St. Thomas Church
Anglican – Episcopal
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25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026

10:00 AM

Visitors & Newcomers: Welcome to St. Thomas! Please consider signing our guest book located at the back of the church or filling out a Welcome Card found in your pew. You are invited to join us in the parish hall after service for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Children of all ages are welcome to join the congregation during service. Rocking chairs, busy bags, and children's bulletins are available near the entrance. We also have a staffed nursery for children in preschool or younger.

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HOLY COMMUNION ~ RITE II

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Not Here for High & Holy Things

Hymnal #9

1. Not here for high and holy things
we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea,

2. The royal robes of autumn moors
the golden gates of spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights,
the silver glistering
of all the million million stars,
the silent song they sing,

3. Of faith and hope and love undimmed,
undying still through death,
the resurrection of the world,
what time there comes the breath
of dawn that rustles through the trees,
and that clear voice that saith:

4. Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry,
their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.

5. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up,
great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set thy soul ablaze,

6. to give and give, and give again,
what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;
to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

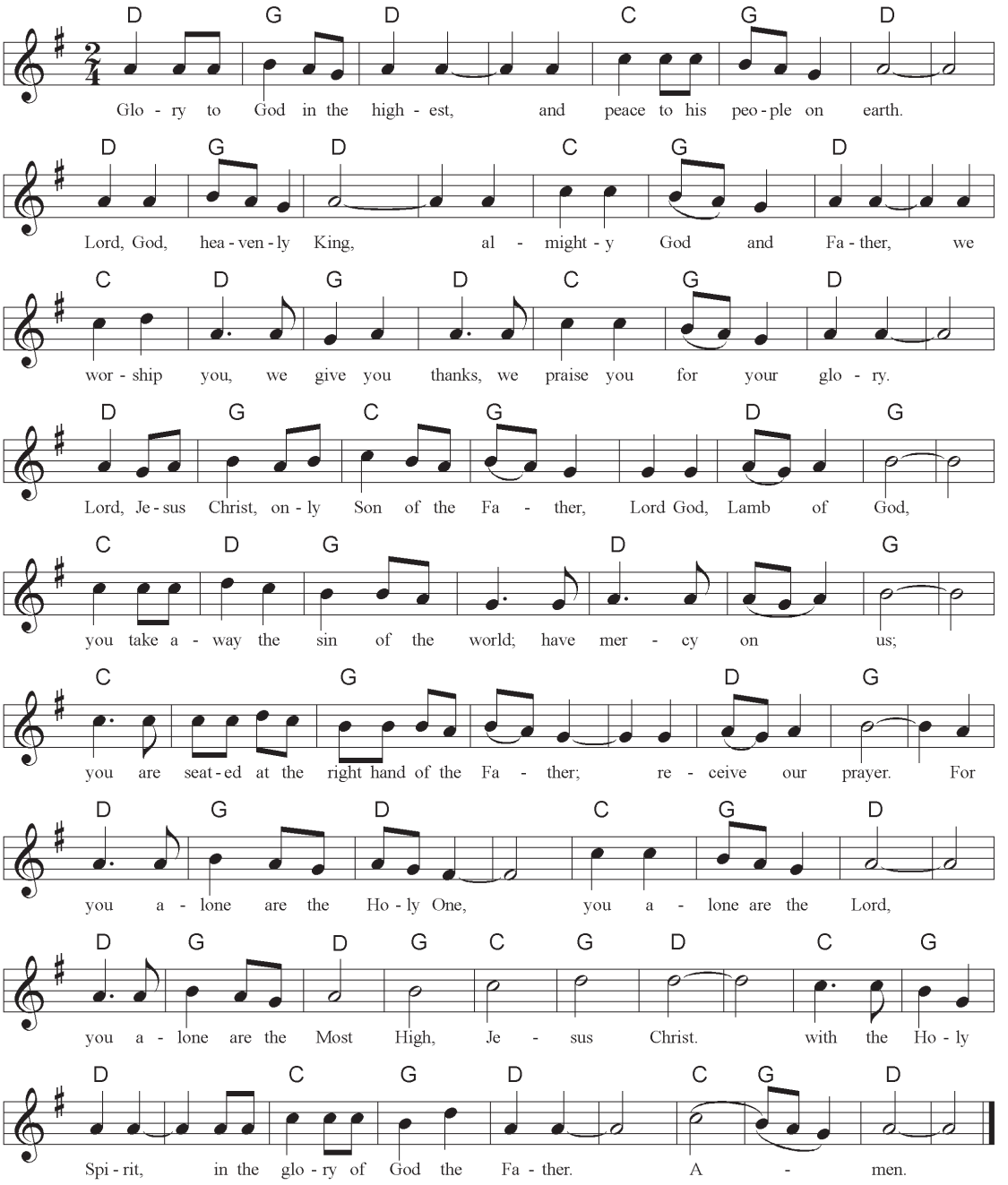
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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

GLORIA

Good News Folk Mass

Robert Holt
Fr. Gary Leeson



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Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSON Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

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

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
who rightly fears your indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL I Love You Lord Renew #36 (once through / Gospel / once through)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my king, in what you hear:
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

I Love You Lord cont. Renew #36

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my king, in what you hear:
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

SERMON

Rev. Loretta Mendoza

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

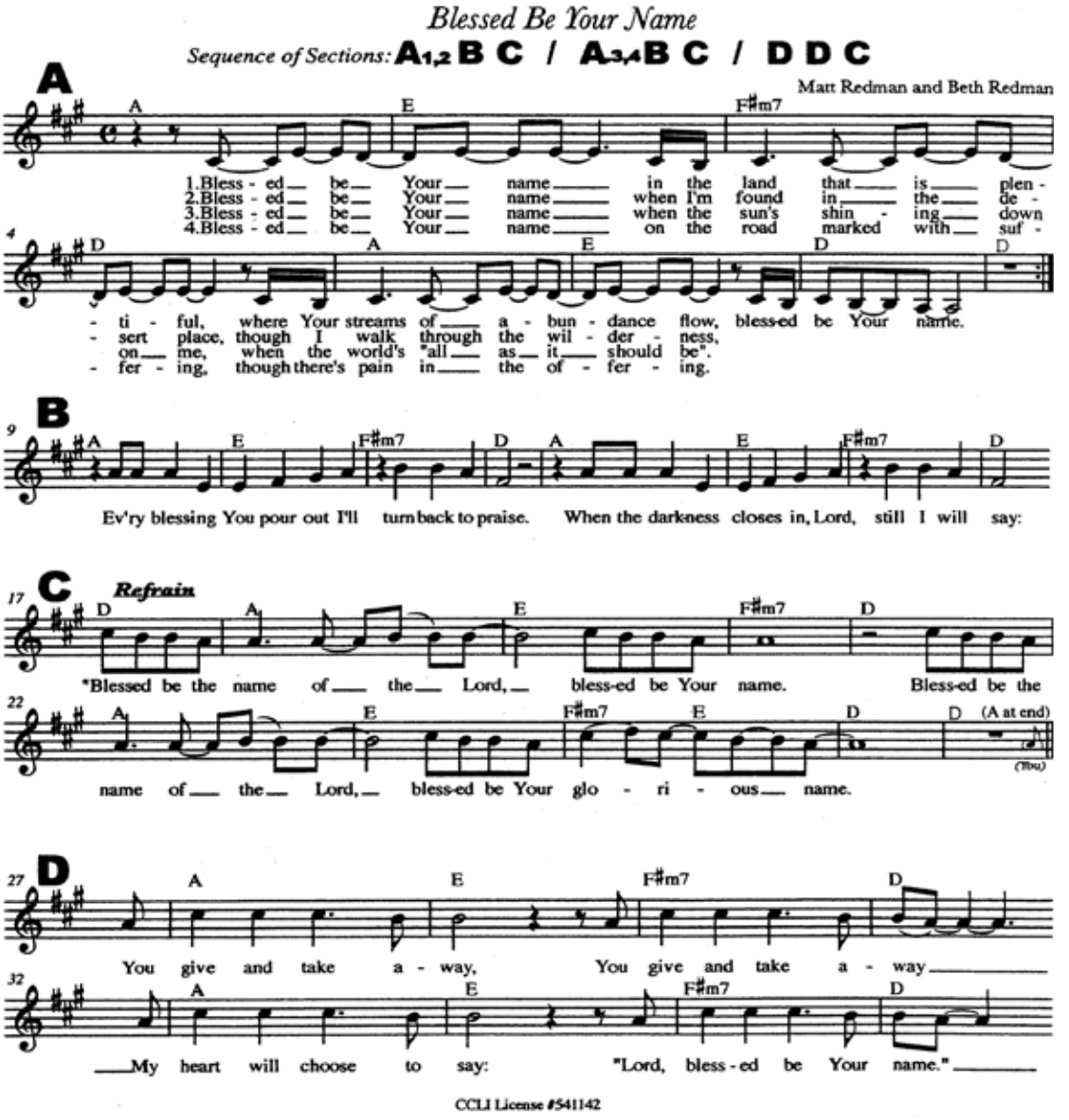
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY



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Please rise as you are able as the offering is brought forward.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

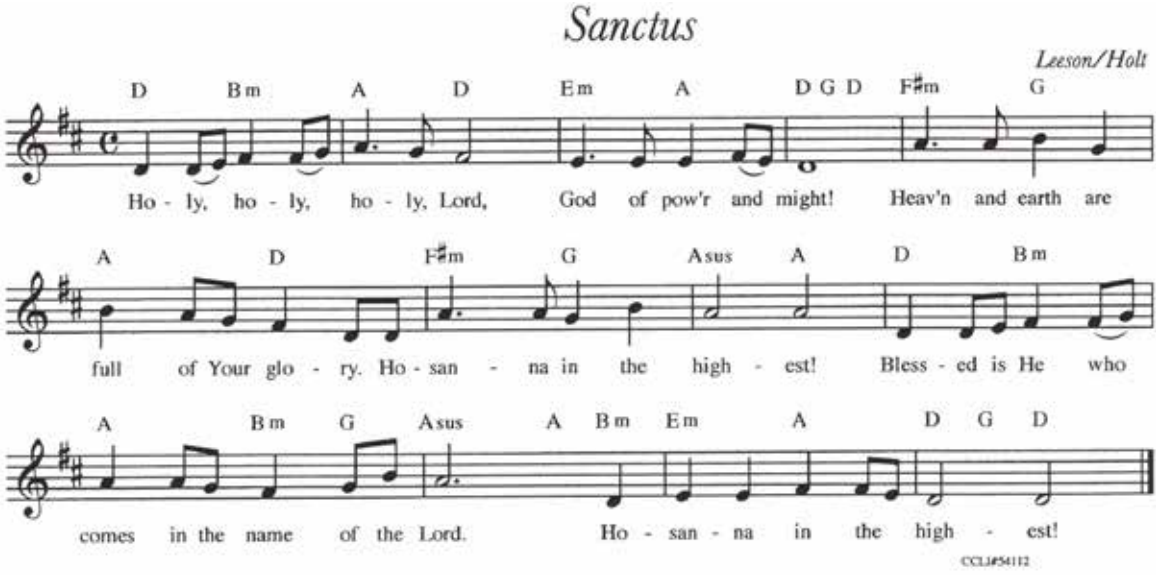
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

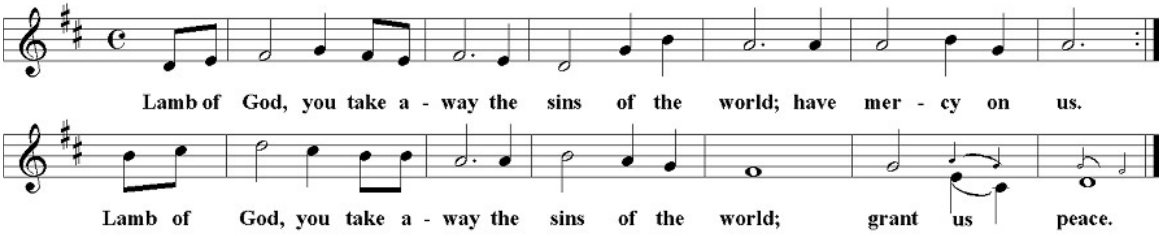
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal church. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please let the celebrant know when you come to the alter. To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms across your chest. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Strengthen for Service, Lord

Hymnal #312

1. Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamor never waken.

2. Lord, may the tongues which
"Holy"sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw they love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.

3. The feet that tread thy hallowed courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

Amazing Love

Renew #272

1. My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly;
that I, the guilty one
may go free.

Refrain
Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
the Son of God, giv'n for me;
my debt He pays and my death
He dies,
that I might live, that I might live.

2. And so they watched Him die,
despised, rejected;
but O the blood He shed
flowed for me.
Refrain

3. And now this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers;
come wash your guilt away,
live again.
Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN From Glory to Glory Advancing **Hymnal #326**

1. From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;
thy Name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.
From strength unto strength we go forward on Zion's highway,
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.

2. Thanksgiving, and glory and worship, and blessing and love,
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power or the spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

Sunday, November 15, 2026 to Saturday, November 21 2026

Birthdays

15 Richard Griesbach
16 Gabby Muller
Kaden Bassetto
18 Deborah Whiteside-Engel
19 Eisen Springborn
Esme Marcin
20 Andrew Schlieter
21 Kristen Keating
Alyssa Webster

Wedding Anniversary

No Commemorations

Faithful Departed

16 Pearl Cox
17 Joshua Smith
Marian Cowan
Marjorie Gunn
Virginia Miracle
Francisco D'Agostino
18 John Irving Stafford
Nicholas Fairneny
19 Clara Bodway
Helen Hooper
21 Lucile Sanborn

Mission Partner

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church & St. Patrick's Church
Betsy Hake – Honduras
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

African Medical Mission
Boy Scouts Troop 3
Cub Scouts Pack 3003
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC - Chicago
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

Auston Allen – Air Force
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve
Andrew Shaffer - Army
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
Matthew Verich – Navy
KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

*In the wider **Anglican Communion** Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.*
*In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Hudson; St. Bartholowmew's, Pewaukee.*
*In the **St. Thomas** cycle of prayer we Pray for those involved in Adult Development including: Adult Education, Bible studies, Cursillo, Men and Women's Ministry. Also, Hospitality Ministries including Coffee Hour, Fellowship Camp, Senior Lunch, Welcome Ministers, and St. Martha's Guild.*

Flowers on the High Altar today are given in the Glory of God and in honor of our son, Andy's birthday, by David and Jill Beverlin.

Lay Ministry	Today 11/15/26	Next Sunday 11/22/26
Acolytes:	No acolyte on schedule.	Shari Lloyd & Wade Lindholm
Eucharist Team:	Val Phillip	Dave Morton
Prayer Ministry Team:	Kathy Peterson	Jill Beverlin
	Fr. John Peterson	Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Barbara Hampton	Wade Lindholm
Ushers:	The Pell Family	Pete and Jessica Zaborski
Preacher:	Rev. Loretta Mendoza	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Jennie Land, Linda Smith, Karen Powers,	Laura Lindstrom, Shari Lloyd, Theresa &
	Beverly Johnston & Sandie Umland	Jazmine Cruz Lillegard
Coffee Hour:	Open	Baptism

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