St. Luke's Lutheran Church

"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

Sunday, November 22, 2026

10:15 AM



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Our Mission Statement
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Christ the King November 22, 2026

Welcome to St. Luke's. Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Blue Welcome Cards help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Holy Communion All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Rest Rooms are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

Ushers and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked ╬

WELCOME

PRELUDE ***"Blessing and Honor"*** Simone

The organ chimes call us to worship.

INTRODUCTION
On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ╬

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel as you are able.

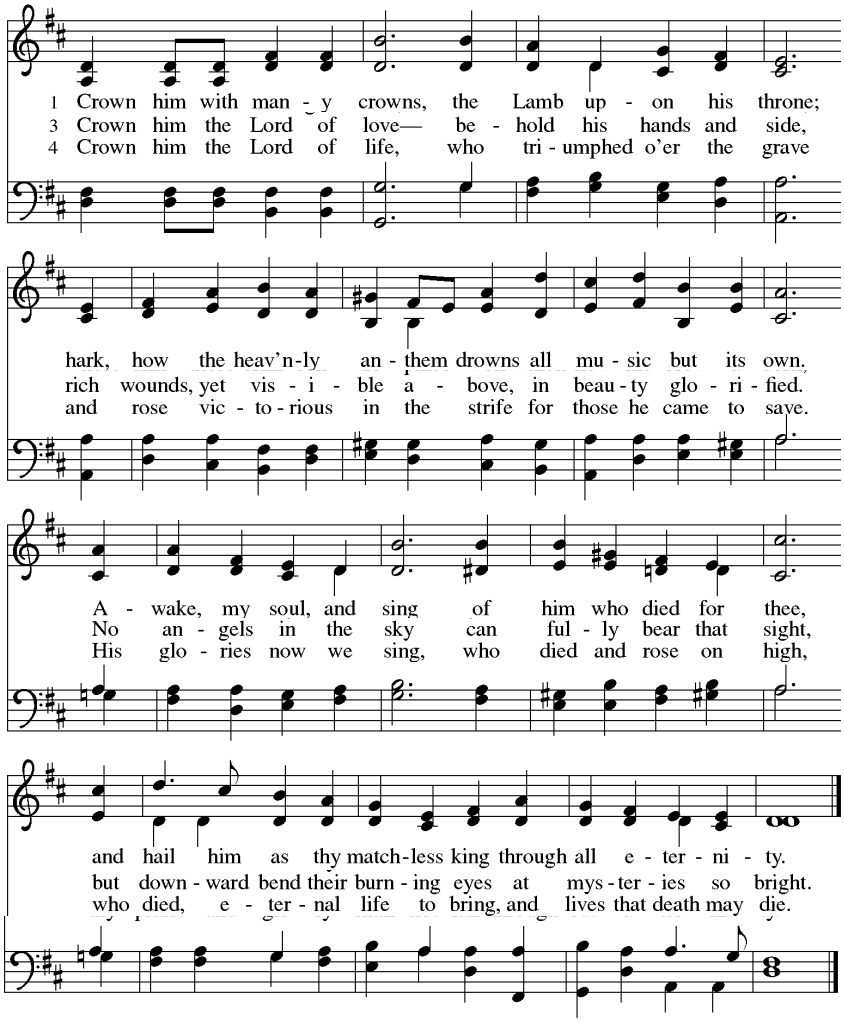
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

PEACE ╬

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

GATHERING HYMN ╬ ***"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*** #855 vs 1,3,4

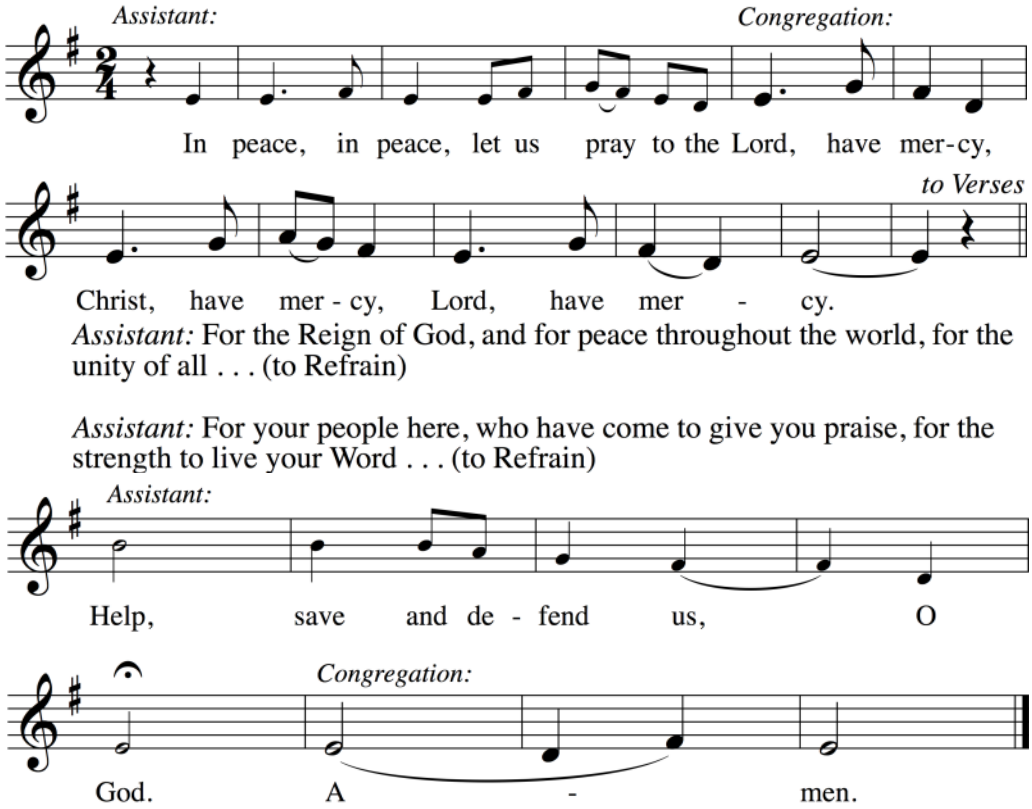


GREETING ╬

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.

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Refrain

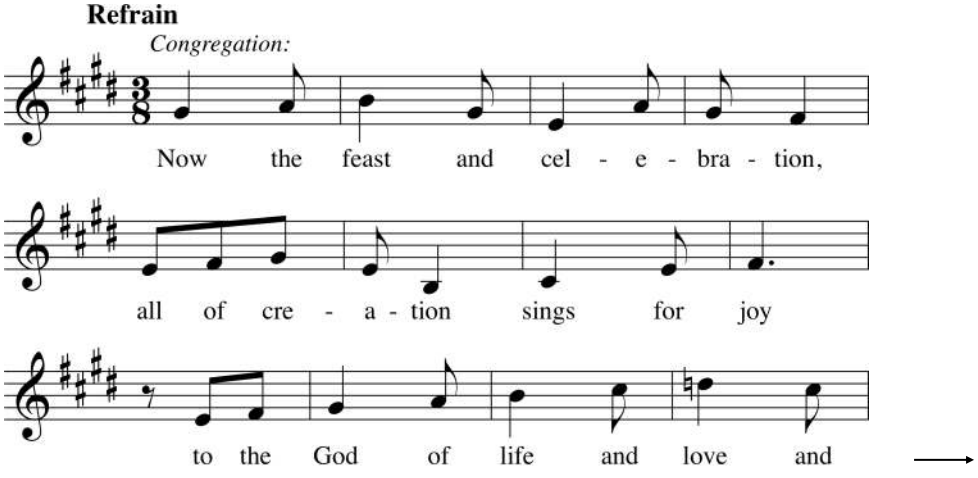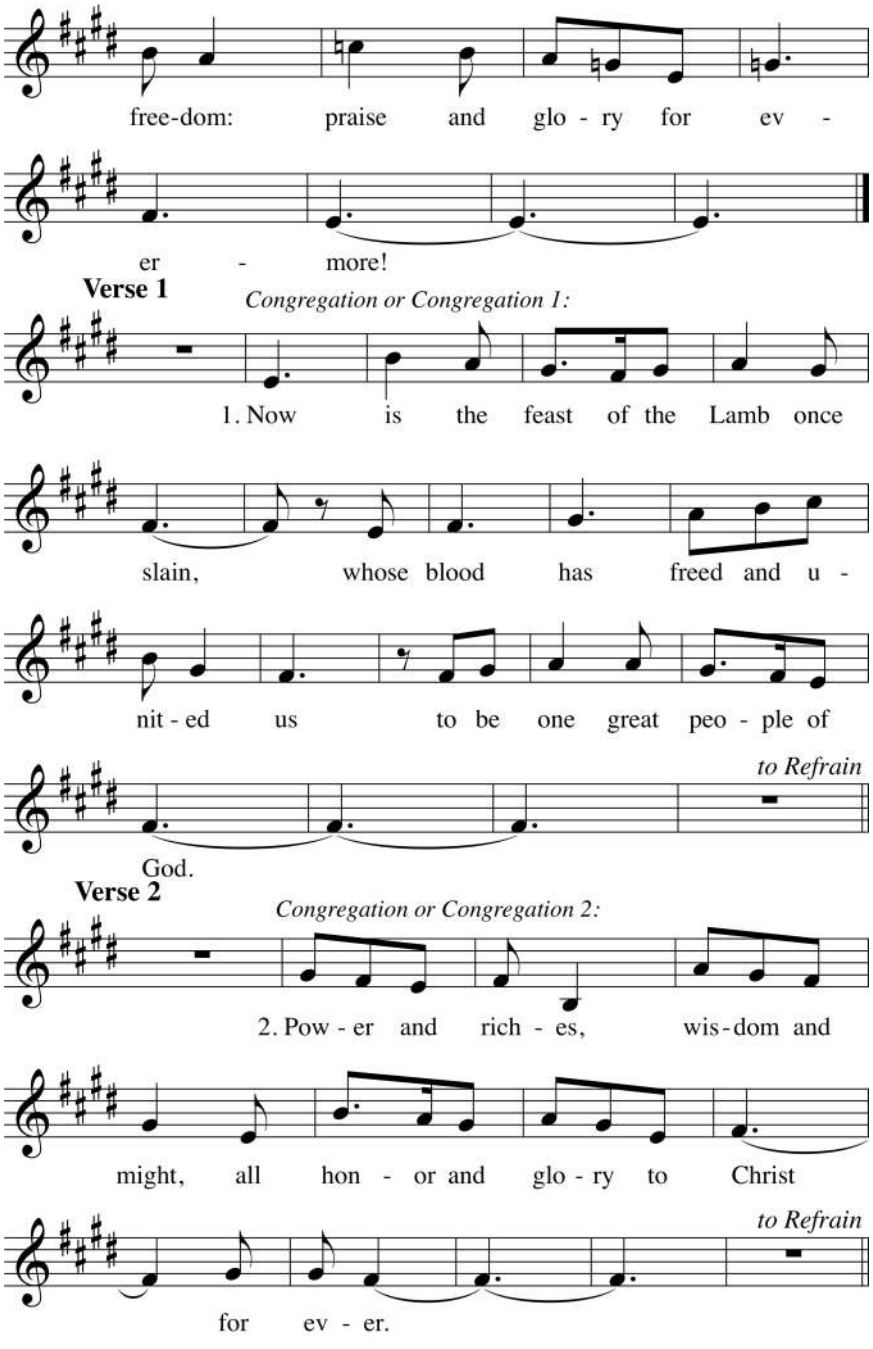


Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

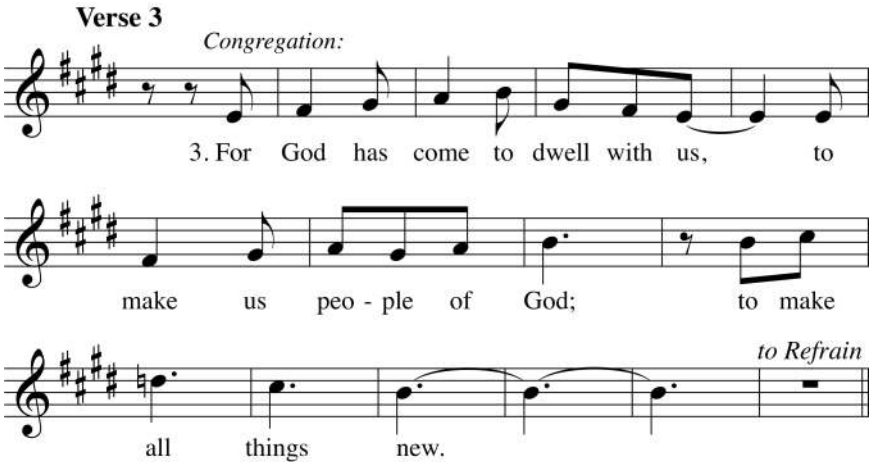
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain




free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!
Verse 1
Congregation or Congregation 1:
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
to Refrain
God.
Verse 2
Congregation or Congregation 2:
2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
to Refrain
for ev - er.



PRAYER OF THE DAY ╬
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Dawn Arheit

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord
God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with
justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the →

weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
[23] Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24] But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God
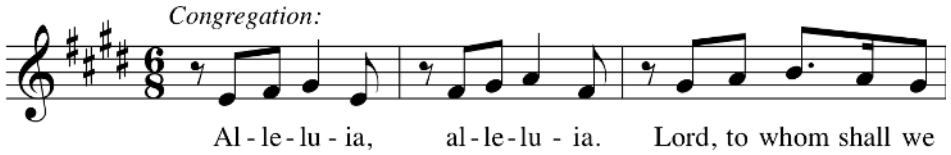
ANTHEM ***"Prayer of Thanksgiving"*** Kemser

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23
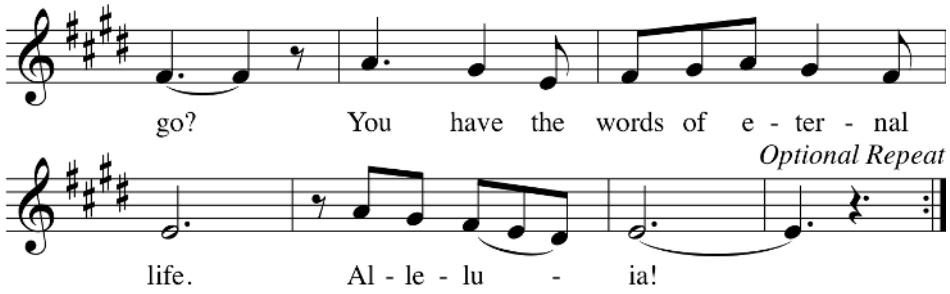
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand
in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he
has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ╬



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HOLY GOSPEL: ╬ Matthew 25:31-46
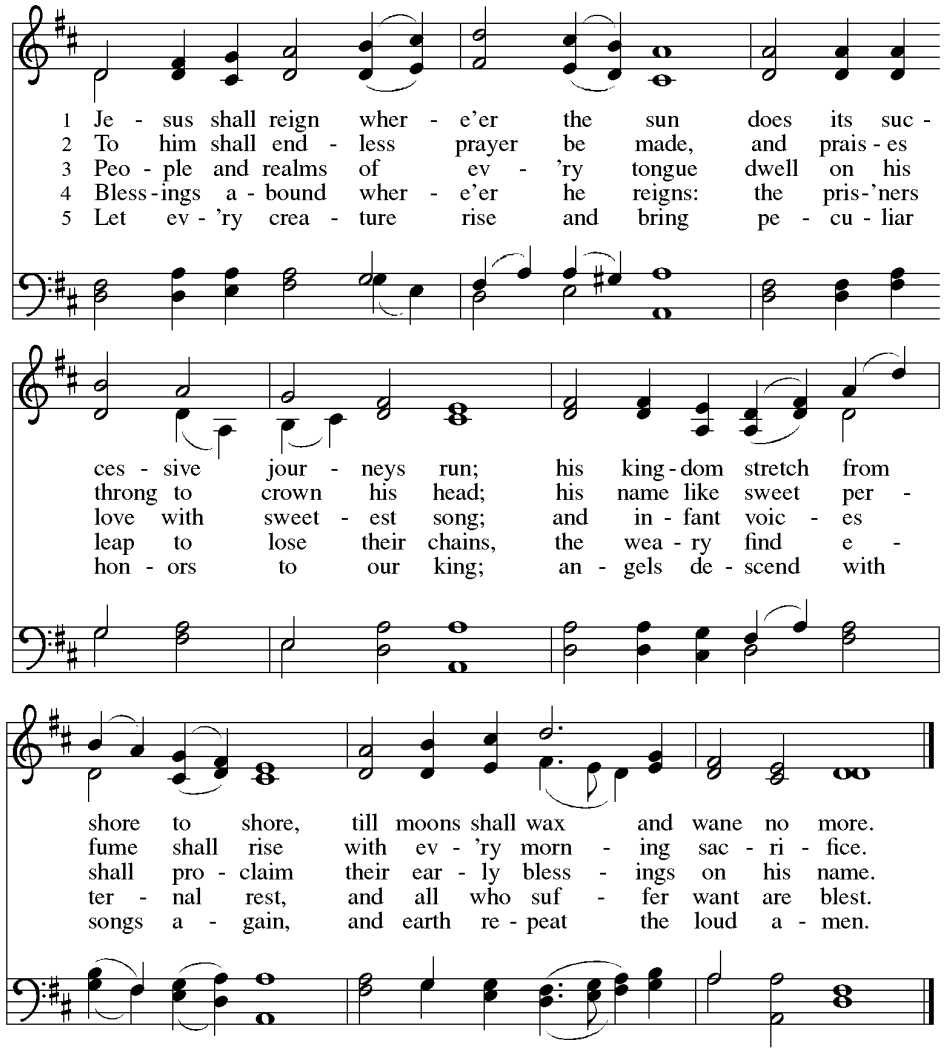
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Art Wilde**

HYMN OF THE DAY ╬ ***"Jesus Shall Reign"*** #434



APOSTLES CREED ╬

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.

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

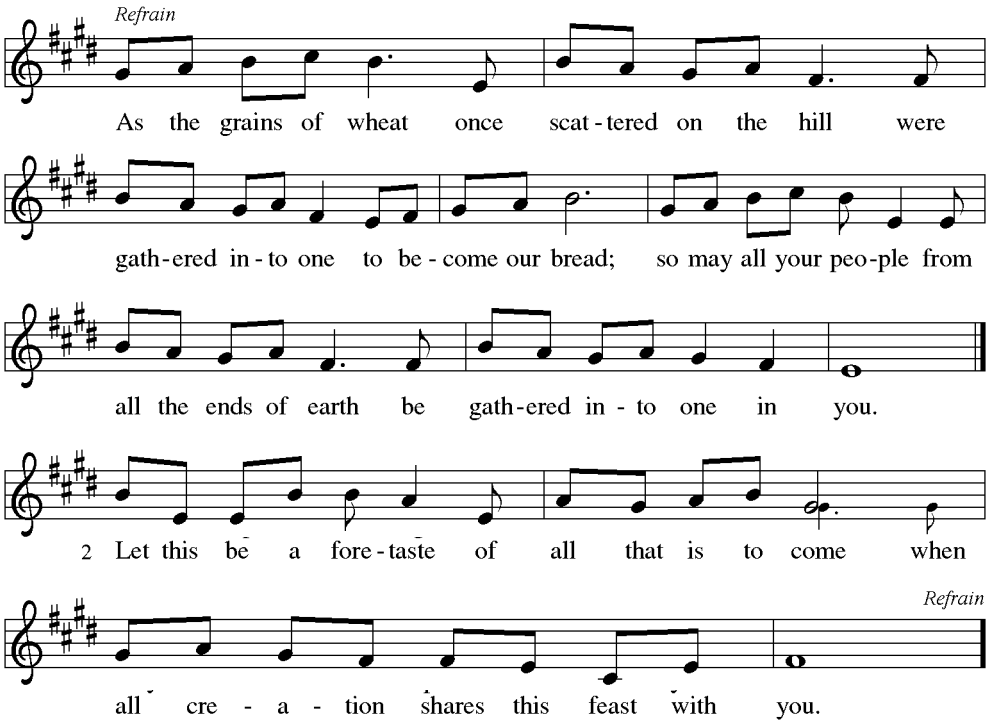
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ╬

Response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Voluntary ***"Jesus, My Joy"*** Bach

OFERTORY HYMN ╬ ***"As the Grains of Wheat"*** #144 vs 2



OFFERTORY PRAYER ╬

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING ╬

DIALOGUE ╬

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

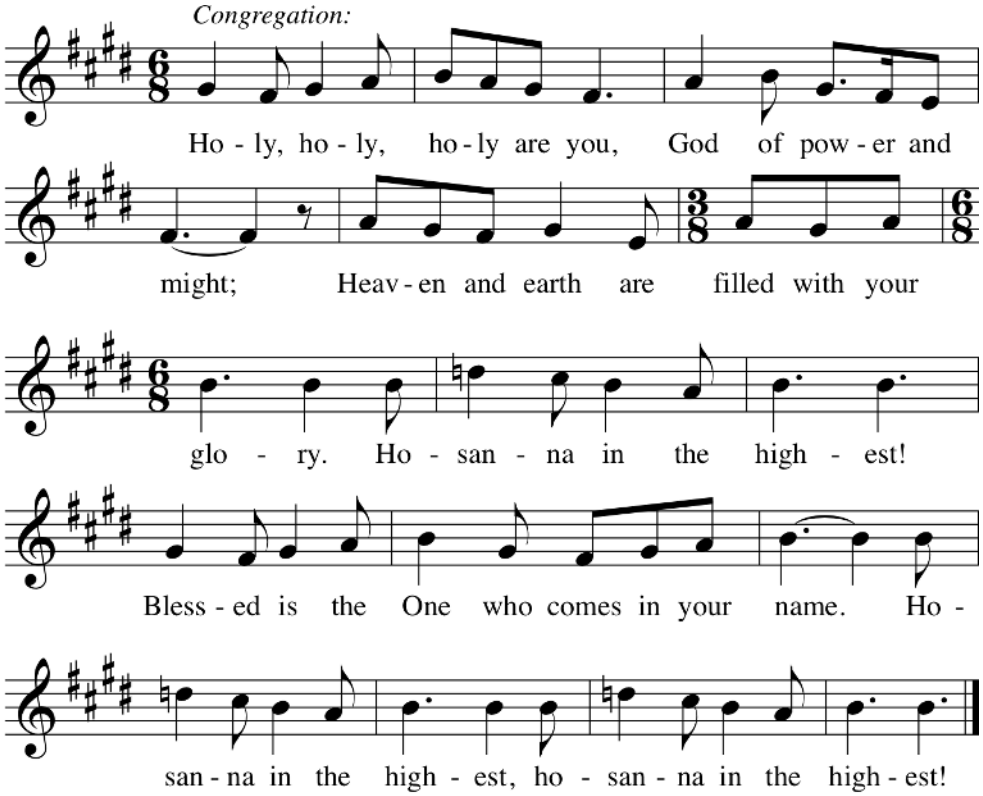
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE ╬

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ╬



WORDS OF INSTITUTION ╬

LORD'S PRAYER ╬

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

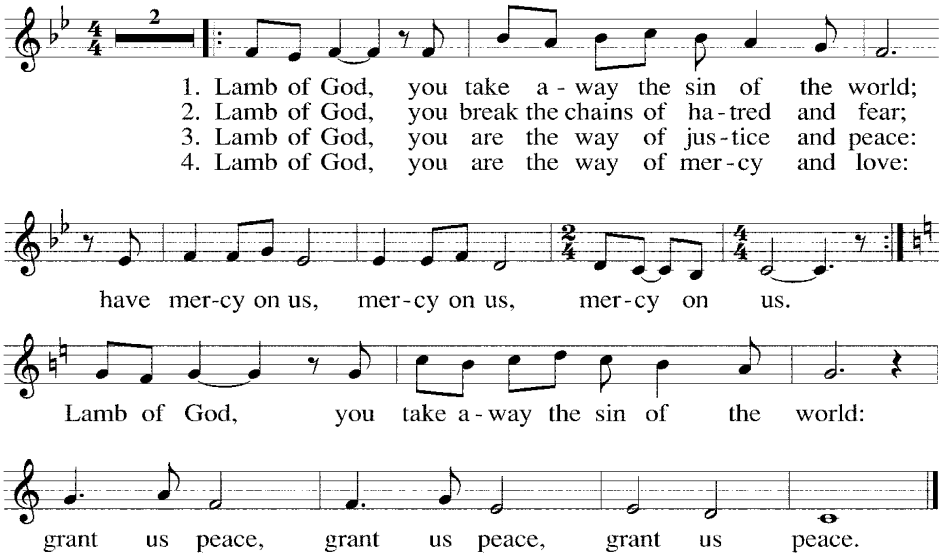
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER ╬

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD
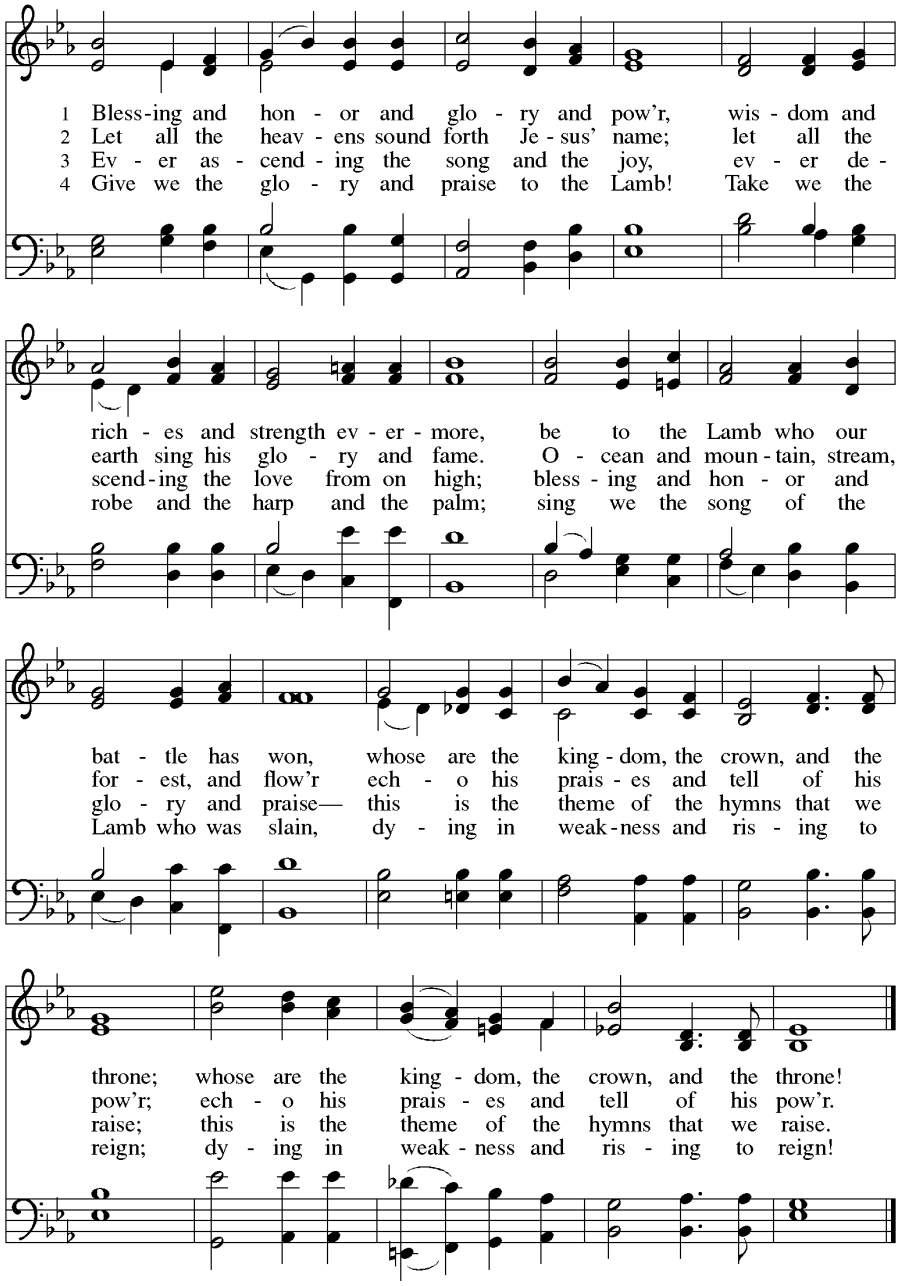


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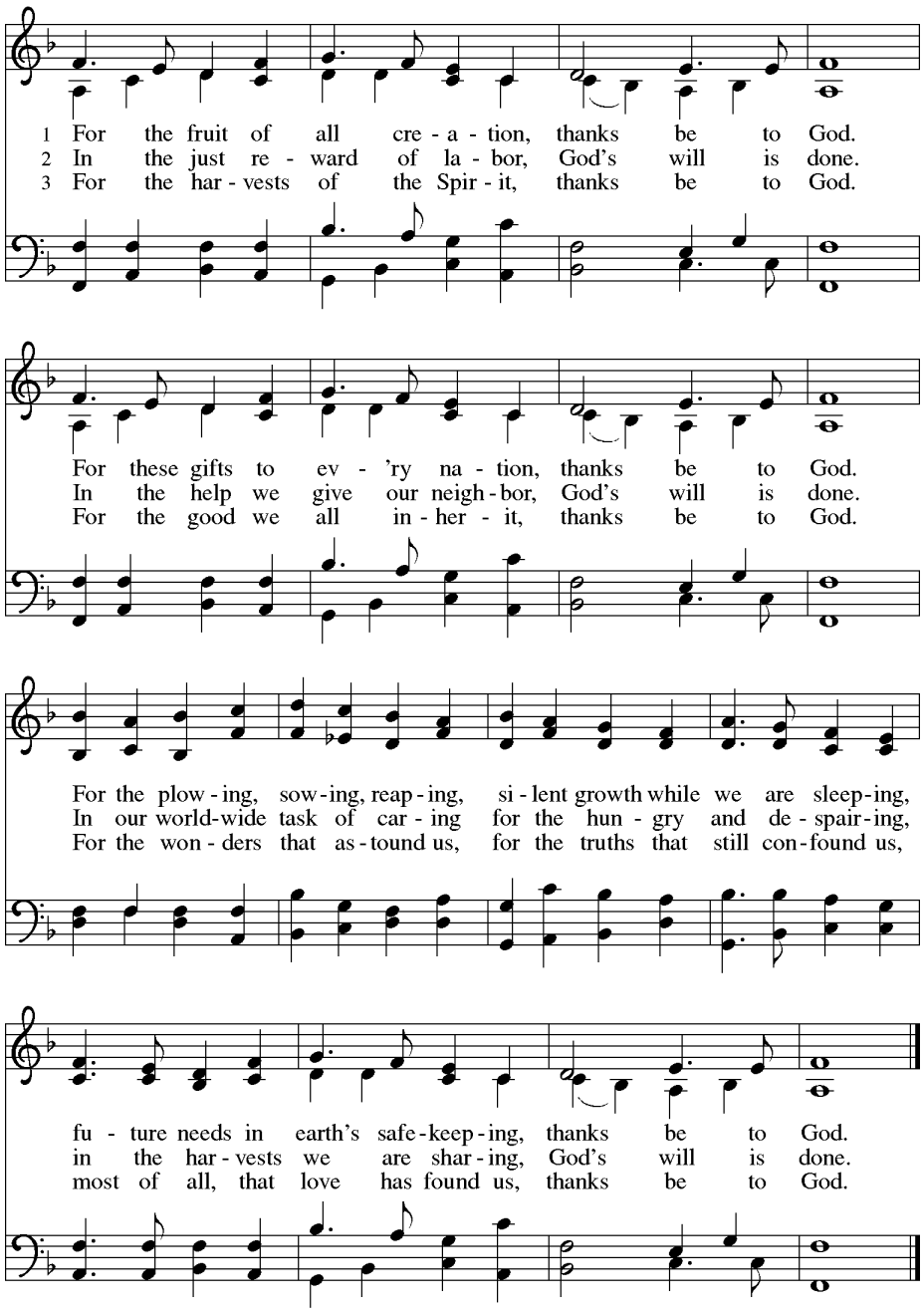
This morning communion is served continuously. Come forward down the center aisle as directed by the ushers and receive the bread—the body of Christ—from the pastor. Take a glass from the tray and move to the wine servers. (The pre-filled glasses are grape

juice.) When finished, place the cup in the basket and return to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS ***"Blessing and Honor"*** #854



"For the Fruit of All Creation" #679

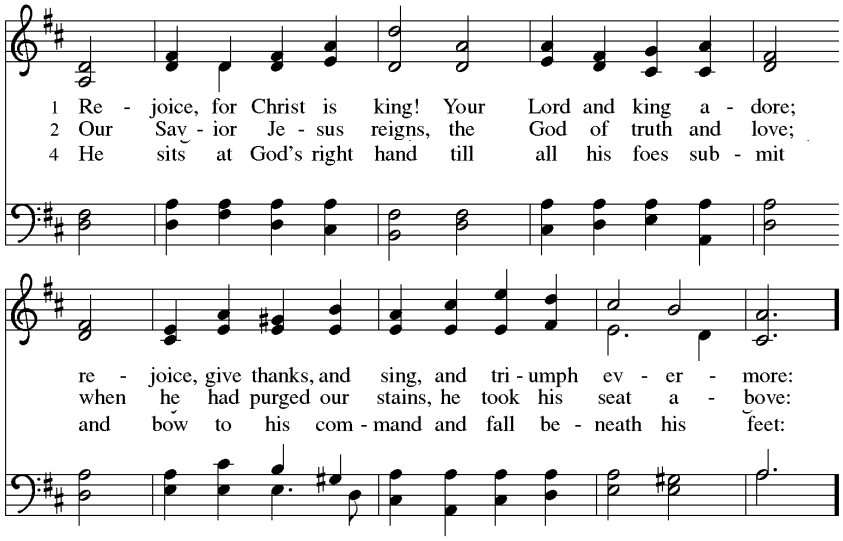


EUCHARISTIC BLESSING ╬
The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

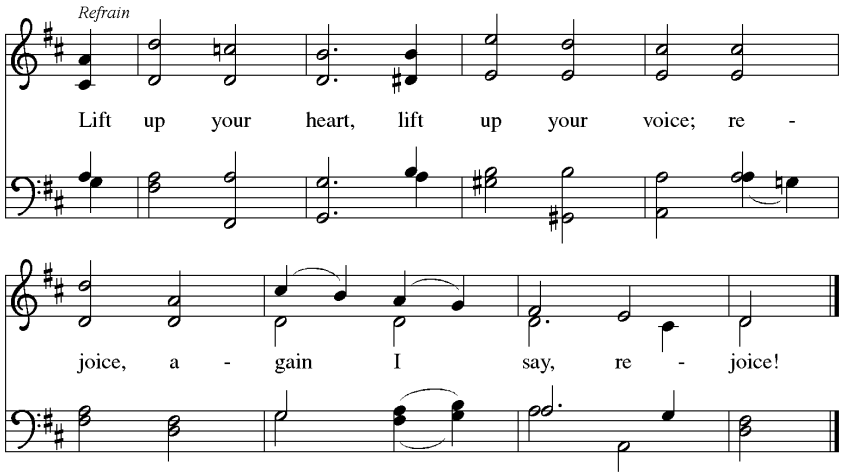
POST COMMUNION PRAYER ╬
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION ╬
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ╬ ***"Rejoice, for Christ is King!"*** #430 vs 1,2,4



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DISMISSAL ╬
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Silent prayer with chimes.

POSTLUDE ***"We're Marching to Zion"*** Held

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	**Today, SUNDAY 11/22**	**NEXT SUNDAY 11/29**
Worship Leader	Pastor Art Wilde	Pastor Mark Bauer
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Acolyte	Delaney Cardenas	Julianna Lewis
Children's Message	Dawn Arheit	Marcy Reeves
Lector	Dee Sherer	Sarah Oleson
Communion Servers	Lee Moritz, Mary Trueblood	Lois Kennedy, Linda Mann
Ushers	Dee Sherer, Phil Trueblood	Bill Oleson, Dick Fisher
Altar Guild	Beth Arheit McCarty	Beth Arheit McCarty



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by
James & Alison Williams for Lauren's birthday

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. (WELCA)

Projects for November & December

Global Mission Thankoffering:
Turned in to be blessed on Sunday, November 22nd for National Welca (Bring your checks made out to WELCA and place them in the offering plates)

Local Mission Project:
Angel Tree Benefits Churches United Pantry (C.U.P.) Take a tag or two, buy the item & bring it to church and place it in the box next to the tree.

Local Mission Project:
Hats, Mittens, Scarves and warm socks for Salvation Army (delivered before Christmas)



Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. It's also time to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, November 22** – Christ the King Sunday – to help with the trees, wreaths, garland, and other seasonal decorations which beautify our church.



Sunday, November 29, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Second Sunday of Avent

Sunday, December 13, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Third Sunday of Advent



DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Payment must accompany the order! Please make check payable to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please call Robin at the church 419-227-1961. Orders should be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. You can also find order forms in the Gathering Area.

Number of Red Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ $14.00 per

Number of White Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ $14.00 per

Number of Pink Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ $14.00 per

Your name:_____

Phone # _____Amount enclosed:_____

DEDICATIONS

In loving memory of:_____

_____

In honor of:_____

_____

In celebration of:_____

_____

Please check one of the following:

I will pick up my plant(s) at the 12/24 service _____
Please deliver to a shut-in _____

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Sun, 11/22		Hanging of the Greens
Mon 11/23	12-3 pm	CUP
Tues, 11/24	9:00 am	Herald Assembly
Wed, 11/25		OFFICE CLOSED
Thur 11/26		OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Sun, 11/29	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Choir Christian Education Hour Liturgy of Holy Communion

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadows of Marion - Dorothy
Lockhaven - Barb
Wyngate Senior Living - Glen & Elizabeth

Pat, Ida, Madison, Judy, Norman, Natalia, Andrew, Timothy, Susan, Florian, Karen, David

Scripture readings for 11/29/2026

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



"NUMBERS" from November 15, 2026"

Attendance: 60
Giving: $2,011.80 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

Staff	*Congregational Leadership*
Interim Hospital Visitation Pastor - Samuel Payne (Cell:419-371-9774) Organist – Sandy Miller Choir Director – Brian Reeves Office Secretary – Robin Hefner	President - Rich Moritz Vice President - James Williams Secretary - Lois Kennedy Treasurer - Alison Williams Tyler Arheit Susie Cornell Perry Luhn Marcy Reeves Jane Williams

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