

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*

The 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC
9:00am Worship

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time.

If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Today continues our journey that focuses on who are called to be as disciples of Jesus. November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Again welcome...

This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Jesus Lover of My Soul*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

PRELUDE *Surely God is With Us*

Mullins

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

Please turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for † his sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God. **Amen.**

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840
(Red Book)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

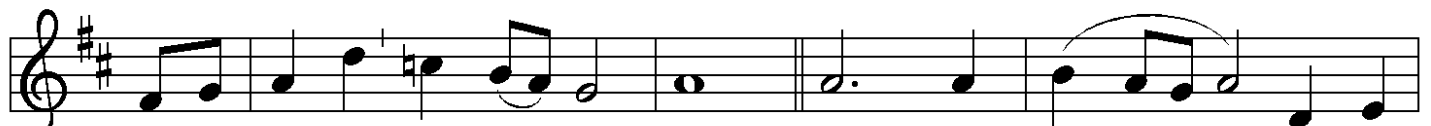


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

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.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from Daniel.

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. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those 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.

PSALM: Psalm 16

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

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

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

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

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

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

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

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

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

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

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

READING: Hebrews 10:11-25

A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his

enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And 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,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not 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.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³When 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?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

Hope & Promise

We stand.

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment

let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two systems.

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es, stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand - ing,
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

stand - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
stand - ing on the prom-is-es,

NEW DISCIPLES: PUBLIC PROFESSION OF THEIR FAITH

Dion and Breanna Metze

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?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

APOSTLES' CREED

D and Breanna, I ask you and this community to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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.***

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Dion and Breanna, be reminded that you are a child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let us welcome the new disciples into this community of faith.
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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.*

Please also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

W&P 41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Creator God,

you made everything, and you provide for every need.

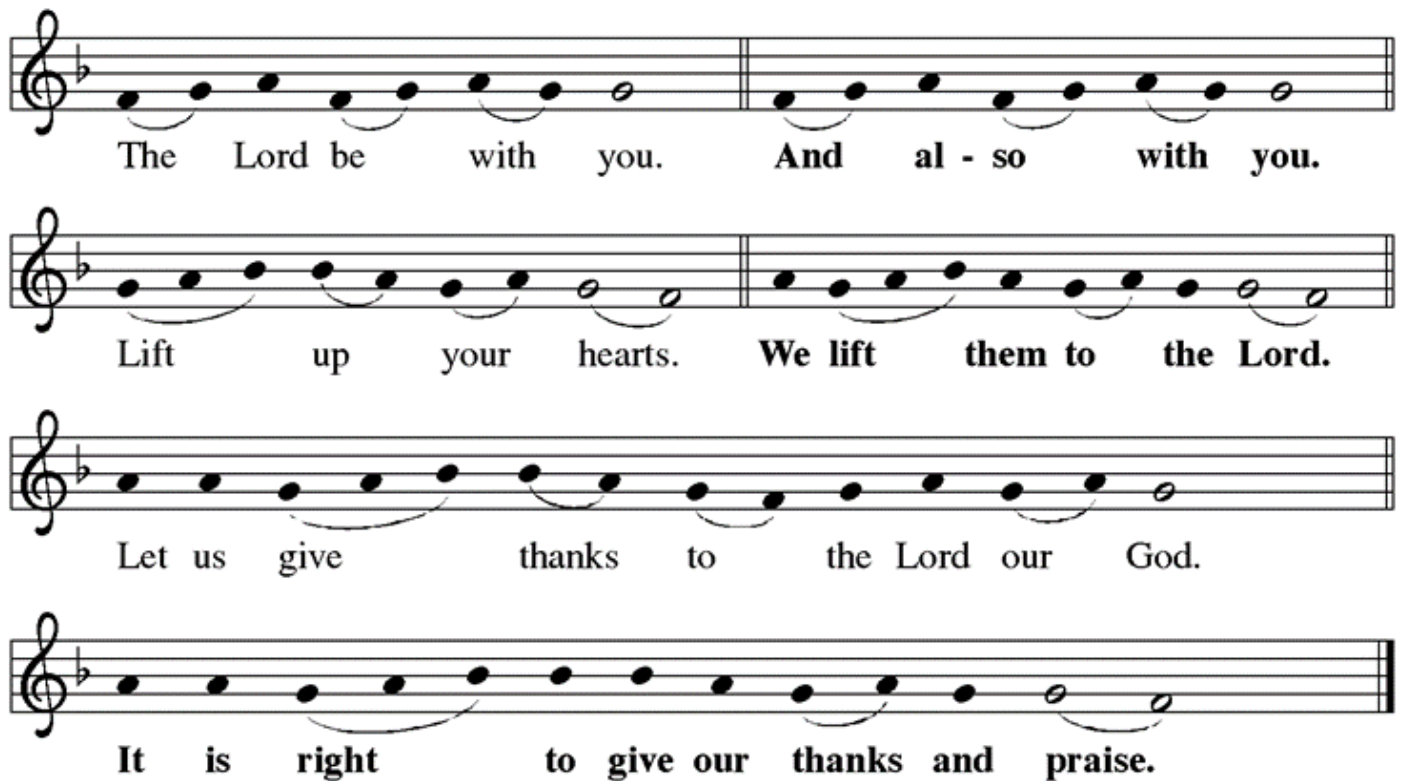
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love;

let that love flow through us to others;

and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



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.

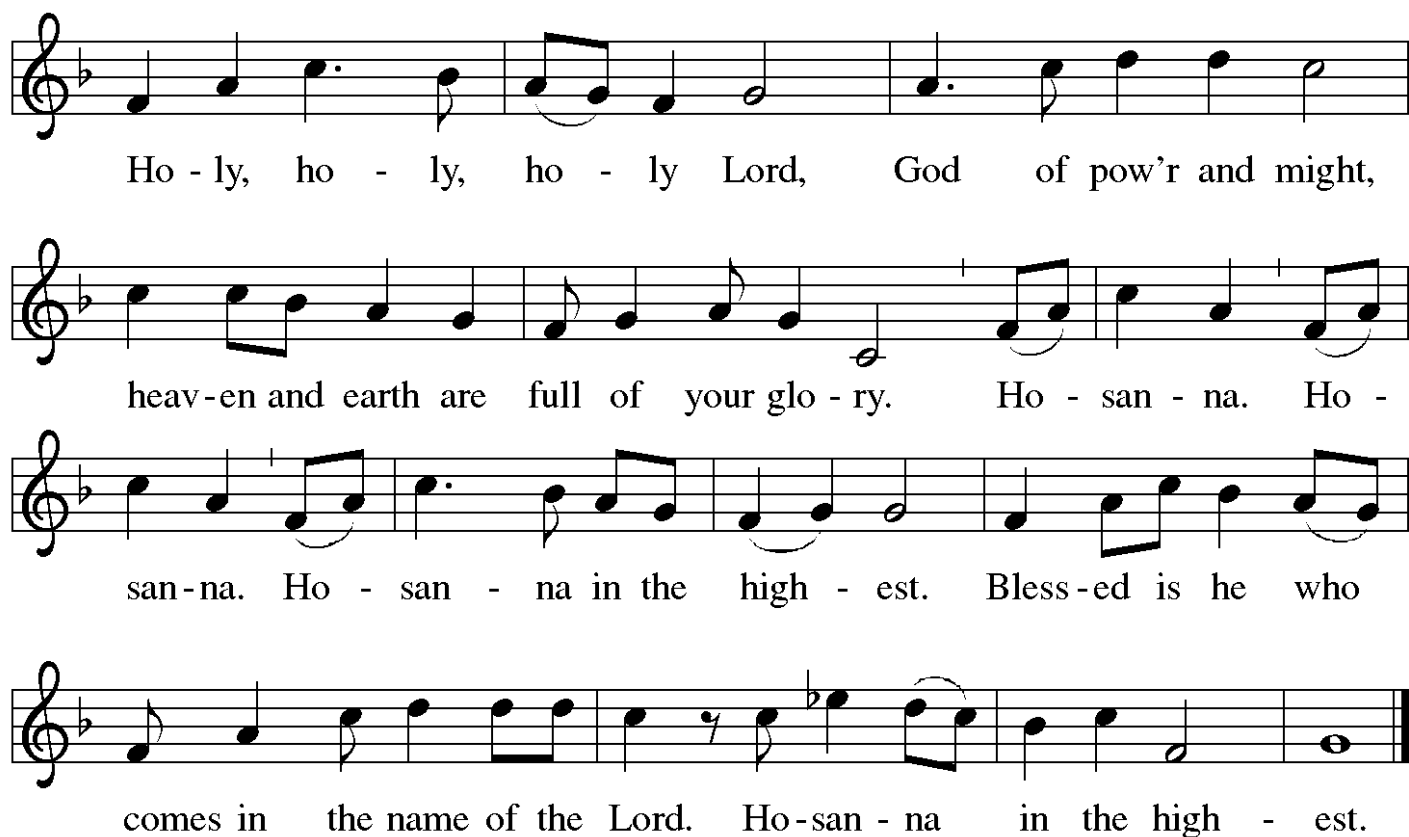
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

You give hope to a broken world. Your covenant knits us together as one people. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

O God of resurrection and new life. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Reveal yourself in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours, Holy Father, Eternal Word, Spirit of Peace, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.

Come to the banquet of life.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

W&P 83

Lord, Listen to your Children

W&P 91

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

W&P 92

We stand.

BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
of the great feast to come.***

***Keep us faithful to you,
that we, with all your saints,
may at length celebrate
the marriage feast of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God surround you;
the grace of † Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,
now and forevermore.

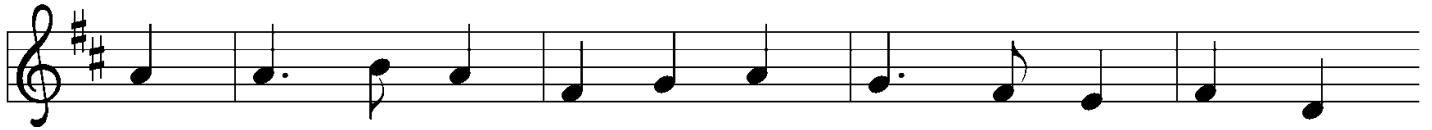
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

HYMN

We Praise you, O God

ELW 870



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



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

Sent forth into the world to remember the covenant, we go to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Glazer

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Marie Kleckley.

The annual congregational meeting is Today. The Annual meeting is to elect 4 adult council members and one youth. We will also vote on the 2019 Spending Plan.

November 20th 7:00pm The annual Thanksgiving Service will be at All Saints Episcopal 1001 12th St, Cayce, SC 29033. Pastor Gina will be assisting in the service, as well as, other pastors in the West Metro Clergy Association. A reception follows the service.

Christmas Poinsettias Please help decorate the sanctuary this season with the purchase of a poinsettia remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$8.50 again this year. Please use your Christmas Flowers offering envelope, complete the back of the envelope identifying if it's "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" and place it in the offering.

You are Invited

to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child.
Participate in the Free Garage Sale & Angel Tree

Ways to Help:

- Buy gifts for a child on the Angel Tree
- Donate items for the Free Garage Sale
 - (Set them along the walls in the Assembly Room.)
- Help sort donated items
 - (Tables will be set up by Friday, Dec. 7 for sorting)
- Volunteer at the Free Garage Sale
 - (Friday, Dec. 14 & Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9:00 – 12:30)
- Please let Diane Boulware know if you can help!



WELCA Meeting You are invited to the WELCA's All Women's Meeting Sunday, November 18 4:00pm-5:00pm. We will discuss our plans for next year and how we're going to end this year. We've gone through a lot of changes this year. God has blessed us in so many ways!

Member Care Committee meeting Monday, November 19th at 6:30 pm

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	Serving Today*	Serving November 25*
Greeter:	Kay Bryant	Karen Nicholson
Crucifer:	Perry Bouknight	Joel Price Sr.
Acolytes:	Ainsley Allen Addison Allen	Mitch Stevens Addison Allen
Lector:	Devona Price	Kay Bryant
Communion Asst.	Bryce Addy Wynne Price Perry Bouknight	Angie Hydrick Emily Morris Joel Price Sr.
Children's Sermon:	Pastor Gina	Mary Koon
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Jamie Allen & Alyson Price	Grace Roof, Larry Amick & Kay Bryant
Food Pantry:	Nov 21 st Diane Boulware	Nov 28 th Connie Bucknam

Serving in November*

Council Representative:

Ann Addy

Altar Guild:

Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tabulators:

Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Doris Carver, Jane Sexton, Mary Frances Sease

Ushers:

Jeff Price, Marion Leaphart, Jim Whitaker, Al Stevens

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am*

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Lexington Place* Margie Hook, *Home*
Pearl Dennis, *HarborChase* Lib Swygert, *Lowman Home*
Gloria Mathias, *Home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*
Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home* Patricia Bachman, *Pruitt Health*
Connie Bucknam, *Lexington Ext. Care*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Hazel Bockus Lynwood Crout
Suzie Wattenbarger Clifton Addy Mary Frances Hamilton
Mary Frances Sease Perry Bouknight

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam)
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Scott Coleman (Thurman)
Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)
W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi)
Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)
Edwin Porter (Marie Kleckley)
Doris Landry (Buddy Hydrick)
Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)
Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)
Charles Price (Angie Hydrick)
Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)
Sue Reeves (Thurman)
Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi)
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances*
Becky Richardson (Sheila Eargle)
Jason Thurman (Thurman)
Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)
Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy)
Ted Powell, *friend of Angie Hydrick's son, Chris Pollock*
Evelyn Newman, *friend of Ricky and Fran Bouknight*
Charlotte Martindle family (Kelli Mills)
Kaiden Robinson (Kelli Mills)



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Sextons, *Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert*

Sunday, November 18

26th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30am Annual Meeting

4:00pm Confirmation

5:00pm LCY Events

7:00pm Youth Music

Monday, November 19

6:30pm Member Care Meeting

Tuesday, November 20

1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class

2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class

7:00pm Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Episcopal, West Columbia

Wednesday, November 21

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 22 - Friday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed