

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#693

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the name of the Father and of the✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

O God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which we cannot fully understand, but which are known to you. We repent and are sorry for our offenses, and we ask of your great goodness to have mercy upon us, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive our sins, and graciously to help our infirmities. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you, and has given his only son to die for you, and for his sake ✠ forgives you all your sins. To all who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you his Holy Spirit. On the other hand, I declare to the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God has not forgiven your sins, and will surely visit your iniquities upon you if you do not turn from your sinful ways and come to repentance and faith in Christ before the day of grace is ended.¹ **Amen.**

¹Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, Introductory Edition (Minneapolis: Bronze Bow Publishing, 2006)

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

9 AM p167 Luke 2:14

5 PM see p148

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Last refrain **Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: LUKE 23:36

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

FIRST READING: DANIEL 12:1-3

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

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

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:1-8

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#838

“Beautiful Savior”

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Redemption

Assurance

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Father, we don't want to hear about persecution, judgment, and destruction! Kindle our hearts, fortify our minds, strengthen our spirits, steel our sinews. Unite us to Jesus, so that we stand strong even in the most difficult trials. Give us your Spirit, to desire and do your holy will.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless your Church. You have promised that, though temples made by human hands may be destroyed, your Temple of living stones shall abide forever. Purify, preserve, and provide for it through your Holy Spirit. Unite it to your Son, its Cornerstone and Head. Make it a house of prayer for all nations.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You foretold times of persecution for those who proclaim you as Lord and follow you as Savior. Shield, strengthen and bless all who endure such fiery trials. Help us to remember them in prayer, to stand with them in witness, and to provide tangible help for their physical needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Perfect the faith of this congregation, so that we are bold to approach the throne of grace with our prayers and supplications. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Conform us to your mind and your likeness. Use us to bring your forgiveness, life, and salvation to those who are estranged from you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to identify, encourage, and mentor future pastors and theologians. Touch and kindle them with a passion to proclaim your Son, crucified and risen from the dead to bestow forgiveness unto eternal life, to the people who need your strong Word the most.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide all the peoples of this world. Let them put their trust not in any earthly ruler but in your wise governance and gracious commands. Teach us how to live at peace with one another; to care for the poor and vulnerable in our midst; and to work for the common good, in accordance with your will.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In troubled times, good men and women must stand in harm's way to defend life and liberty. Guide and strengthen them. Let their labors be a blessing to many. Help us to honor all who have served, especially those who have sacrificed the most on our behalf.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your dear Son is the Resurrection and the Life. Grant healing to all who suffer, and give them a foretaste of his victory over death. Especially we pray for: {List}. Bless all caretakers with skill, patience, and compassion. Re-establish bonds of affection and fellowship that have been unraveled by sickness or sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we entrust our departed loved ones into your care. We pray especially for the families of {List}. We ask you to guard and guide us safely through this earthly life. Make us confident that we can always turn to you with all our needs and cares. Raise us up on the last day, with all whom you have redeemed. Let us join the chorus of adoration and praise to you: for with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you are our joy, our delight, and our eternal inheritance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to your glory and for the benefit off for whom we pray. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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your Connection Card and your presence this morning are your gifts.
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We stand #692

“We Are an Offering”

1 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

2 All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

3 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♩ 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM Spoken

♪ 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

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.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Thank the Lord”

9AM only



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray, Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#876

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

LYO FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS! Thank you to all those that have served! LYO made Thank You cards for all the veterans in the local nursing homes in town. Each card had a bookmark with a Bible verse on it. The cards were delivered to the veterans on Monday in honor of Veterans Day. Join us in praying for these mighty warriors today & every day! Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods for the Pantry! They appreciated our delivery!

Celebrating an Awesome Year of St. Peter Blood Drives! Following our last quarterly St. Peter sponsored Blood Drive on Nov 3rd, once again there was an AWESOME turnout of donors. There were 22 persons who pre-registered and 30 persons who showed up. With the "life giving spirit" of both the donors and those who attempted to donate, there was a total of 27 units of life-giving units collected!! with this outcome, there's a potential of helping 80+ local patients. The drives sponsored by our church have a history of exceeding the goals set by South Texas Blood and Tissue staff, and I am most grateful for the prayers, donors, and supporters of this important and vital outreach of our congregation. As our blood drives for 2025 have already been scheduled, may this ministry of helping those persons in need of blood products continue being a blessing to the donors and the recipients of this life-saving gift. IT is such a privilege to assist with this program! Barb Grindeland, Coordinator
SAVE THE DATES FOR 2025: Feb 2nd, May 4th, August 3rd, & Nov 2nd

TODAY: 1st Steps Class 10:30 am-3:30 pm (*lunch provided*): Anyone who is interested in joining St. Peter, or just needs a refresher course, come on down!

Monday, Nov 18th MIM & WIM Meeting: Special guest Lavaca County Archives & Retention Center-Brenda Fissler

Wednesday, Nov 20th Family Faith Formation 6:00 pm -7:30 pm Family Advent Wreath Making Night! We will eat, learn together, and make an Advent Wreath. Please RSVP on the GroupMe App.

Tuesday, Nov 26th Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm *Sacred Heart*

St. Nicholas Ministry is asking for your help again this year. Boxes can be found upstairs by the front door and in the fellowship hall across from the elevator.

Items needed: monetary donations, toys, non-perishable food, Christmas wrapping paper, blankets, quilts, toiletries, books, bibles. They are also asking for help wrapping gifts, picking up items at collection sites, distribution, and deliveries. If you are interested, please call Mimi Richter at 979-877-4544.

Solid Rock Bingo “Let’s Fiesta” One-half Hog Processed Raffle Tickets are available in the office for \$5.00. *Only 500 tickets will be sold, and you have 2 chances to win.*

Monday, Nov 25th & 26th @ 1:00 pm Decorating St. Peter for Christmas: If you would be available and would like to help out, please text or call Sophie Teltschik at 979-732-7870.

Solid Rock “Let’s Fiesta Bingo” If you would like to donate an item/items to the Silent Auction, please let Kari know in the office by **Dec 16th**.

SPECIAL ADVENT CONCERT: Wednesday, Dec 11th (*Sponsored by St. Peter & Sacred Heart*) David Kauffman, songwriter, recording artist, and composer of many Acts Retreat Songs is coming to Sacred Heart. Come enjoy an evening of Song and Story for Healing and Hope.

YTD (Jan-Oct '24) \$232,627.73; **EXPENSES** \$256,269.51
DIFFERENCE +/- -\$23,641.78 (*due to increased insurance rate*)

Attendance:

Sunday, Nov 10: 9AM 114/5PM 8

Openings for:

Flowers: Dec 1, 8 (**2025 Flower/Radio Sponsorships are available**)

Serving Next Weekend Nov 17

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Darlene Stacy

Communion Clean Up: Barb Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Kevin Sullivan, Trent Skelton, Cal Bonzer, & Michael Woytek

Acolytes: Maggie Stillions and Caroline Duty

Power Point Sunday: Sophie Teltschik

Altar Flowers given by Jo Tieken in celebration of Ashley’s Birthday

Radio Ministry given by Linda Smith in Thanksgiving for God’s Blessings

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

This Week @ St. Peter

- Sun** Nov 17, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Youth Christian Learning, & 10:30 1st Steps Class, 3:00 pm Nursing Home, 5:00 pm Worship Service
Mon Nov 18, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Men & Women in Mission Meeting
Tue Nov 19, 7:00 pm Prayer Group
Wed Nov 20, 6:00 pm Family Faith Night
Thu Nov 21, 5:00 pm Worship Meeting, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon
Sat Nov 23, FH Solid Rock Training
Sun Nov 24, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Youth Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Serving Next Weekend Nov 24

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

Communion Set Up: Darlene Stacy

Communion Clean Up: Barb Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Kevin Sullivan, Trent Skelton, Cal Bonzer, & Michael Woytek

Acolytes: Julie & Clay Henke

Power Point Sunday: Barbara Koehn

Altar Flowers given by Luther & Earlene Lorfing in celebration of our 11th Wedding Anniversary

Radio Ministry given by Women in Mission in memory of Bessie Garner

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Tammy Garner

Organist: Denise Drozd

Our Prayer List:— *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

Concerns for: Jerry Bonewald, Beverly Green, The Miller Family, Howard Loewe, Leroy Schroeder, Cheryl Whitley, James Kubecka, Carol Pope, The Wick Family, Dwayne Shafer, Mary Ward, Heather Smith, Kris Shafer, Bernice Brown, Pr. Amy Little, Barbara Steen

Extended concerns: Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Larry Stillions, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment

Grieving Families of: Francis Christ, Bill Drozd, Ashley Ehbort, A.J. Kutac, Celia Ann Kruse, Billy Hrcir, Milton Mika, Aleks Medrano, Gene Adee, Patsy Klimitchek, Victor Vasek, Evelyn Lishinski, Bessie Garner, Sarah Sralik, Bubba Pustejovsky, Irene Gummelt, Pr. Phil Baker, Carl Tieken, Dorothy Ehler

St. Peter Lutheran Church Highlights
November 4, 2024

- Council installation is set for January 12, 2025.
- Benevolence will meet Tuesday, December 3 at 5:15pm.
- Hurry, there is a limited number of tickets left for Solid Rock Purse Bingo on January 11, 2025.
- Annual Reports are due February 1, 2025.
- Annual Thanksgiving Meal & 80 and over Celebration is November 10.
- David Kaufmann Concert is December 11, 7pm at Sacred Heart. *(sponsored by St. Peter & Sacred Heart)*
- December 4 and December 18, St. Peter will have Advent Services with a potluck meal at 6pm and Service at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATES IN DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec 1st Youth Christmas Program 2nd Practice 10:30 am

Tuesday, Dec 3rd 5:30 pm Benevolence Meeting

Wednesdays, Dec 4th & 18th Advent Services 6:00 pm Potluck Meal; 7:00 pm Service

Sunday, Dec 8th, 9:00 am St. Peter Youth/Solid Rock Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec 11, 7:00 pm David Kauffman Advent Concert

Saturday, Dec 14th St. Nicholas Distribution

Saturday, Dec 21st Conaway/Gilliam Wedding

Tuesday, Dec 24th 4:00 pm & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec 25th 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Dec 29th 9:00 am Lessons & Carols Service

ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW 693)

Text by Henry Alford; Music by George J. Elvey

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)

Text by Joseph A. Seiss; Music by Silesian folk tune

**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!**

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876)

Text by Stopford A. Brooke; Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.

2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"