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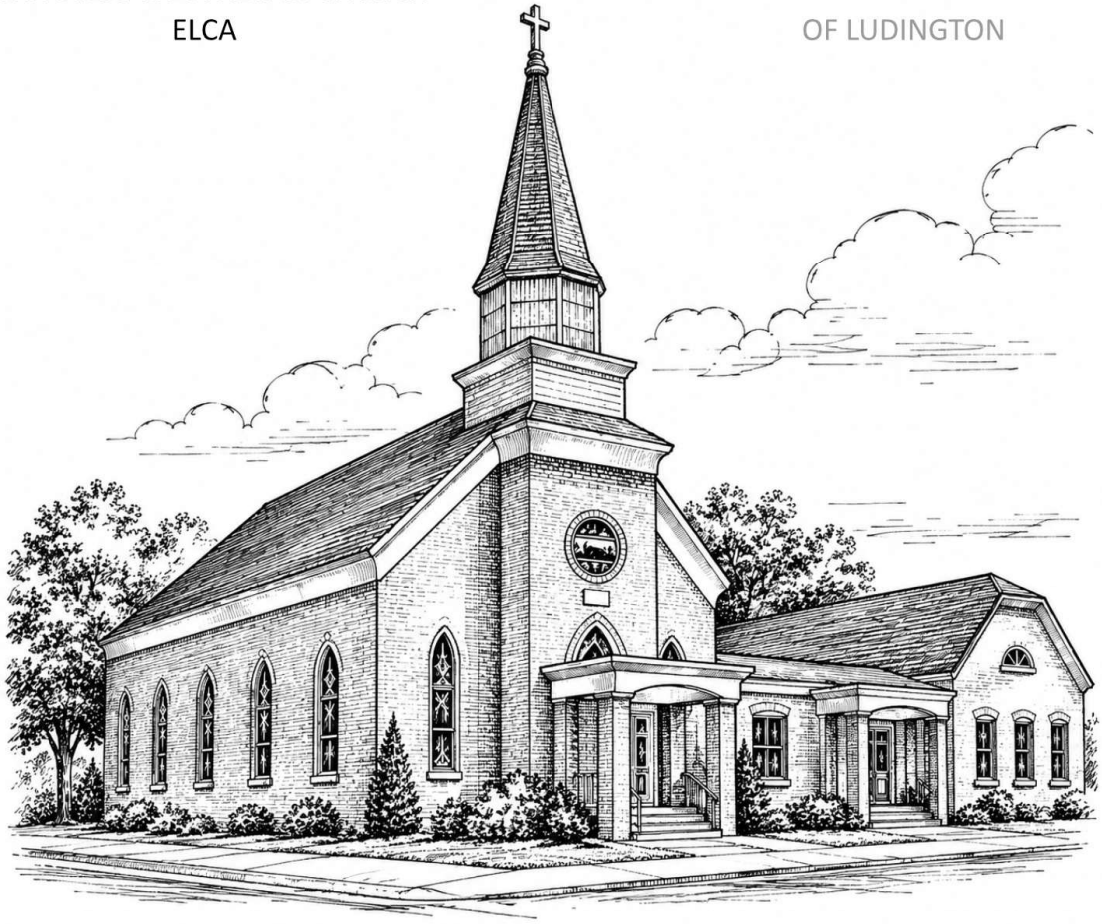


CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2026

When We Serve Others, We Serve Christ

TWO CHURCHES · ONE FAITH · ONE FAMILY

Sunday: Nov 22, 2026 - Christ The King Sunday

Altar Guild	Carole Vipond & Debbie Meli
Assisting Minister	Anna Anderson
Lector	Bill Anderson
Chalice Bearer	Becky Ebb-Speese & Tracy Laaksonen
Acolyte	Oliver Kolb
Ushers	Remos & Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	Jessica Wood & Kevin Iteen
Offering Counters	Cathy Iteen & Remos Lenio

Sunday: Nov 29, 2026 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild	Sharon Welton & Shelly Anderson
Assisting Minister	Anna Anderson
Lector	Ryan Glanville
Chalice Bearer	Vicki Dorrell & Shelly Anderson
Acolyte	Jackqueline Carie
Ushers	Remos & Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	The Shrivers
Offering Counters	Carole Vipond & Sonja Stewert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Two Churches, One Faith, One Family

Emauneul Lutheran (ELCA) and Grace Episcopal worship together in this beautiful, historic church. Together, we are a family of faith, committed to following Jesus Christ, serving our community, and caring for one another. We warmly welcome all who worship with us today!

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized in the Christian faith, regardless of denomination. If however, you are not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome and encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Please complete the attendance book located at the end of your pew. If you are in need of prayer, have questions, or are looking for a church home, simply let us know. I would be honored to reach out and connect with you.

As we look ahead to the Advent and Christmas season, there is so much to look forward to here at Emanuel and Grace! We are excited about the opportunities to gather in faith, fellowship, and celebration, and we hope you will join us.

One special event we're looking forward to is our Wednesday evening Advent series beginning in December, inspired by the beloved Christmas film *The Polar Express*. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, hope, wonder, and believing as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We hope you'll come along for the journey!

There is much more happening in the weeks ahead! Be sure to pick up this week's edition of The Gathering for church news, upcoming events, and community happenings. You can also stay connected by following Emanuel Lutheran and Grace Episcopal Churches Ludington MI on Facebook for announcements, updates, and reminders throughout the season.

We are grateful you are here and look forward to sharing this special season with you!

The Rev. Domingo (Mick) Shriver

Worship Key
* The assembly will please stand
P Pastor/Priest
C Congregation
A Assisting
L Lector

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 29

November 22, 2026

Liturgical Color: White

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD - THE GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome—Online guests

Announcements: ***Pastor Mick Shriver***

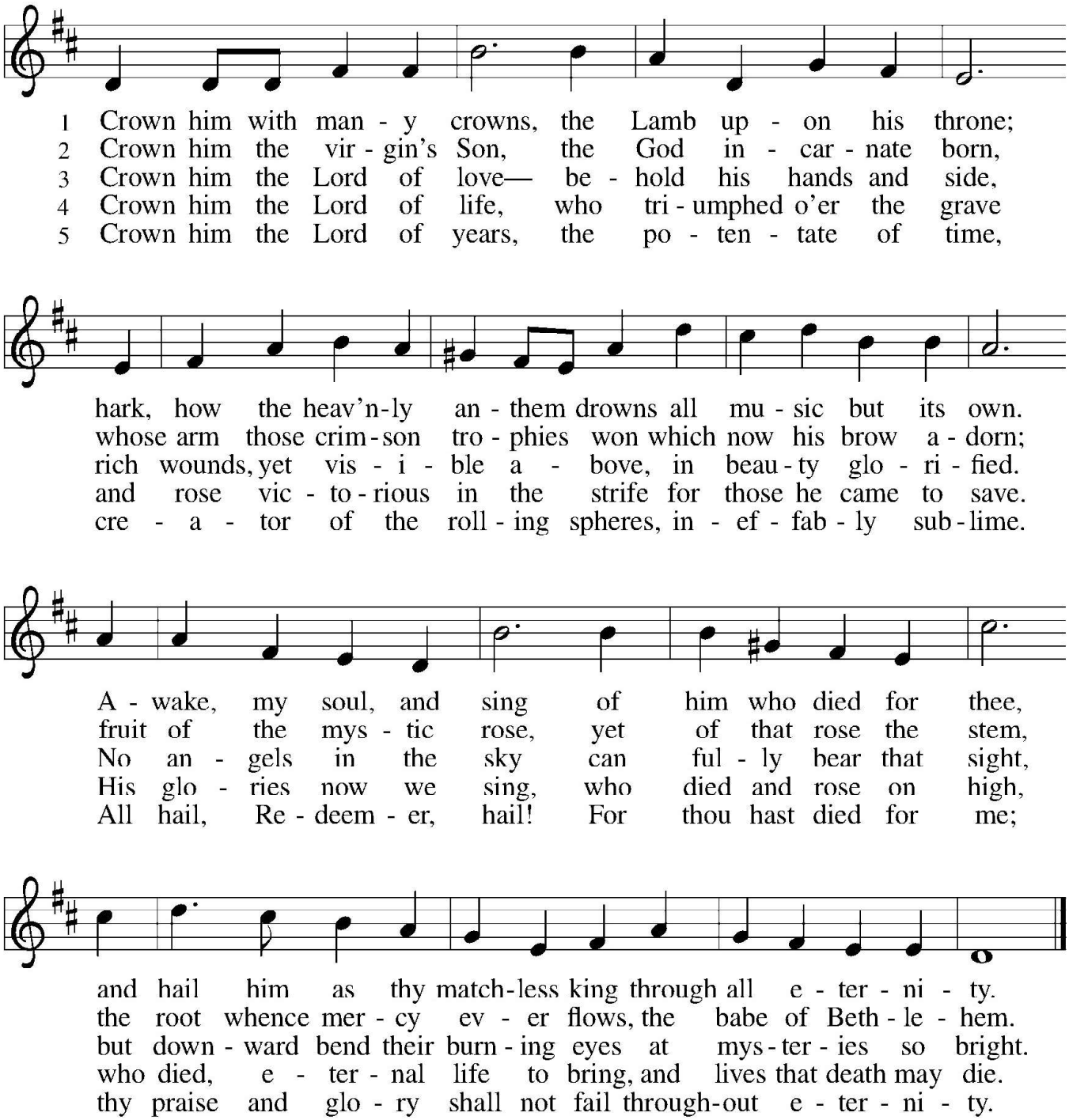
Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

"...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God's Holy Spirit."

Gathering Song

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" *(See Page 5)*

Crown Him with Many Crowns



*Opening Prayer/Opening Acclamation

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

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.



C Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray…

**Prayer of the Day/Collect*

P Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords; Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

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. (Cont' Next Page)

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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

Prayed Responsively

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

A 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

A 3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

C 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

A 5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

C 6 Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

(Cont' Next Page)

A 7a For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

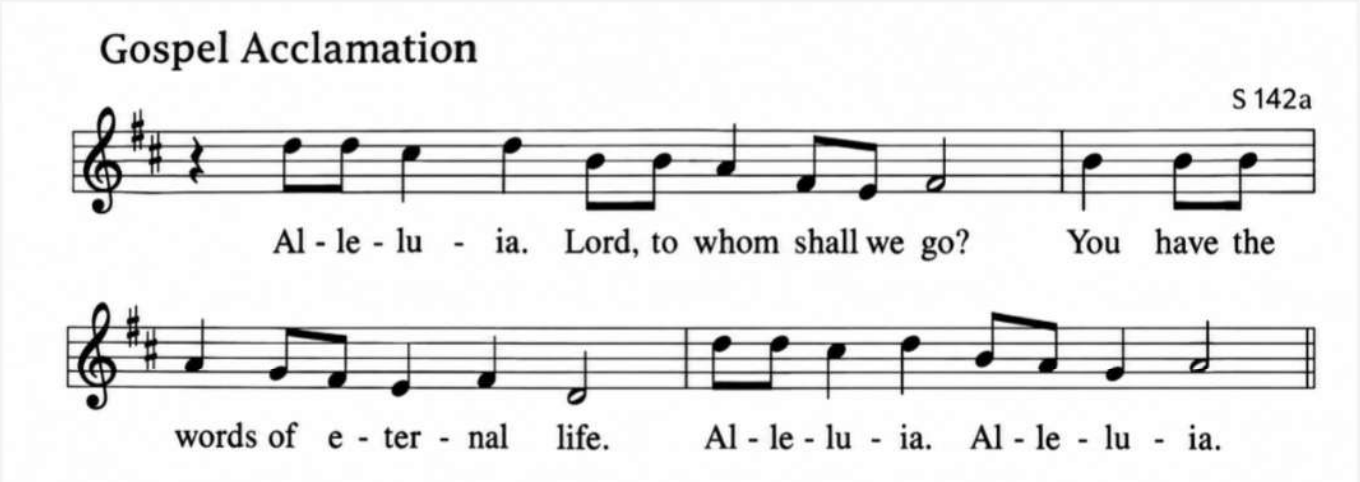
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

*Gospel Acclamation / Gradual



*Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[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.' (Cont' Next Page)

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.”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel…

P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ

Homily The Reverend Mick Shriver



THE NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS

The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.

A With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to you, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Let us pray to you, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

P O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

*Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you

The assembly is seated following the peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST - HOLY COMMUNION

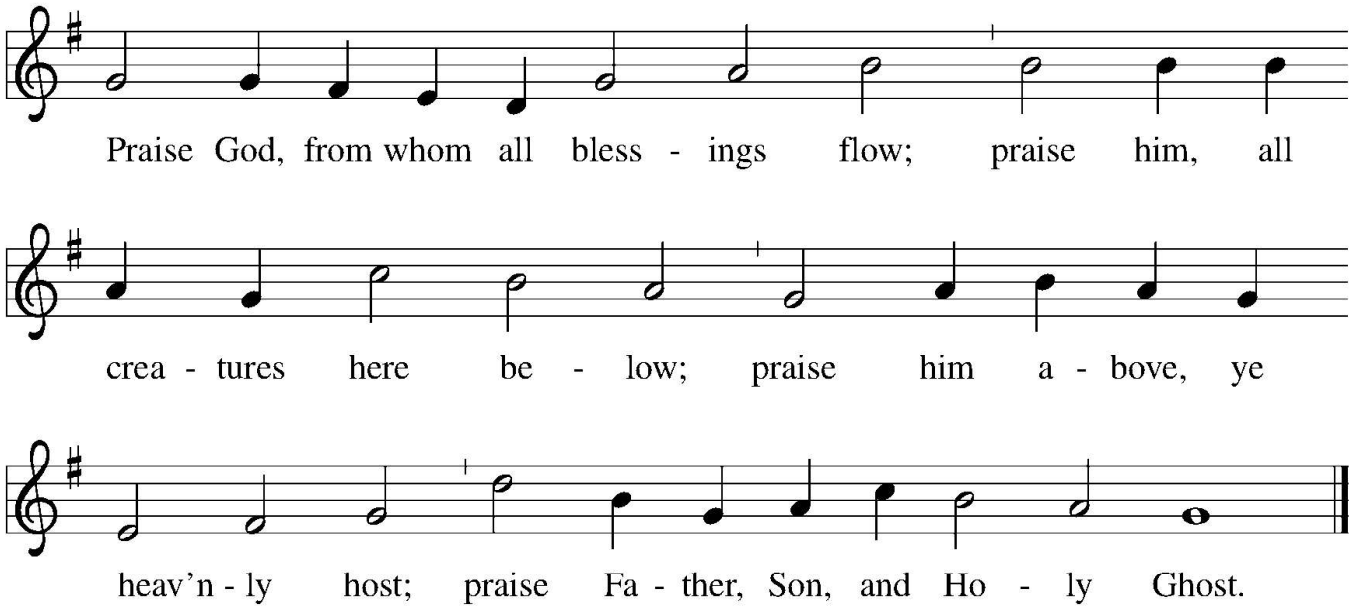
Offetory Sentence

P Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory / Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



**Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)*

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 our thanks and praise

PREFACE

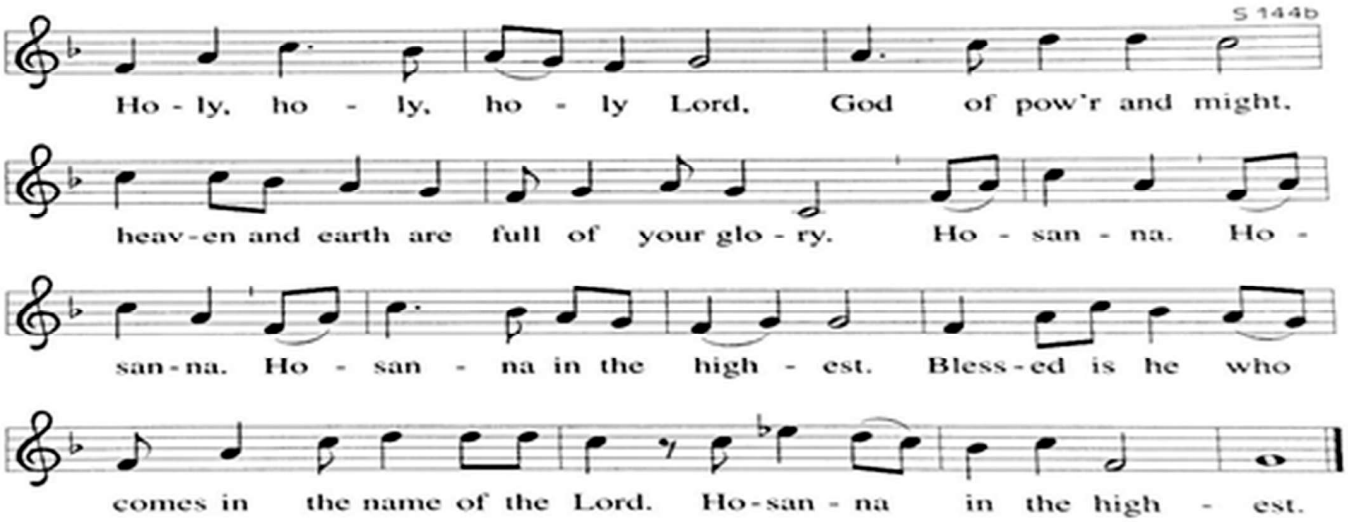
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the
witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and
all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



*Eucharistic Prayer / Prayer of Consecration

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us Your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

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

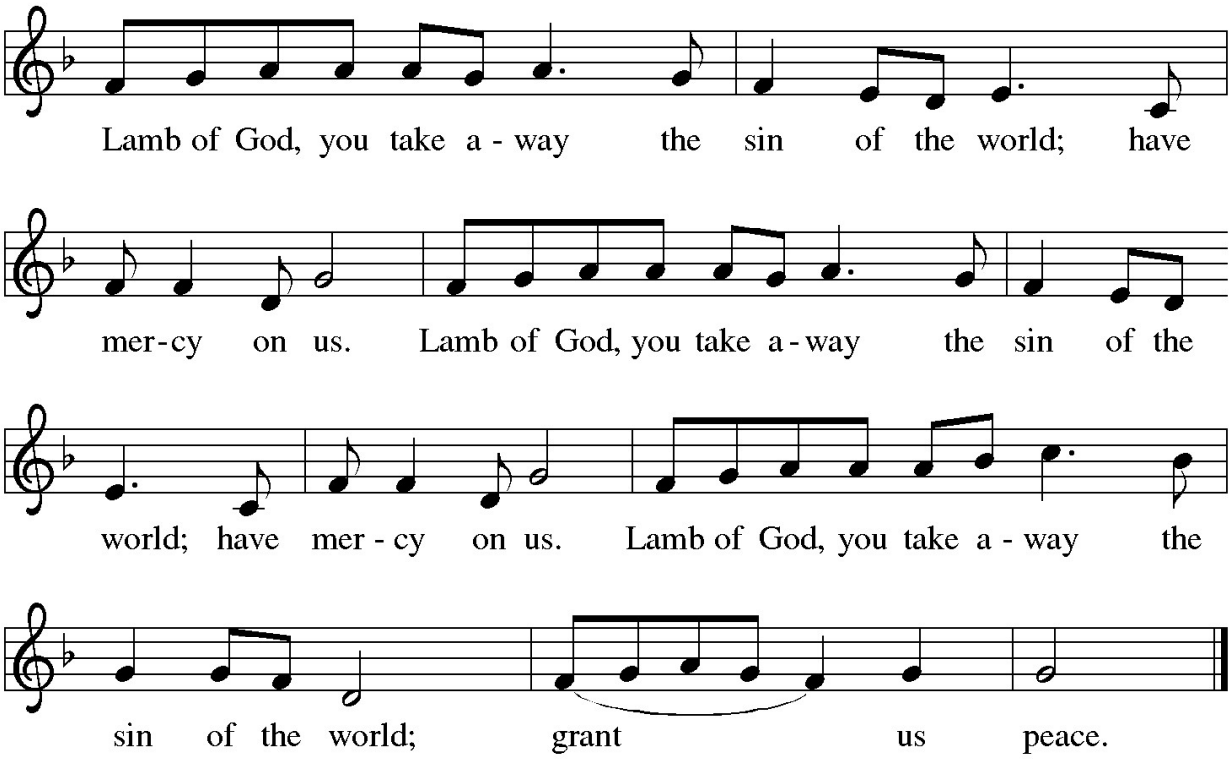


*Fraction

P Alleluia, Alleluia! Risen Lord, Be Known to us in the breaking of the bread.

C Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lamb of God



*Invitation to Communion

P 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.

P Lord I am not Worthy to receive you

C But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

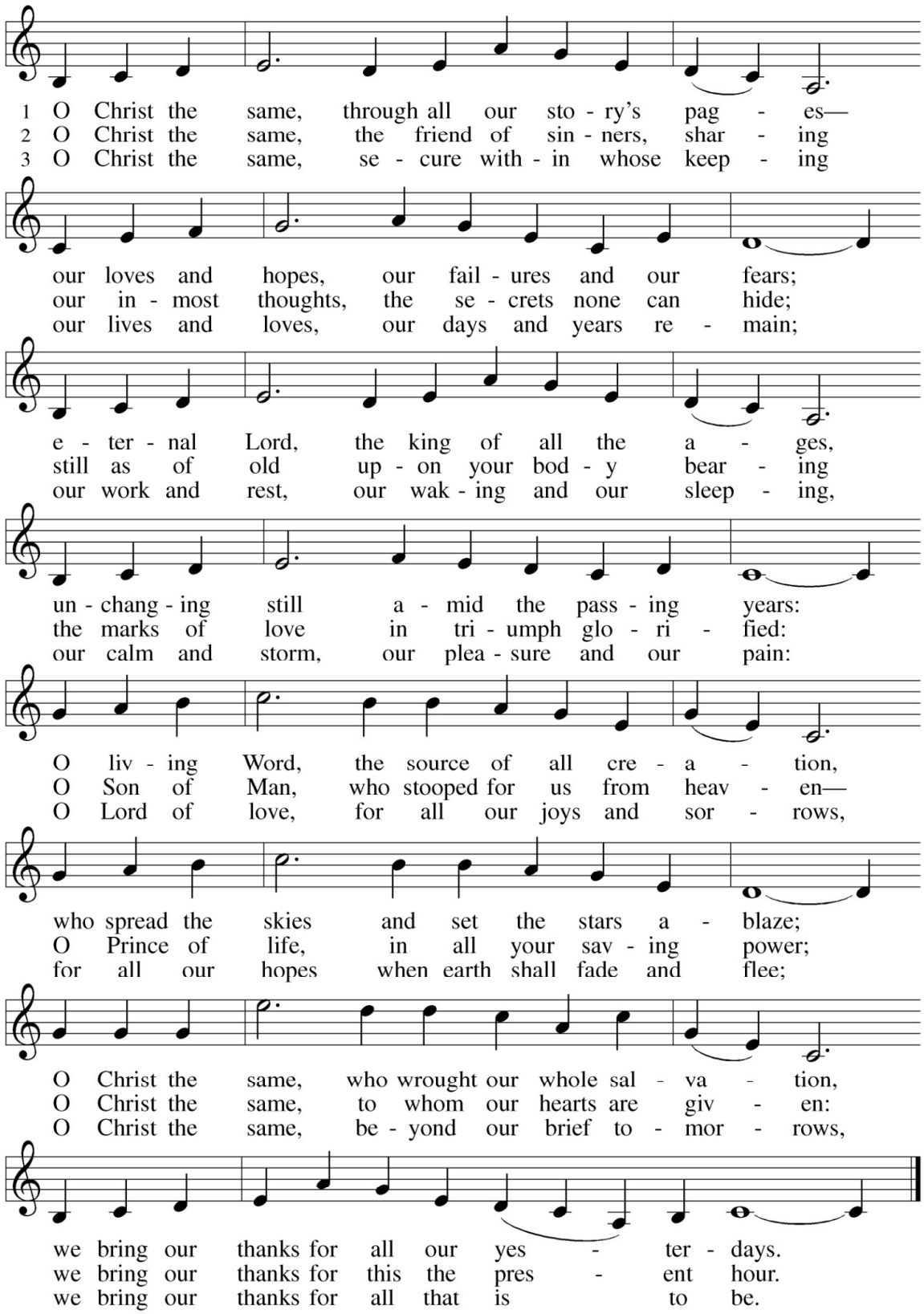
P At this time, God invites His children to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"O Christ The Same" (See Page 20)

O Christ the Same



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

P O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered by the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I can not receive you physically, I pray you come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in Your love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

A Let us pray...

C 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

***Blessing**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***Sending Hymn**

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory" (See Page 22)

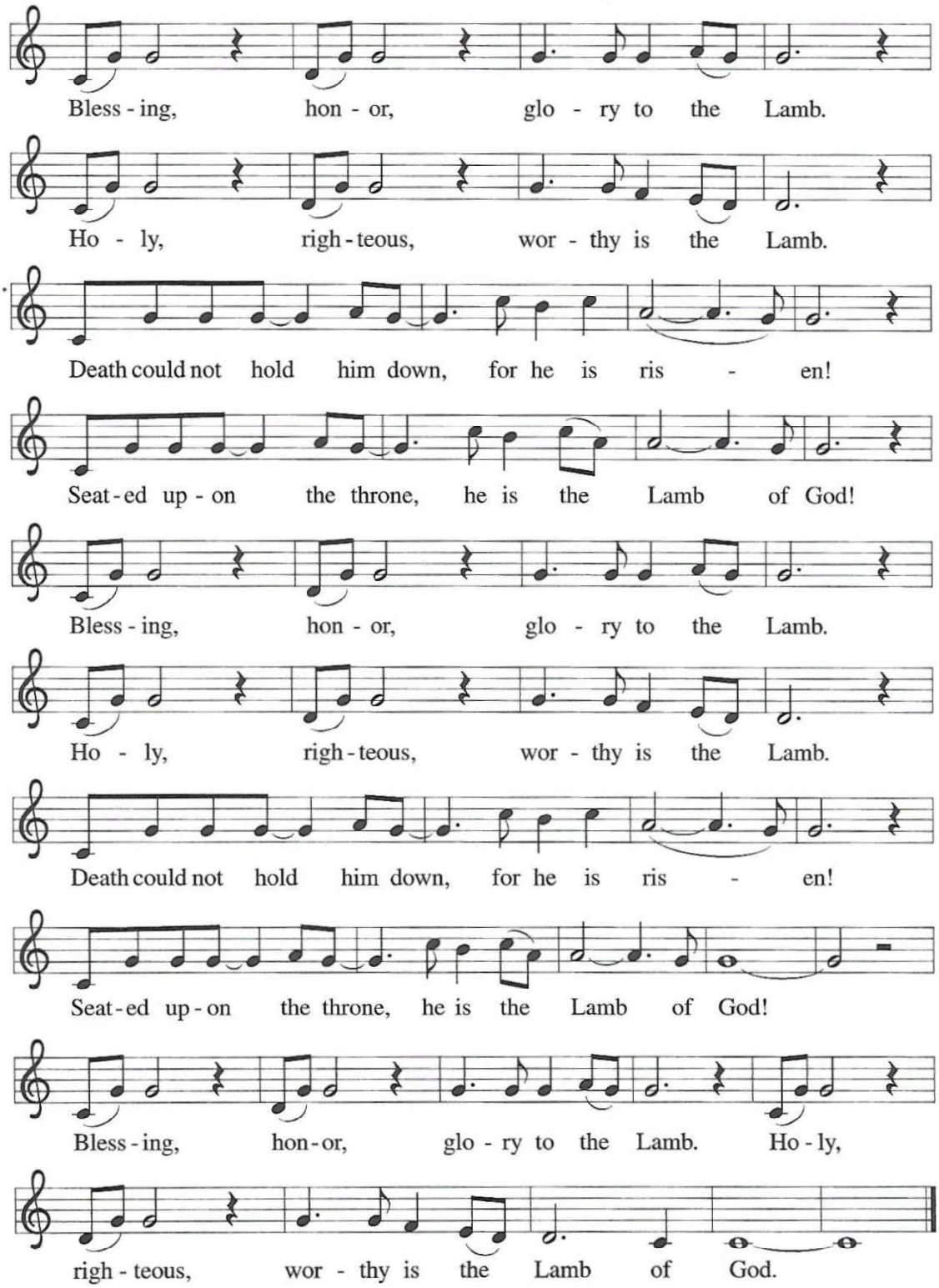
***The Sending**

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

END TIME

433 Blessing, Honor, and Glory



Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Todd Eastway, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Mary Hoffman, Kaydence Laaksonen, Tracey Laaksonen, Jonah Schmidt, Terry Speese, Pattie Tafelski, Carole Vipond, Athena Wilson, Rev Wayne Buskirk, Will Swan

Pray for our Friends: Tim Gillette, Brian Hamilton, Graeleigh Jensen, Will Knapp, Ken Kolb, Billy Lauderbach, Jason McClellan, Leah Mitchell, Becket Northrup, Rev. Bill Huether, Dr. Brad Hubbard, Kay Hargett, Tricia Drollinger

Pray for those in care facilities: Florence Hamilton, Cathy Marrison, Carolyn Malkewitz, Stephanie Sundholm.

Pray for our Armed Forces: *Army* –Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* – Tad Reed; *Ezra Swan –Army Reserve*

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, We pray for The Church of England.
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, We pray for Grace in Port Huron - with Shadrack Owuor, Rector The Commission on Ministry committee and Co-Chairs
In the Synodical Cycle of Prayer, we pray St. Matthew Lutheran Church, in Bridgeport with Rev. Diane Sponheim, let us pray to you, O Lord.

PRAYER LIST

The names on the prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified otherwise.

The Pastor cannot assume that people want a personal visit, but is more than happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

We are a community of faith, worshiping together, seeking to follow Jesus, and serving our neighbors in God's love.

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