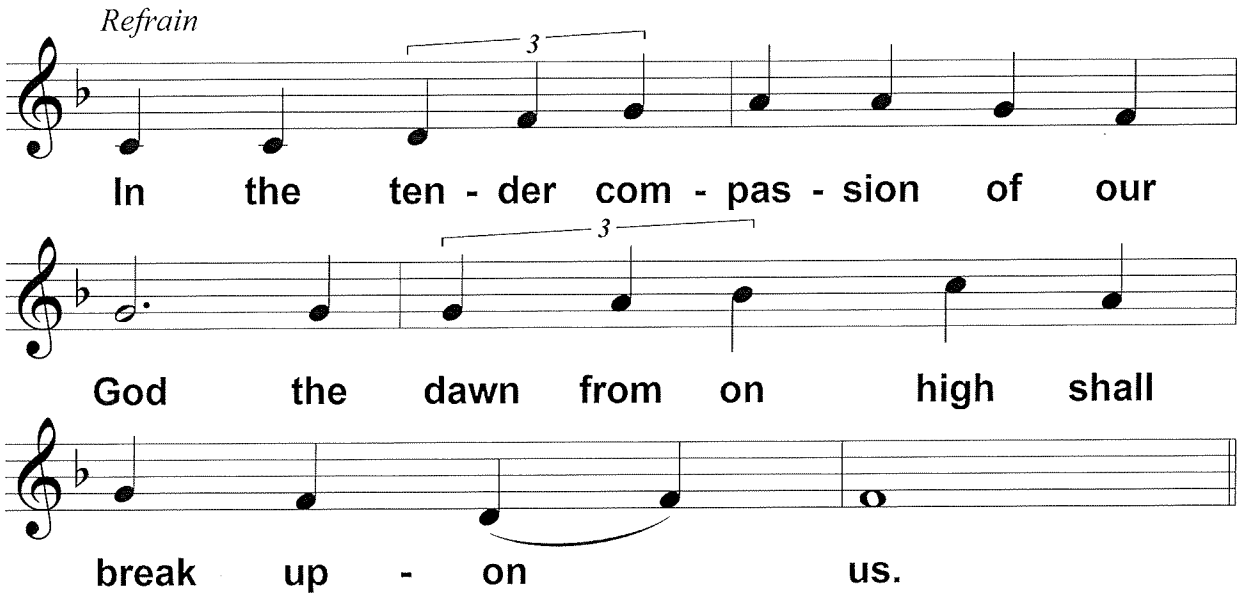


The assembly is seated.

SERMON ***PASTOR MARK SCHURING***

The assembly stands.

CANTICLE



The Cantor will sing the verses.

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

PM: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Alaina's Parents: We present Alaina Ann Widman for holy baptism.

PM: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Alaina baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

PM: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

PM: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?
Parents: We do.

PM: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Alaina in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Sponsors: Camille Widman and David Sheldon: We do.

PM: People of God, do you promise to support Alaina
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PM: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and profess the faith of the church.
PM: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
C: I renounce them.

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

PM: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**C: 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.

PM: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughter and son, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BAPTISM

PM: Alaina Ann Widman, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PM: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.
Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter new birth,
cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.
Sustain Alaina with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

PM: Alaina, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

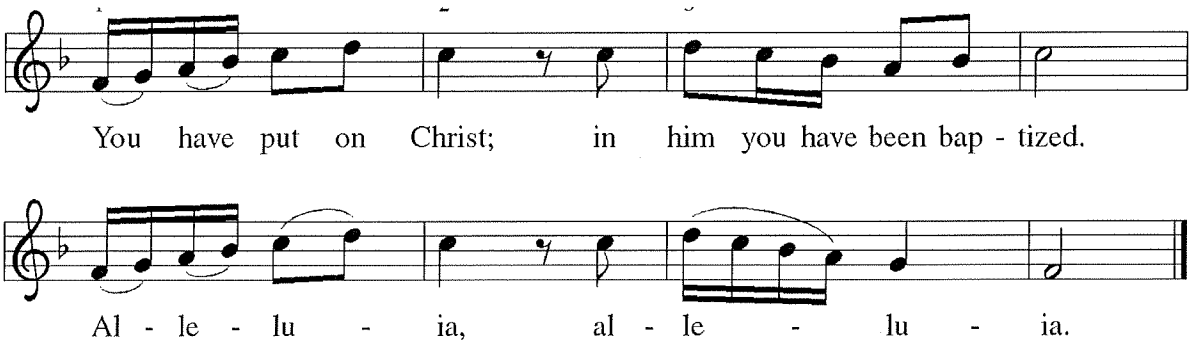
C: Amen.

WELCOME

PM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

PM: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**



The assembly is seated.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

BATTLE HYMN *Charles Ore*

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG *GOD OF OUR FATHER* *LBW # 567*



OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more,
all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Loving God, we lift up those who have served in the armed forces.
For their bravey, sacrifice, and dedication we you give you thanks.

PM: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Bring healing to all veterans who bear the physical, mental,
or moral wounds of conflict.

Provide them with supportive communities, compassionate healthcare, and your profound peace.

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Sustain military chaplains, caregivers, and families who walk alongside our service members, offering strength when resources run low.

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Guide the leaders of the nations, that they may bring a swift end to violence across the globe.

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Generous God, we thank you for the grace you have bestowed upon Alaina who is blessed this ay as a child of God.
Help her to never forget the love and hop of our savior.
Bless her parents in the holy duty of raising his dear child and fill their days with joy and peace.

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

AM: You quickly heal u and make us whole. Comfort all dealing with sickness, illness or pain, especially . . .

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

AM: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life.

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

PM: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: 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

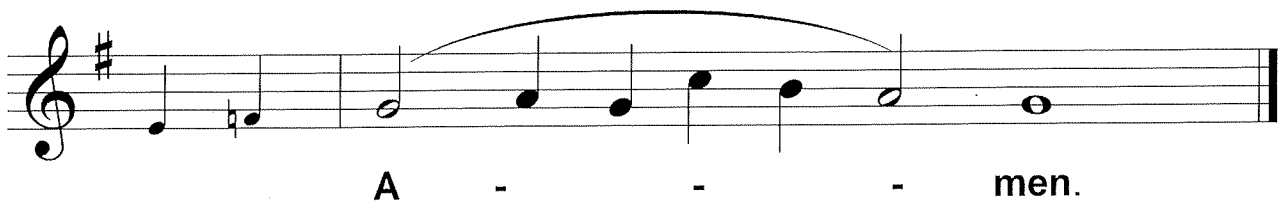
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We Pray together:

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for your goodness
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

PM: Almighty God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



SENDING SONG — *MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY* — *ELW # 890*



DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.
PM: Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MATERNA — *Robert Lind*
America the Beautiful



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This year we are going to be partnering with FISH on the Thanksgiving Baskets. All the donated food will be given to FISH and they will be distributing the meals.
In order to make sure there is enough for all in need, please have food donated no later than

November 22nd.

Here is the list of food needed

Apple Sauce,

Peanut Butter,

Jelly,

Gravy,

Instant Potatoes

Stuffing Mix,

Cereal,

Pancake Mix,

Syrup,

Sweet Potatoes (Yams) canned,

Cranberry Sauce,

Corn Bread Mix,

Mac & Cheese,

Dessert Mixes,

Canned Corn,

Canned Green Beans,

Canned Peas

Events in Review

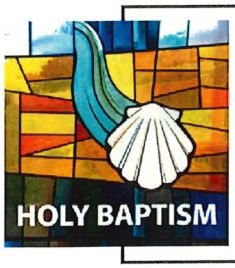
Sunday	**Nov 8**
10:00 AM	Veteran's Day Celebration
	Baptism of Alaina Ann Widman
Monday	**Nov 9**
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 10**
Wednesday	**Nov 11**
	Veteran's Day
9:00n AM	Piece Corp.
6:00 PM	Property Meeting
Thursday	**Nov 12**
Friday	**Nov 13**
Saturday	**Nov 14**
9:00 AM	WOFB at Fairgrounds



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.

Next Week

Sunday	**Nov 15**
10:00 AM	Christ The King
Monday	**Nov 16**
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30 PM	Bookworms
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 17**
Wednesday	**Nov 18**
5:30 PM	Council Mtg
Thursday	**Nov 19**
1:00 PM	WOFB
Friday	**Nov 20**
Saturday	**Nov 21**



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Alaina Ann Widman, daughter of Scott & Amanda Widman



Reminder about the recipes for the Public Library Book. Last day to submit 11/10.



Reminder about the Thanksgiving Basket donations. List of needed food items can be found in Hallway along with a basket to place them in. Please submit by November 22nd.

Bountiful Feast on November 22nd.

Decorating for Christmas after meal.

Today we are celebrating Veteran's Day.

If you are a Veteran please wear a Veteran's Badge so we can personally thank you for your service.

We also have badges to wear to show our support of the military.



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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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