

Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026

Announcements for November 22, 2026

Sunday (22)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (23)	4:30-6:00 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (24)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (25)	6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Thursday (26)	Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
Friday (27)	Church Office Closed
Sunday (29)	Advent 1 **Poinsettia Orders Due** 8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance:52 Planned returning: $4,186 Actual returning: $2,768 YTD: ($25,890)

Altar flowers this week are given in celebration of Dave Nelson's birthday. Happy birthday, Dave!

We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias to help decorate the church for our Christmas worship services. Poinsettias this year are $11 and orders are due by next Sunday, November 29th. You may pick up your poinsettia after our Christmas morning service to enjoy at home.

Butter Braids are in! See Wes to pick up your order in the kitchen.

Mark your calendars – Sunday, December 13 – Voters' Meeting following service. All members are invited to attend.

Looking for cookies this holiday season? Join us for our Annual Cookie Walk on December 13th after worship service, before the Voters' meeting. If you would like to bake cookies, please sign up on the bulletin board. Youi can drop off your cookies on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10-11 am or before service on Dec. 13th. The youth group thanks you for your support.

Stewardship Campaign for 2027. Please return your completed packets as soon as possible so we can organize the information. Thank you for your continued support!

"Into this world, the Father sent His Son to show His grace and mercy toward sinners. The truth-given in the Gospel and expressed in the Nicene Creed tells us that no light illuminates greater than God's love. And, Jesus, the Light of the World, perfectly displays love's pure light sent into our darkness." LHM "Love's Pure Light" 2026 Advent devotional booklets are available on the welcome desk in the narthex.

Singles: Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha has a singles group for ages 18-100 that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. They will not meet in December. Sunday, November 22: Meet fellow Lutherans at a potluck at noon at Zion Lutheran. We will play card or board games at 12:30pm. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game. Pulled pork sandwiches, paper products and water will be provided. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event.

Building Healthy Families: Count Your Blessings! Sing along! *"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done..."* Written by Johnson Oatman Jr. in 1897, this beloved hymn became so popular that one observer reportedly said, "The men sing it, the boys whistle it, and the women rock their babies to sleep on it." There's a reason this hymn has stuck around for more than a century! It's a cheerful reminder to look beyond life's daily challenges and notice the countless ways God provides for us. His blessings are everywhere—sometimes we just need to stop long enough to count them! Here's a Thanksgiving challenge for your family: Take a few minutes to name your blessings, then compare lists. You might be surprised! And while you're at it, sing a verse or whistle the tune. Better yet, if you're blessed with a baby to rock to sleep, you know just what to sing! *Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at* **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 **Come, Thou almighty King,**
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 **Come, Thou incarnate Word,**
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

3 **Come, holy Comforter,**
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

△ **4** **To Thee, great One in Three,**
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
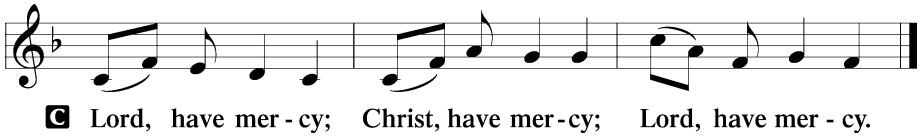
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

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

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

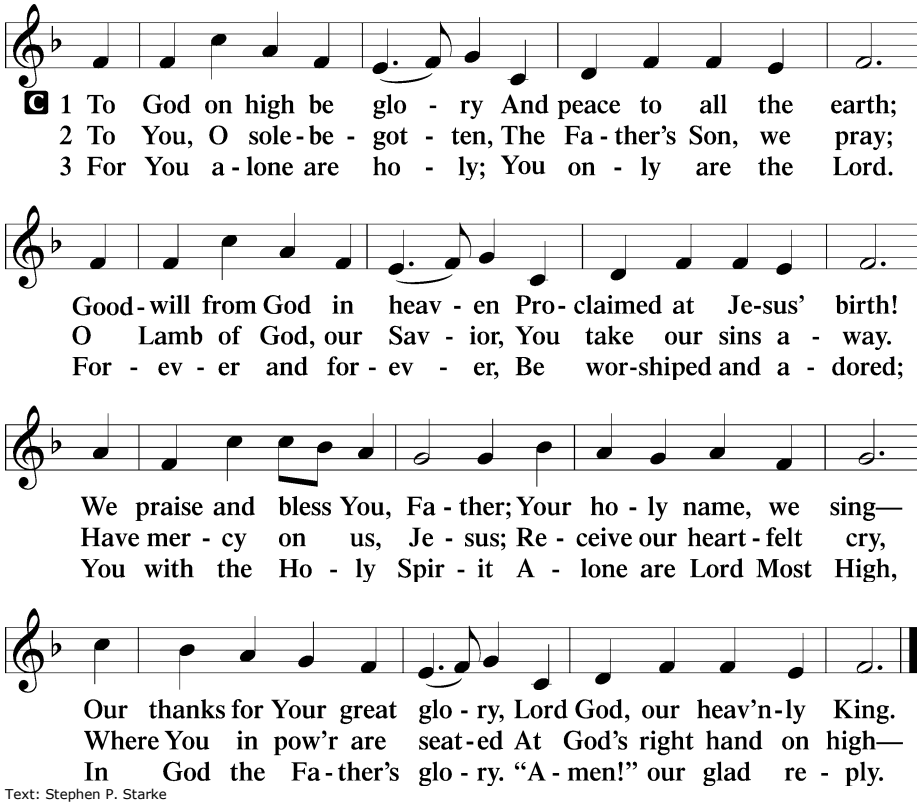
Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd
seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue
them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13And I will bring them out
from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them with good
pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I
will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in
justice. . . .
20"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered
them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I
have spoken."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Bell Choir – "Laudare"

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

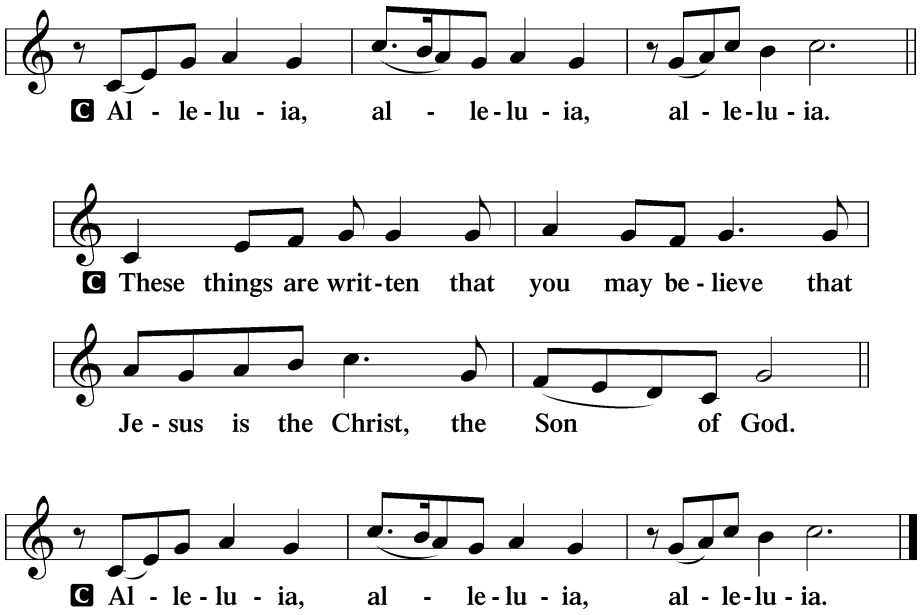
20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man
came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be
made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then
comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and
power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
27For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain
that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious
throne. 32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King
will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And
when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did
it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and
his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they
also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and
did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the
least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

837 Lift High the Cross

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ref **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,**
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 **Led on their way by this triumphant sign,**
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

3 **All newborn soldiers of the Crucified**
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

4 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,**
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 **Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell**
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:**
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

…let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Sit

Offering

789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 **Praise and thanksgiving,**
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.

2 **Bless, Lord, the labor**
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

3 **Father, providing**
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

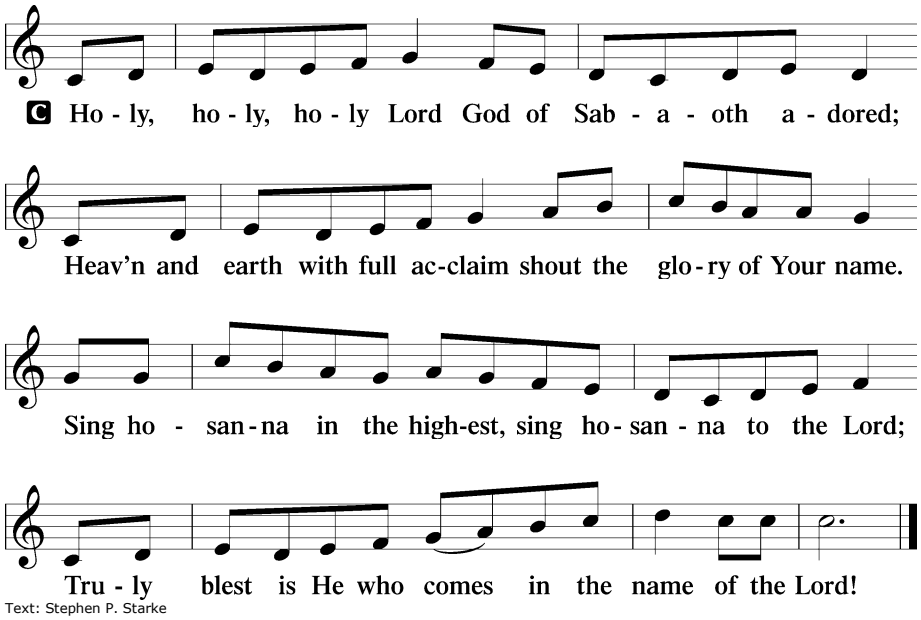
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

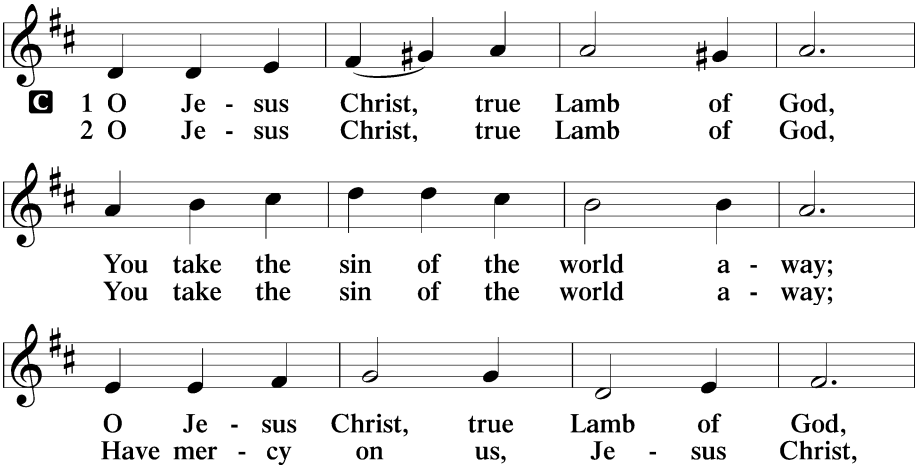
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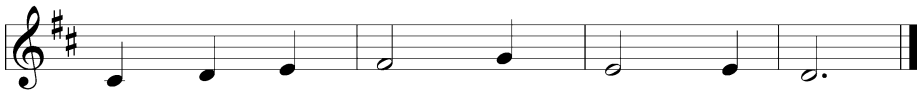
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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642 O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

2 **My Lord, You here have led me**
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 **You gave me all I wanted;**
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

4 **Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened**
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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705 The Man is Ever Blessed

1 **The man is ever blessed**
Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorners' place,

2 **But makes the Law of God**
His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day
And watches of the night.

3 **He like a tree shall thrive,**
With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,
His works are heav'nly fruit.

4 **Not so the wicked race,**
They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

5 **How will they bear to stand**
Before the judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?
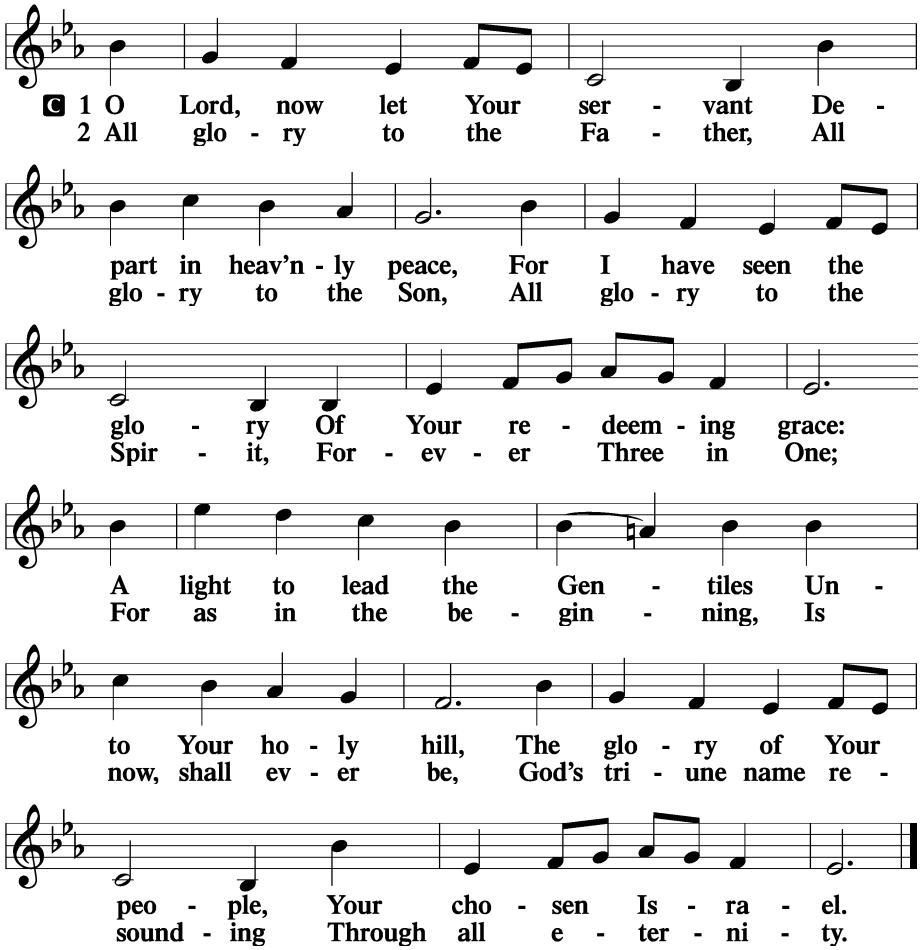
6 **He knows and He approves**
The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 **Crown Him the virgin's Son,**
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 **Crown Him the Lord of love.**
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 **Crown Him the Lord of life,**
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,**
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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