The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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In our 174th year of ministry

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026 - 10:30 am

The Pentecost Season, sometimes called "Ordinary Time," is the season of the Church year when we focus on growing as disciples of Jesus Christ through the ordinary moments of daily life. The word "ordinary" comes from the idea of counting or ordering the weeks, not from something being plain or unimportant. During this season, we reflect on Christ's teachings, His ministry, and how we are called to live out our faith in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing growth, hope, and new life. Just as plants need time to mature and flourish, our spiritual lives require continual nourishment through prayer, Scripture, worship, and acts of service. Ordinary Time reminds us that God is present not only in special celebrations and holy seasons, but also in the everyday rhythms of life.

As we journey through Ordinary Time, may we open our hearts to God's grace and seek opportunities to grow in faith, love, and discipleship. Let us be attentive to the ways Christ is working among us and commit ourselves to sharing His light and love with those around us.

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.



The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Matt Bowers, Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, and Nikki Chapman

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..... ✢ GATHERING ✢ .....

Voluntaries

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus — Paul Manz
Improvisation on Schonster Herr Jesu — Robert Hobby
We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit — Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<*We stand.*>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

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

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<*We kneel.*>

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

<*We stand.*>

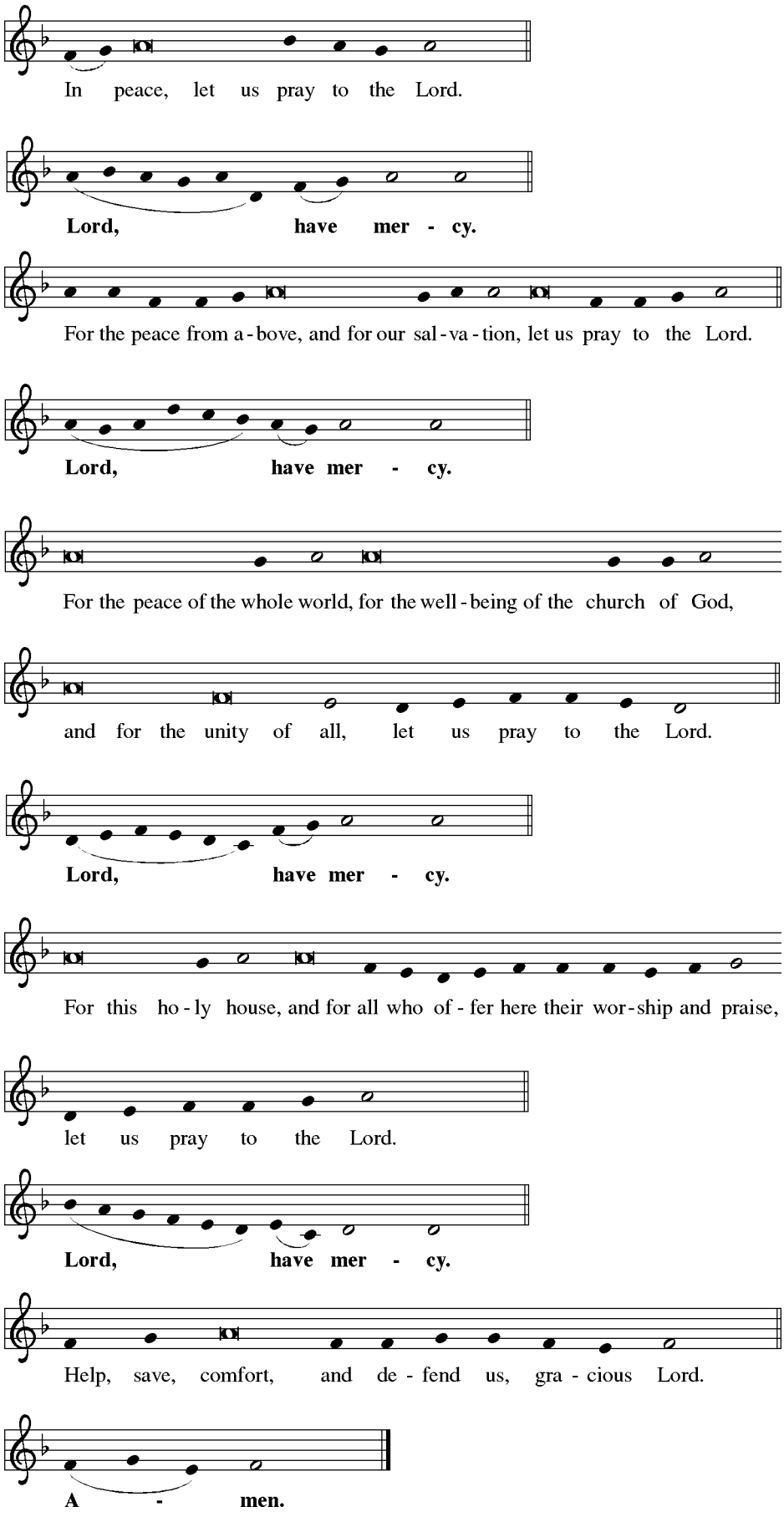
Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

HYMN 810 **O Jesus, I Have Promised** *Munich*

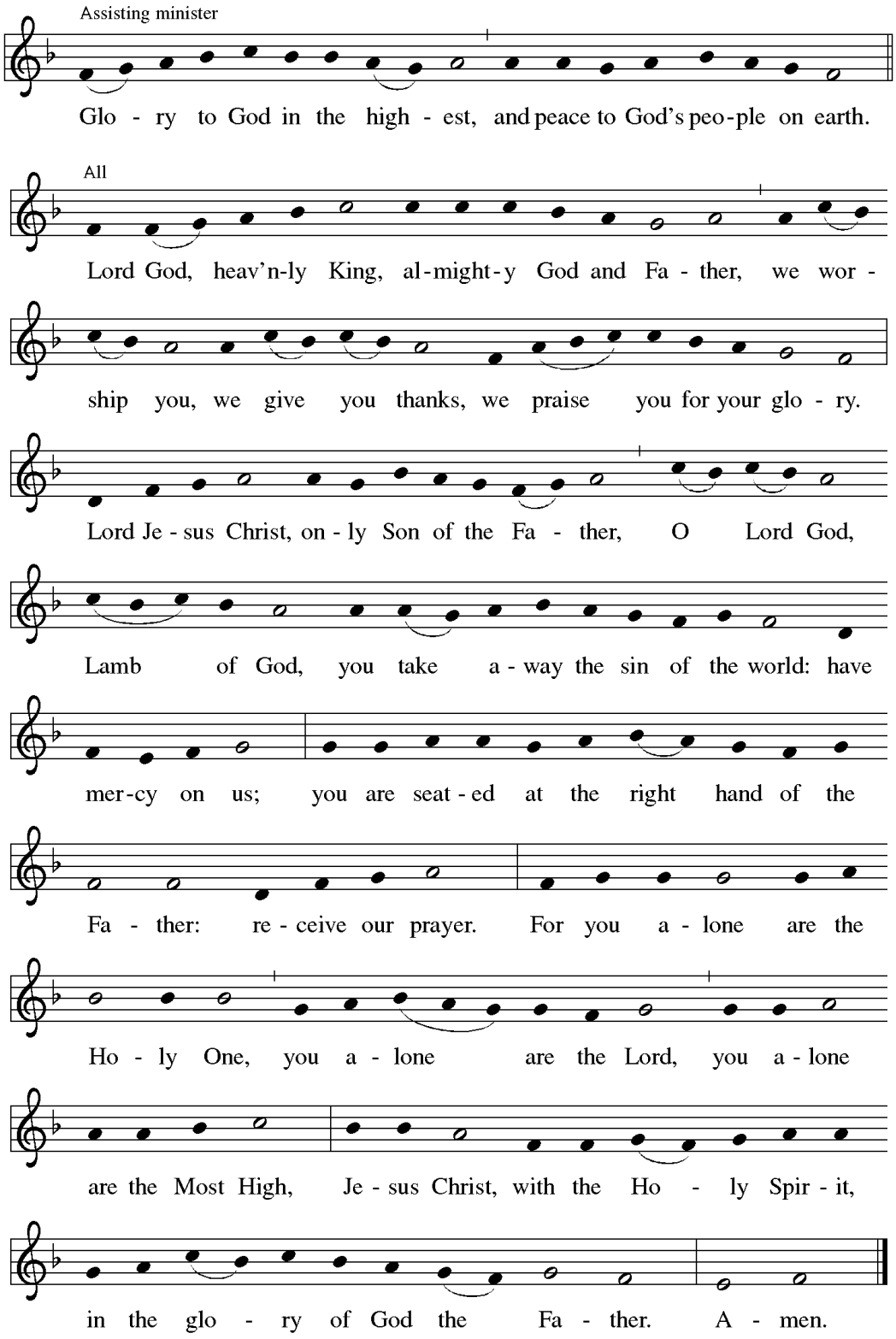
GREETING

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.

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of deliverance, **you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with face and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
<*We sit.*>

..... ✝ WORD ✝ .....

READING **Joshua 24:1-15** *Pew Bible page 187*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors – Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor – lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand. When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

"Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

<*At the conclusion of the reading*>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<*We stand.*>

GOSPEL **Matthew 4:8-10** *Pew Bible page 785*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

<*At the conclusion of the reading*>

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

<*We sit.*>

SERMON **Pastor Matthew Titus**

<*We stand.*>

Hymn 838 **Beautiful Savior** *Schonster Herr Jesu*

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 INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
<*We kneel.*>
Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is ***"Your mercy is great."***
At the conclusion of the prayers, … through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***"Amen."***

<*We stand.*>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also, with you.
You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.
<*We sit.*>

..... ☩ MEAL ☩ .....

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of Grace and God of Glory on Thy people pour Thy pow'r;
Crown Thine ancient church's story bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour!

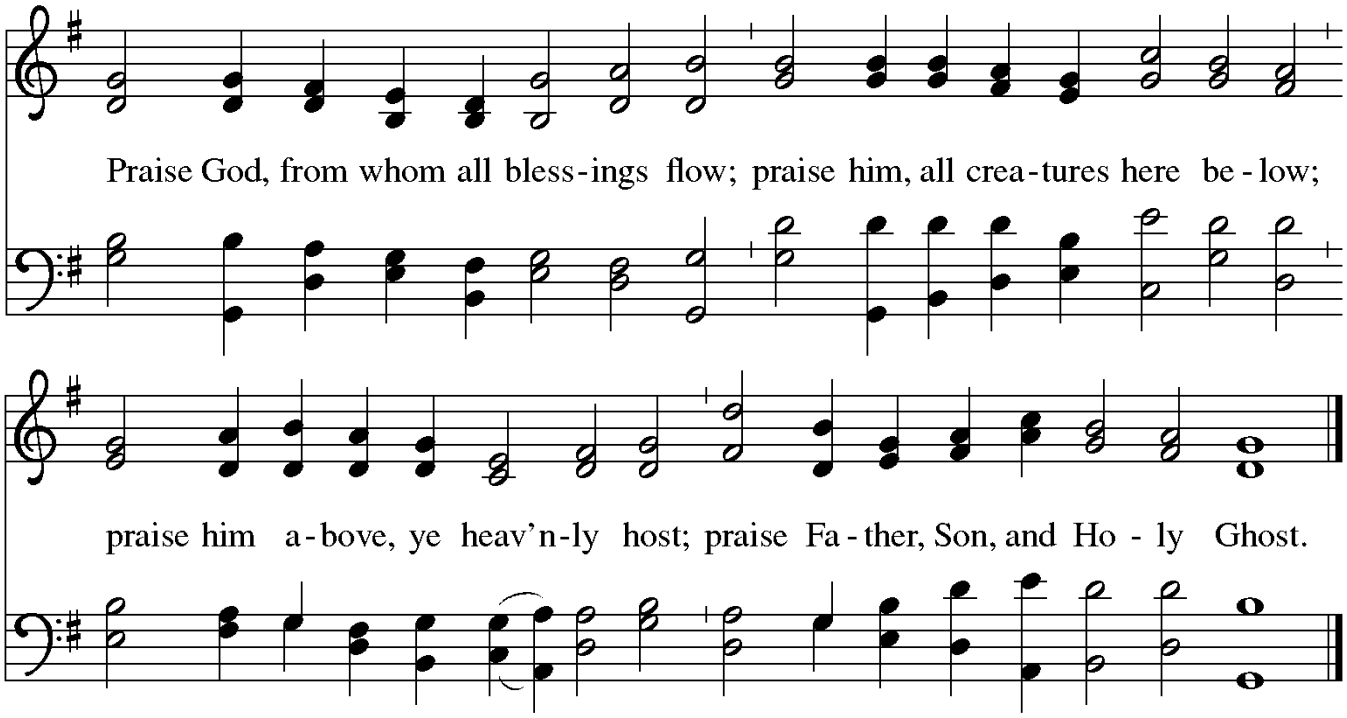
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days!

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Harry Emerson Fosdick
Paul T. Langston

<We stand.>

Hymn 884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray… God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

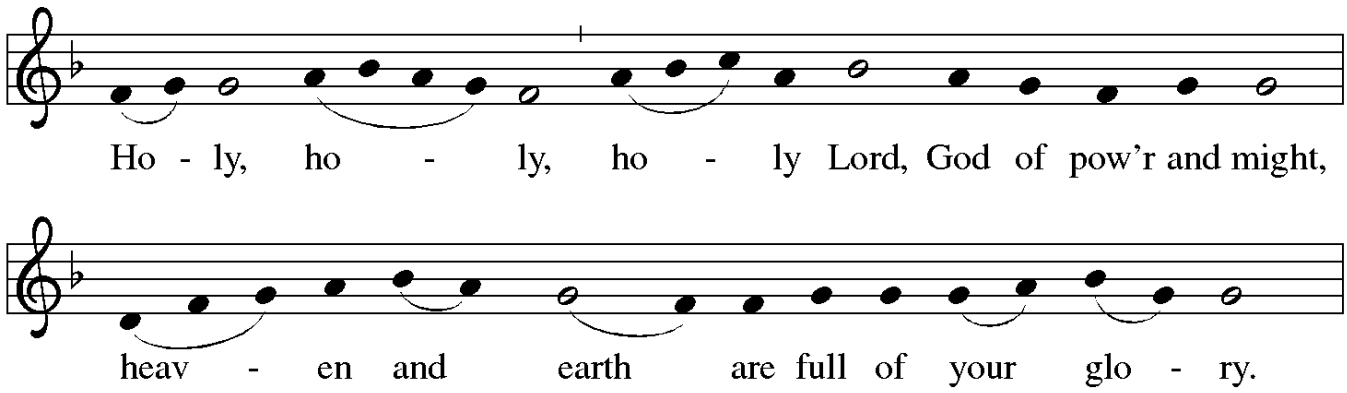
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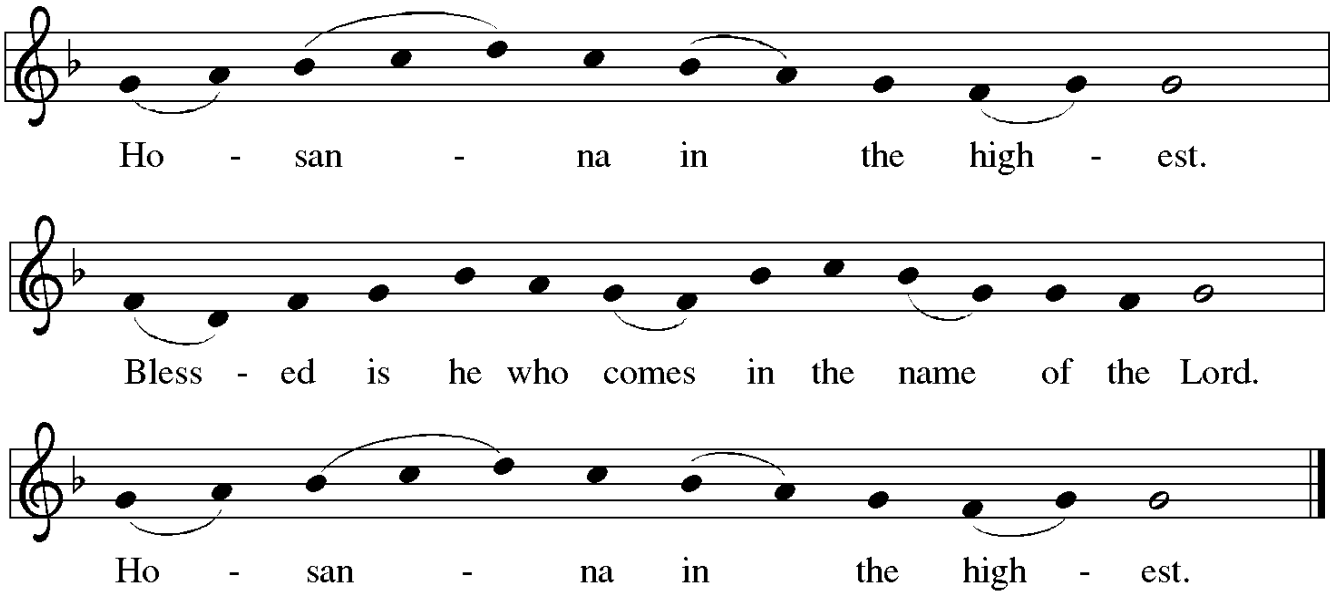
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise … *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding* … we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**
Therefore, O God, … the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
Send now, … with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
Join our prayers … almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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 THE MEAL

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
<*We sit.*>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world.
You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

<*We stand.*>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

..... ✝ SENDING ✝ .....

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.	May the Lord bless you and keep you.
In the name of the Father.	**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**
In the name of the Son.	May God's face shine upon you.
In the name of the Son.	**May God's face shine upon you.**
In the name of the Spirit.	May God's blessings be with you.
In the name of the Spirit.	**May God's blessings be with you.**
The Three-in-One.	And give you peace.
The Three-in-One.	**And give you peace.**

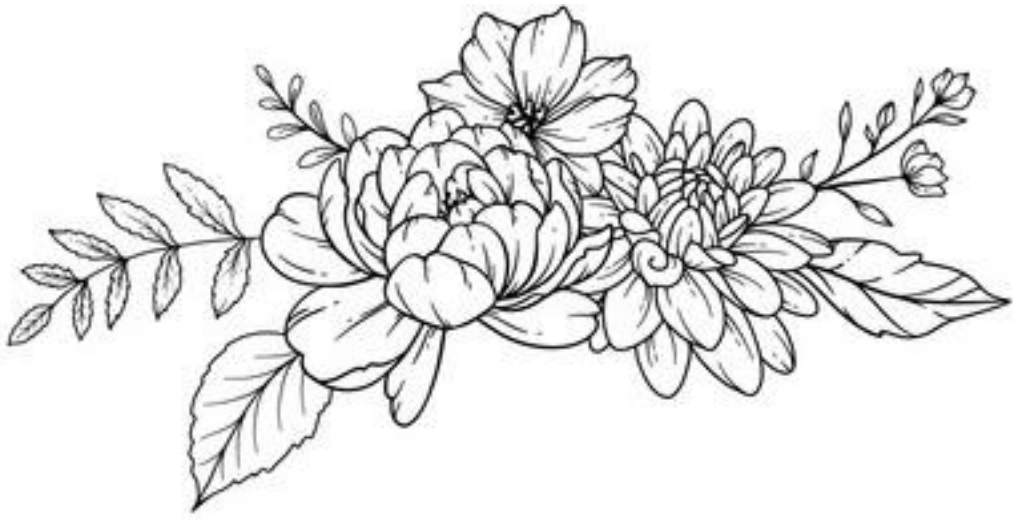
Hymn 685 **Take My Life, That I May Be** ***Patmos***

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune* John Stanley

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Thomas and Mattie Fellers, Mary Louise Fellers, Marie Nicosia and Joye Fellers Senn by Tommy and Helen Fellers.



..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

WELCA – will meet Sunday, November 1st (a correction from the date published in the October Reader) at 3:45pm for its business meeting. All ladies are invited to attend!

Redeemer Food Pantry the food pantry box located across from the front entrance to the FLC needs to be replenished – next time you do your grocery shopping think about grabbing a few nonperishable items to put in the box. Items with easy open tab lids or pouches are great! Chef Boyardee, tuna, water, electrolyte drink mixes, etc.

Manna House is still in need of sugar, flour, and grits. You may leave these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

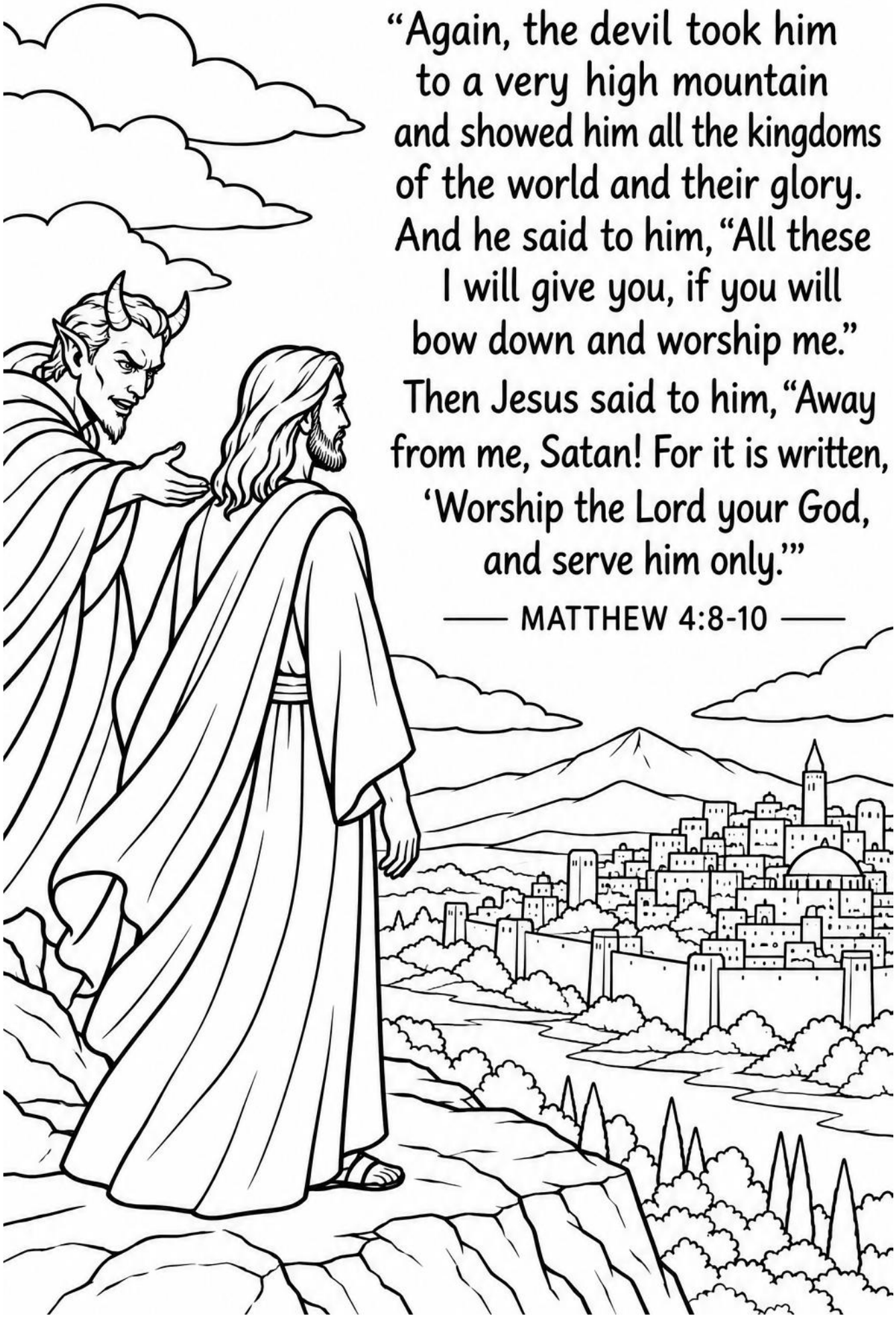
Numbers for October 11, 2026:

Attendance:		**Offering:**	
Sunday School:	19	Gen Operating Account: $	9,415.00
In-Person Worship:	93	Major Maintenance: $	165.00
Online Worship:	35	Roof Fund: $	315.00
Worship Total:	**128**	Abiding Memorial: $	65.00

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
18 **Sunday School** – 9:30am **Worship** – 10:30am **Children's Choir Rehearsal** – after worship **Confirmation –** 4pm	19 **Lutheran Services Carolina** – 12-1pm	20 **Library Reserved –** 6pm	21 **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – 6pm **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – 7pm	22	23	24	25 **Sunday School** – 9:30am **Worship** – 10:30am **Children's Choir Rehearsal** – after worship **Fall Youth Gathering –** 5pm – Summer Memorial

Worship Leadership – Today
Worship Asst: Anne Caughman
Acolyte: Dennis Caughman
Crucifer: Jacob Chapman
Comm Prep: Christie Whitaker
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman
Offering Tellers: Matthew Bowers & Huger Caughman, Jr.
Altar Flowers: Tommy & Helen Fellers

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Worship Asst: Kevin Boozer
Acolyte: Gavin Garner
Crucifer: Mason Willingham
Comm Prep: Polly Davis & Susan Hayes
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman
Offering Tellers: Cathy H. Turner & Rosemary Dominick
Altar Flowers: Denise Reid


"Again, the devil took him
to a very high mountain
and showed him all the kingdoms
of the world and their glory.
And he said to him, "All these
I will give you, if you will
bow down and worship me."
Then Jesus said to him, "Away
from me, Satan! For it is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve him only.'"
— MATTHEW 4:8-10 —