

**Community Lutheran Church
Frankford, Delaware**



Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

**The Rev. Bettye Wolinski, Interim Pastor
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CLC Worship Service

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

✠GATHERING✠

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

(Please stand.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God:

Your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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GATHERING HYMN

#855 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, Vs. 1 - 5

- 1** *Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its
own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*
- 2** *Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his
brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.*
- 3** *Crown him the Lord of love— behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so
bright.*
- 4** *Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*
- 5** *Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*

GREETING

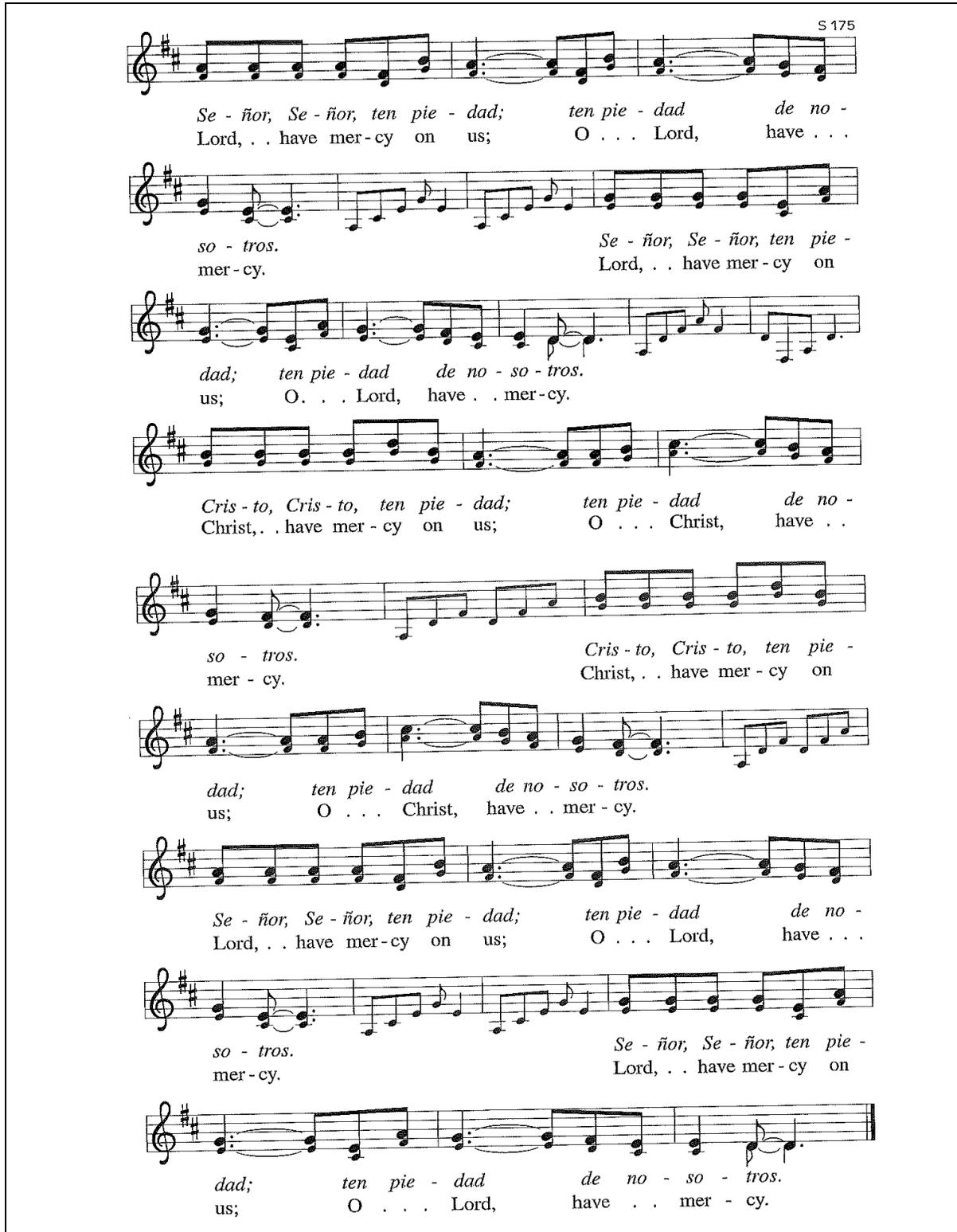
- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **And also with you.**

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KYRIE – Hymnal Pages #175 & 176



S 175

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,
Our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM

✠WORD✠

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

AM: First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6 (with introduction [NRSV])

Restoration after Exile

^{23:1}Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

AM: The Word of God; Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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AM: Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹Behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

AM: Second Reading – Colossians 1:11-20 (with introduction [NRSV])

^{1:11}May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

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¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

AM: The Word of God; Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Hymnal Page 179a

Gospel Acclamation S 179a

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 23:33-43 (NRSV)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{23:33}When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Karis Graham, Guest Pastor

(Please stand for Hymn of the Day and Apostles' Creed.)

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HYMN OF THE DAY

#838 – *Beautiful Savior*, Vs. 1 - 4

- 1 *Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*
- 2 *Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*
- 3 *Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.*
- 4 *Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us profess our faith:

All: **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.**

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**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.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

(A brief silence.)

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

AM: We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction (*local water sources of protected lands may be named*). Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals.

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

AM: We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

AM: We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light.

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

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AM: We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, council members and the Call Committee in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service.

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

AM: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith (*especially*). Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

AM: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We share signs of peace by waving, smiling, nodding, etc.)

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✠MEAL✠

All are welcome to the table of our Lord.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Gracious God,

In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Hymnal Page 181

S 181

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

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P: 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 this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his lifegiving 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 be 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 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 church, now and forever.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In confidence, let us pray as we have been taught, using the words of Jesus most beloved in our hearts.

*(You are invited to pray The Lord's Prayer
aloud in the language you cherish.)*

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

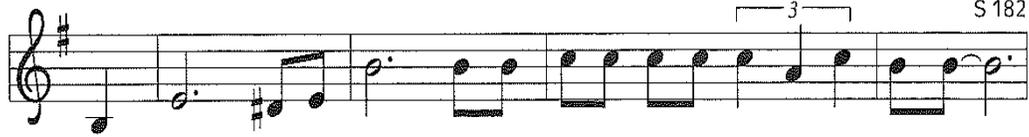
C: **Amen.**

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O LAMB OF GOD – Hymnal Pages 182 & 183



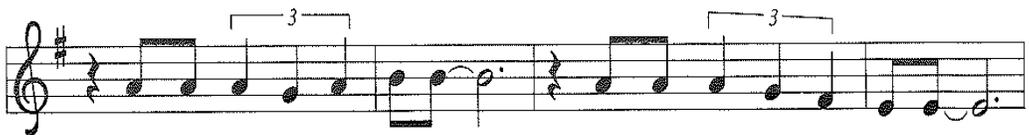
Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



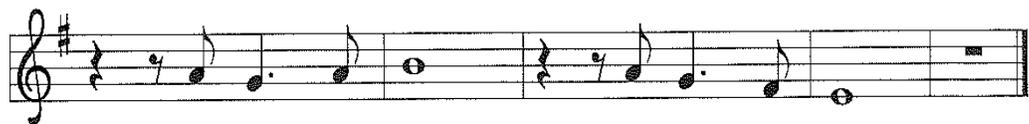
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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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(Please be seated.)

Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

AM: God of the abundant table,

You have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠SENDING✠

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts,
and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out,
strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

(Please stand for Sending Hymn.)

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SENDING HYMN

#432 – *The Head That Once Was Crowned*, Vs. 1 - 6

- 1** *The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.*
- 2** *The highest place that heav'n affords is his by
sov'reign right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's
eternal light.*
- 3** *The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name
to know.*
- 4** *To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its
grace, is giv'n;
their name, an everlasting name, their joy,
the joy of heav'n.*
- 5** *They suffer with their Lord below; they reign
with him above;
their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry
of his love.*
- 6** *The cross he bore is life and health, though shame
and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their
everlasting theme!*

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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This Week's Events

Sunday, November 20th @

9:00am – Worship Service, in-person & live-stream

4:00pm – Special Congregational Mtg

5:00pm – Meatloaf Dinner, Luther Hall

Monday, November 21st @ 8:15am – Men's Study Group, Choir Room

Tuesday, November 22nd @

10:00am – Food Pantry Open

7:00pm – Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service,
Ocean View Presbyterian, 67 Central Ave., Ocean View

Wednesday, November 23rd @

5:00pm – Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Day & Friday, November 25th
Church Office Closed**

Upcoming Events

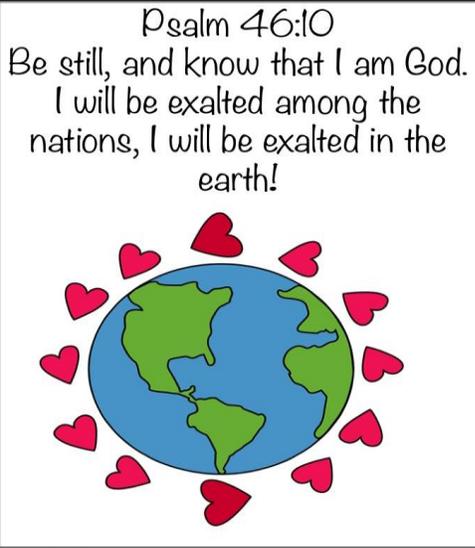
Wednesdays during Advent: November 30th, December 7th, 14th, 21st

3:00pm – Advent Worship Service, Sanctuary

4:00pm – Soup & Bread Supper, Luther Hall

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Thank you to the participants in today's worship service:

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Usher: Eva Nemeth

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