

Traditional Worship

November 19, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 33

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – arr. Wayne Wold

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

OPENING HYMN #870 *

We Praise You, O God

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Most merciful God,

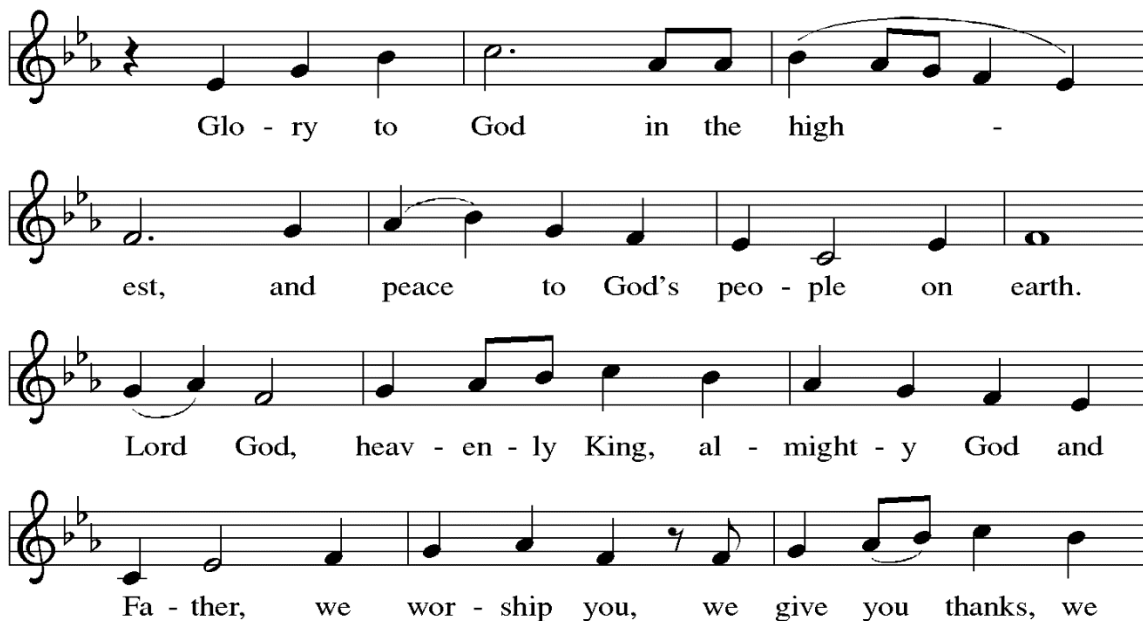
**Assembly: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

Glory to God



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



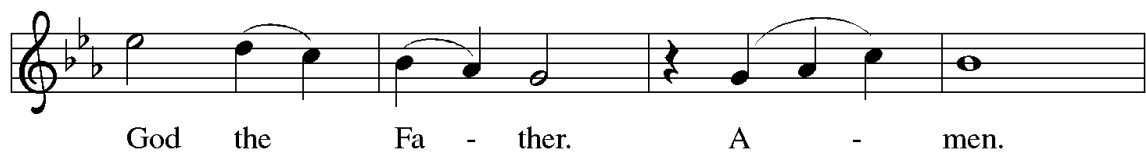
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



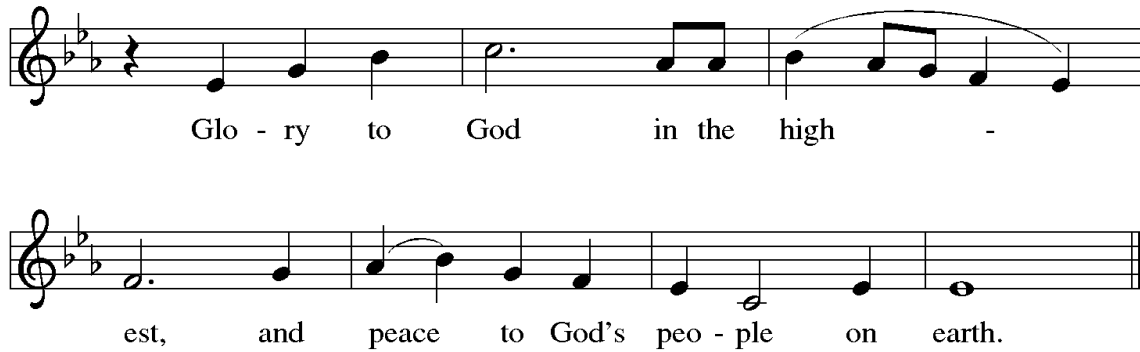
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Let us pray,
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

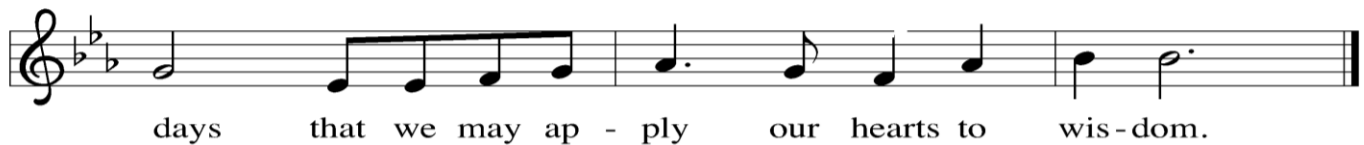
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90: 1-12

*The cantor sings the refrain and then the assembly joins in the refrain.
The cantor then sings the verses and the assembly joins in each refrain.*



- ¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
- ³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
- ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night...*Refrain*
- ⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- ⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- ⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
- ⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance...*Refrain*
- ⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
- ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom...*Refrain*

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON *

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five

talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #678 *

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00) *

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 into hell. 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.

QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS OF FAITH (11:10) *

Leader: Today we celebrate the gift of Baptism.
We first declare our faith and renounce the powers of sin and the devil.

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Assembly: 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.**

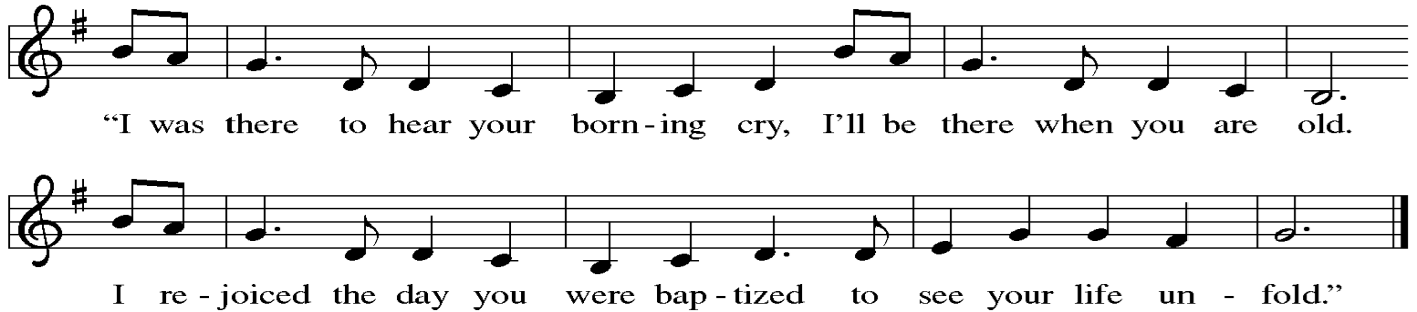
Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Assembly: 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.**

BAPTISM HYMN (11:10) *

Borning Cry

*As the hymn is sung the Baptismal Party gathers at the Baptismal Font.
The Assembly is seated following the hymn.*



"I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

HOLY BAPTISM (11:10)

Theodore McCree Teschner

Parents: Taylor & Alexander Teschner

Sponsors: Caitlin Bromagen-Christel & James Christel

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The pastor addresses the parents:

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

Parents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring Theodore to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and
the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he 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.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Theodore grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Theodore in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

The pastor addresses the assembly:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Assembly: We do.

Pastor: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that as Theodore is washed in the waters of baptism he may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Theodore McCree Teschner, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Pastor: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theodore 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. Amen.

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

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

Pastor: Let us welcome Theodore.

Assembly: 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.

BAPTISM HYMN (11:10) *

Borning Cry

As the hymn is sung the Affirmation of Baptism Party gathers at the altar rail.



"I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:00) *

Erno Oliver Merritt

Leader: Today we continue to celebrate the gift of Baptism and join with Erno in affirming our faith and renewing the promises made at our Baptism.

Erno, called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to affirm the promises made at your baptism?

Confirmand: I do.

Leader: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Erno, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him, with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

The leader addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

Leader: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The leader addresses the assembly.

Leader: People of God, do you promise to support Erno
and pray for him in his life in Christ?

Assembly: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The leader prays for God's blessing.

Leader: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The leader may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Leader: Stir up in Erno 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.
Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Leader: Let us rejoice with Erno, our brother in Christ.

**Assembly: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

BAPTISM HYMN (11:10) *

Borning Cry



"I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Hear us, O God."

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.



8:00 – *Something for Thee* – arr. Craig Courtney

*Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me,
Nor should I aught with-hold, Dear Lord, from Thee:
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow,
Some of offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.*

*At the blest mercy-seat pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee:
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise, or prayer, Something for Thee.*

*All that I am and have Thy gifts so free in joy, in grief, through life,
Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be through all eternity,
Something for Thee.*

11:10 – *What Shall I Render* – Allen Pote

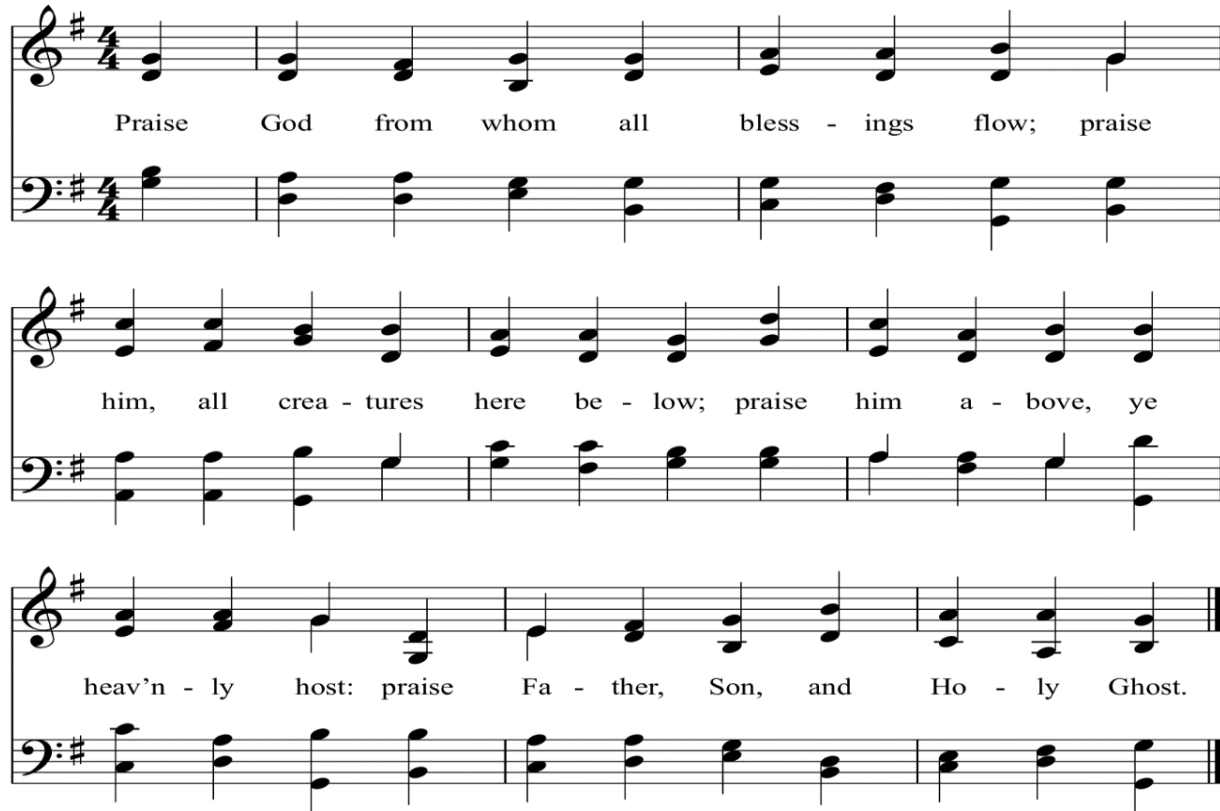
*What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me?
I will lift up the voice of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.
I will offer my song of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.
O Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds and set me free. I am Your servant.*

*I will offer my song of thanksgiving, and I will call on the Name of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

OFFERTORY *

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Tallis' Canon)



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

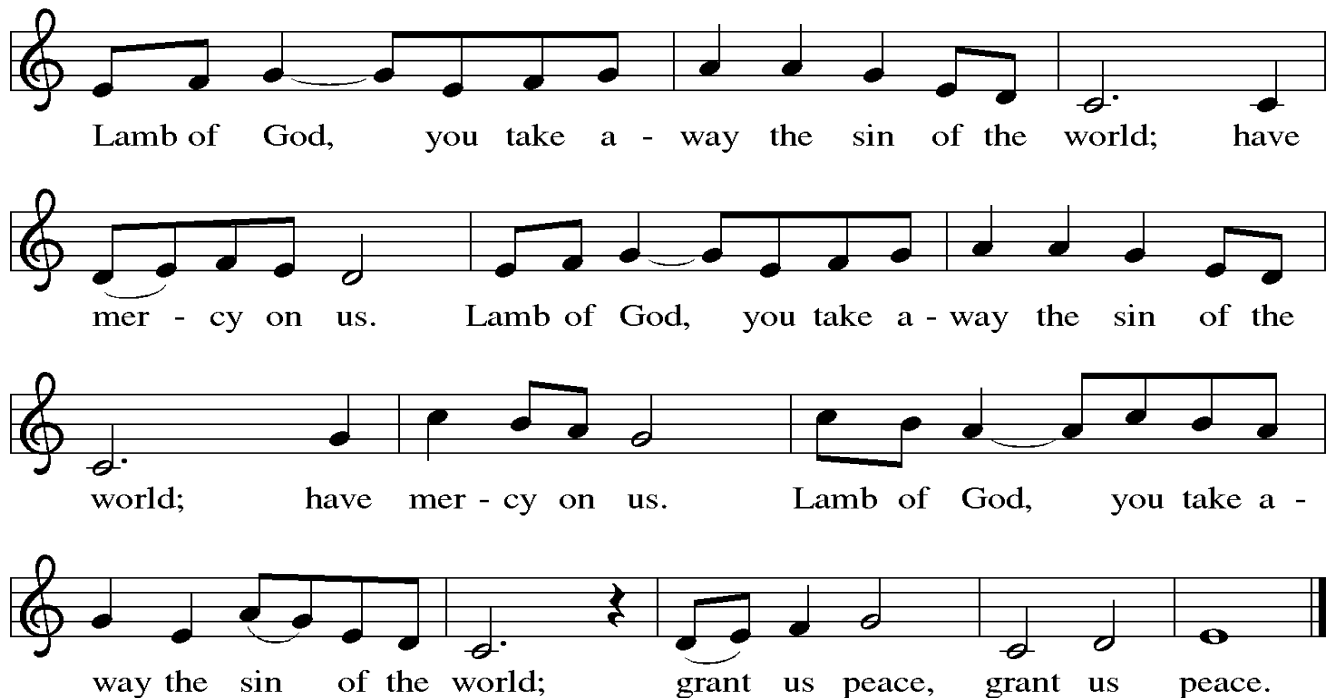
Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 *

**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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.*

Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution:

Organ Meditation – *We Place upon Your Table, Lord* – arr. Kim Kondal Patterson
Hymn (11:10) - #467 – *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING *

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #695 *

As Saints of Old

DISMISSAL *

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major – Dietrich Buxtehude

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor Tim Iseringhausen, Lead Pastor
Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor
Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family
Susan Quintenz, 8:00 Lector & Communion Assistant
Jane Baldwin, 11:10 Lector & Communion Assistant
Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music
Samuel Owens, Cantor
Jane McFadden, Chancel Choir Accompanist

FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given in honor of the baptism of Theodore Teschner by Kerry Fankhauser.

The organ flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Herb and Lucy Kruze, and her brother, Robert H. Green Jr., by Kathy and Grant Wolfe.

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