

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent. We take this Sunday to reflect on Christ's kingship over our lives and the entire universe. Its place at the end of the liturgical year also reminds us of His Second Coming at the end times.



What Is Servant Leadership?

November 23, 2025
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Lectionary 34, Year C

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit positive! Please scan the QR code to the left or sign the Pew Register located in the red notebook.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors. Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

Order of Worship

As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.

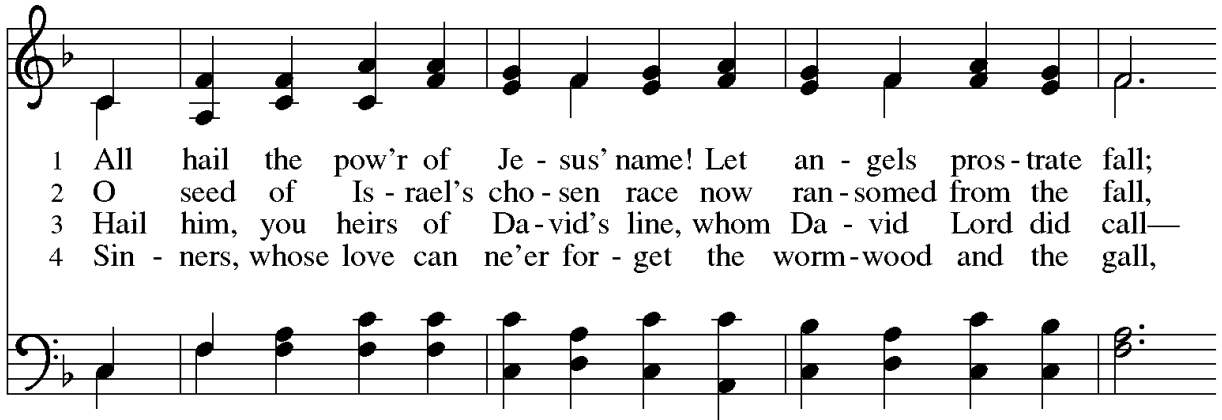
✝ **THE PRELUDE** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head
Dr. Reed Gallo, Trumpet / Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✝ **THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

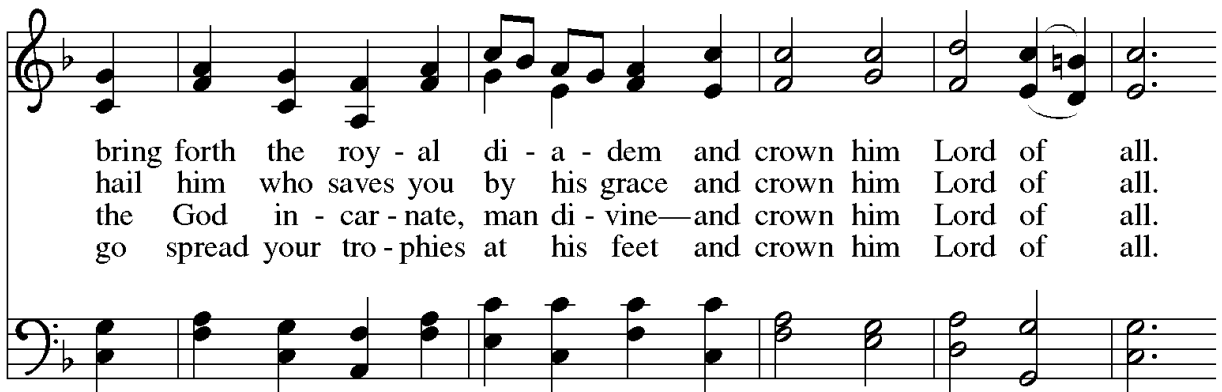
During the chiming of the hour, please stand for the Processional Hymn.

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name! ELW # 634

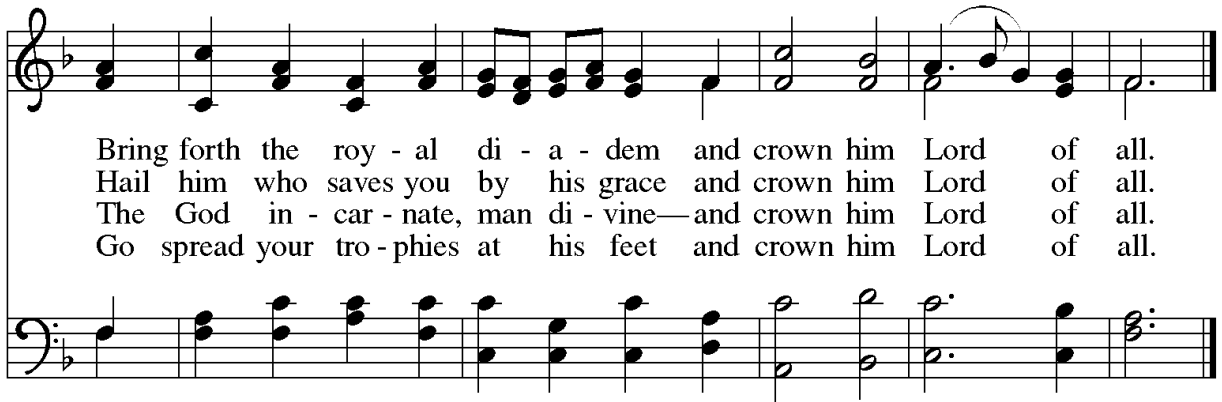
Please stand, as you are able.



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

✝ THE WELCOME

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ THE LITANY OF CHRIST'S KINGSHIP

Pastor We shout, "Hallelujah" and Worship our God, the Creator, the Redemer, and the Holy Spirit! One-in-three, three-in-one!

ALL Hallelujah! Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Pastor Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever.

ALL Jesus Christ is Lord; there is no other!

Pastor The Lamb of God, Jesus, being in very nature God, who made us in God's likeness did not consider equality with God. Instead, Jesus acted as a humble servant, obedient to death, even death on a cross.

ALL Therefore, God exalted Christ to the highest place and gave Jesus the name that is above every name.

Pastor That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Creator.

ALL Jesus Christ is Lord; there is no other!

Pastor In Christ, you are no longer strangers, but disciples with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

ALL We are God's people, that we may declare the praises of Christ our King who called us out of darkness into the wonderful light.

✝ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you ALL.

ALL And also with you.

✚ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

ELW Setting 4

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy.

ALL We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

The children may come forward for a short message, then go downstairs to Children's Church and return during Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✝ THE LESSON Colossians 1:11-20

Summary

Lector *In today's lesson, we learn that an early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God. Now, the lesson from the book of Colossians in the New Testament.*

Lector ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,

ALL Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

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

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

ALL ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the Earth melts away.

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

ALL ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the Earth.

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

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

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

✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND READING

Luke 1:68-79

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Alleluia! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
ALL **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David, Alleluia!**
Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 1st chapter.
ALL **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor ⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and ¹ set them free. ⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David. ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us, ⁷² to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, ⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

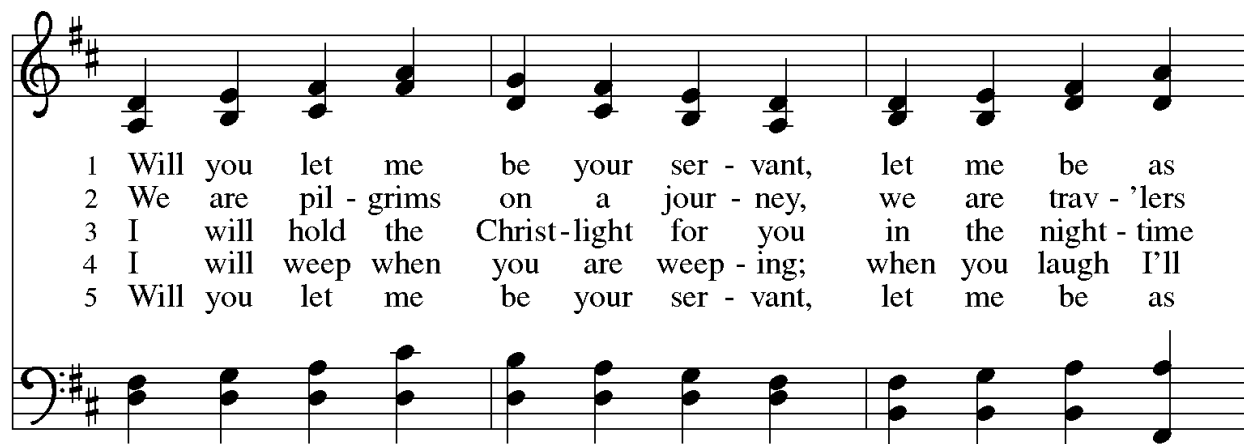
Please be seated.

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

The Servant Song

ELW # 659

Please stand, as you are able.



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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✝ THE APOSTLES' CREED

AM Together, let us profess our faith.

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

✝ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

AM Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and ALL who are in need.

Silence for preparation

AM We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide ALL who tend flocks or care for creatures of ALL kinds. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort ALL in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where ALL ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM We give thanks for ALL who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We offer these and ALL our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL **AMEN.**

✙ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

Please be seated.



*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✙ THE OFFERTORY

Jesus Shall Reign

Cynthia Dobrinski

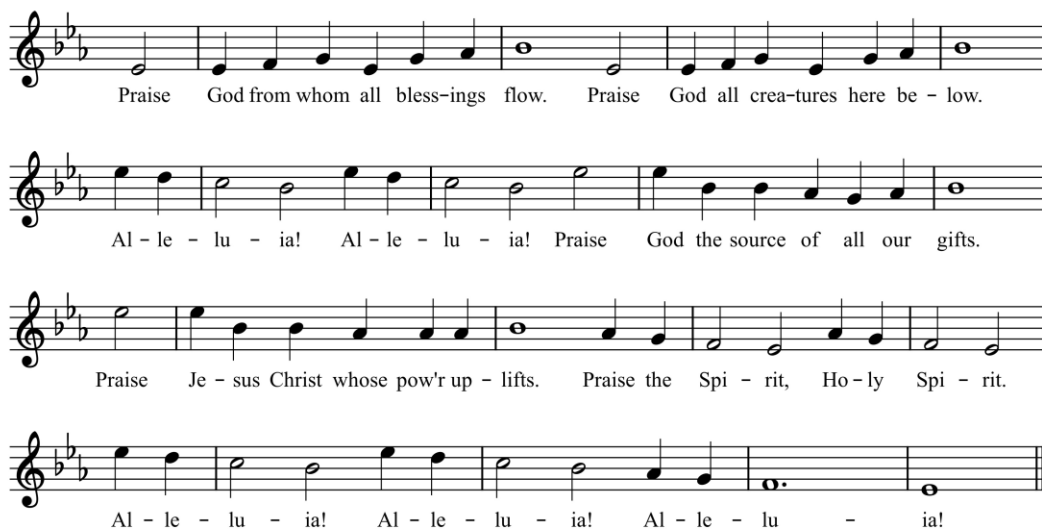
The Handbell Choir

✙ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand, as you are able.

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✙ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor
ALL

Let us pray: God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill
that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of
your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and
forever.
AMEN.

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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, forever and ever. AMEN.

✝ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The metal cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

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.

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✝ THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Possessions Brad Nix
The Chancel Choir

✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
ALL you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good
gifts for ALL who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's
name. AMEN.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 19.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Redeemer save you, and
God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

ALL AMEN.

✠ THE CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW # 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:
ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities,
 and connecting others to Christ.
AM Go in peace.
ALL Thanks be to God.

✝ THE POSTLUDE Prelude from the *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

*After Worship, please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for refreshments and Adult Christian Education.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Will Stroup
Communion Assistants	Bo Bowman, Danny Kinard, and Carl Monson
Organist and Pianist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Trumpet	Dr. Reed Gallo
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Larry Hammond and Steve Presley
Ushers	Alan Counts and Bill Gilbert
Altar Guild	Carl Monson
Counter(s)	Steve Presley
Officer on Duty	Kevin Reeder

*Altar Flowers are given by Stacy Volpone to the glory of God and in gratitude to everyone who has recently donated to Kinard Manor.

✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Peggy Bowman, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Nancy Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Torsha Hicks, Chelsea Hall, Denise Kerth, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, Steve Presley, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Brenda Donahue, Latrosha Fuller, Jaquie Haymond, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and Deanna Whitt.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: Mary Leone Kenzie

✚ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (Week of 11/23/2025)

- **Sunday 2nd Worship Service** - TODAY at 4:30 p.m. (Thanksgiving)
- **ILC Thanksgiving Meal** -TODAY at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** - Monday, November 24, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church located at 722 Grace Street in Greenwood. ILC's Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will be participating.
- **Church Office** - Closed this week. (11/25 – 11/28)
- **Pickleball** - Wednesday, November 26, at 6 p.m. ALL are invited. If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at (landkhamm@gmail.com) or just show up.
- **Food Pantry** – Thursday, November 27, Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Matthew 2540** - 864-993-6715 lbisenhower@gmail.com Or order online at www.matthew2540.net/fundraisers. Also, pecan time is here again. These make great holiday gifts while providing education and meals for an impoverished child studying at our school in Guatemala. For \$21.25 per bag, your purchase also feeds and educates a child for 5 days! Place your order now to ensure you get the variety and number of packages you want.



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