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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026

The Greatest Commandment

TWO CHURCHES · ONE FAITH · ONE FAMILY

Sunday: Oct 25, 2026 - The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild	Carolyn Fitch & Lyn Kolb
Assisting Minister	Steve Wietrzukowski
Lector	Mike Nagle
Chalice Bearer	Anna Anderson & Mary Hoffman
Acolyte	Kayleigh Shriver
Ushers	Jim Quinn & Lyn Kolb
Coffee Hour	Diane Shank
Offering Counters	Cathy Iteen & Remos Lenio

Sunday: Nov 1, 2026 - The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild	Carole Vipond & Gale Martin
Assisting Minister	Thom Hawley
Lector	Terry Speese
Chalice Bearer	Lori Kratz & Bill Kratz
Acolyte	Oliver Kolb
Ushers	Jim Quinn & Lyn Kolb
Coffee Hour	
Offering Counters	Carole Vipond & Sonja Siewert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Two Churches, One Faith, One Family

Emanuel 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.

The Rev. Domingo (Mick) Shriver



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

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

October 25, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *(See Page 5)*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



**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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.
16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.
17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 1 — Prayed Responsively

A 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

A 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

A 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in
vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at
Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of
God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or
impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have been approved by God to be
entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals
but to please God, who tests our hearts.

5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or
with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you
or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But
we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So
deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the
gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation / Gradual**



***Holy Gospel** Matthew 22: 34-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

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34 When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question
to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He
said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these
two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this
question: 42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to
him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the
Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to
give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

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

Homily Pastor 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,

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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

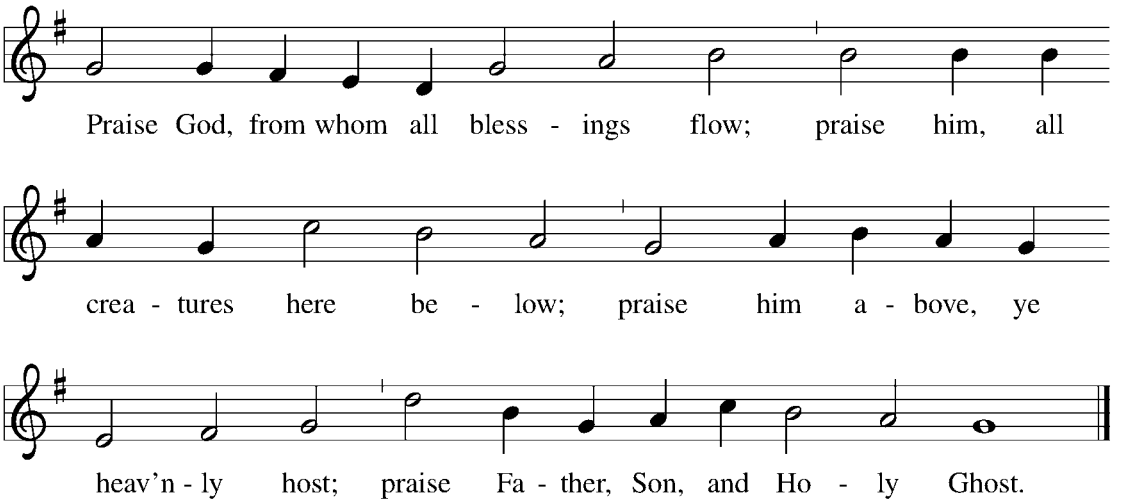
Offetory Sentence

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

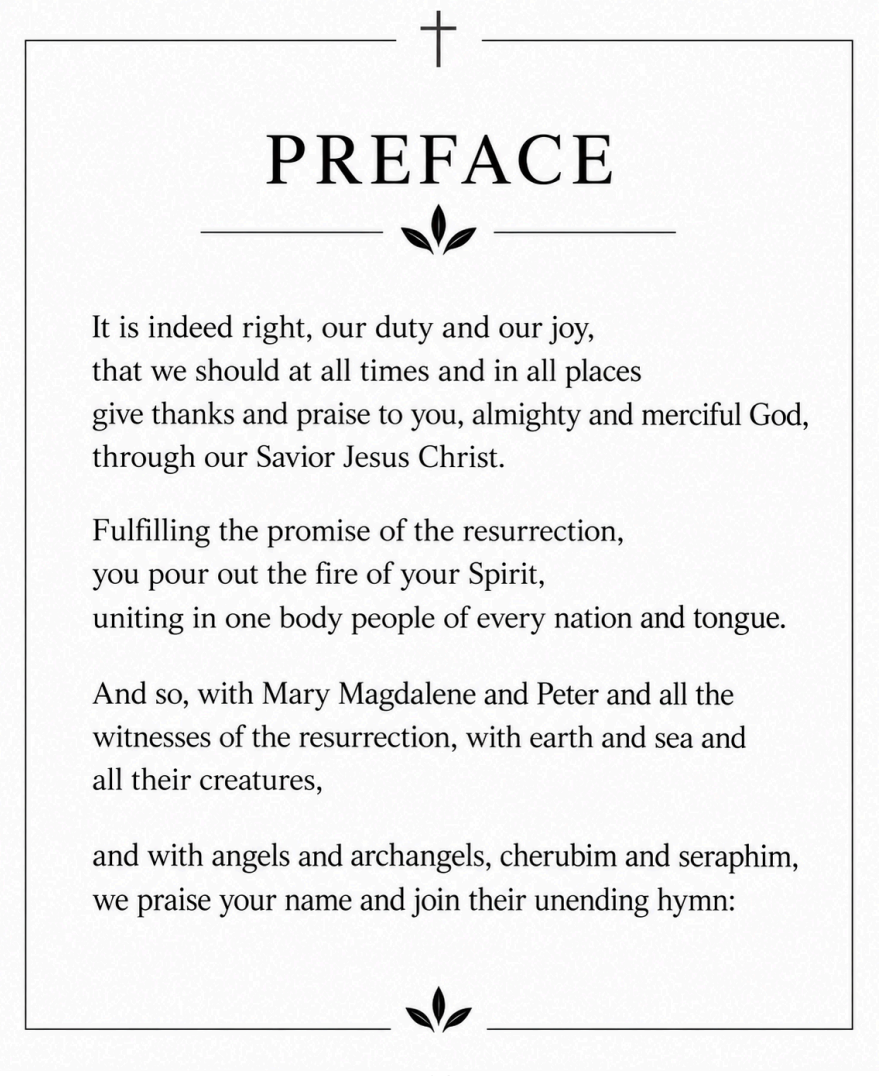
C And also with you

P Lift up your ears

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



*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.

We remember oh Lord (Papa) Wayne Wheeler Sr. who has died
in the peace of Christ, having been promised by your son, a
place of refreshment, of light, and of peace.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer:
Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them;
and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good
purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,

Lord, *teach us to pray.*

THE 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 LORD'S PRAYER
(Contemporary)

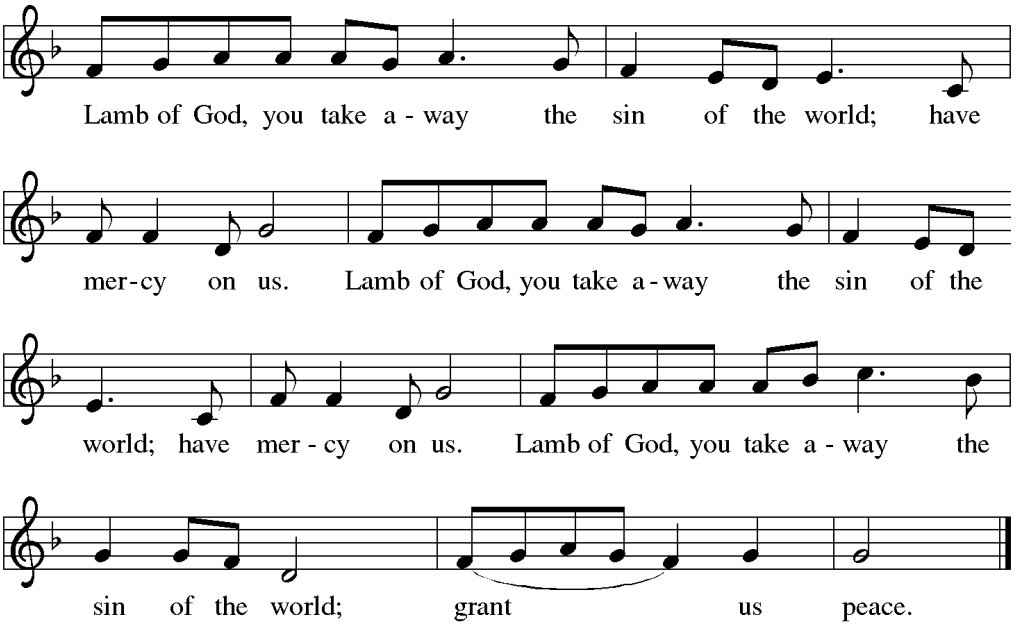
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

*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

"Thy Strong Word" (See Page 20)



Reformation Sunday *reminds us that God's grace is a gift, received through faith in Jesus Christ. As we remember the Reformation, we celebrate a Church continually called to renewal through God's Word, love and mercy.*

Thy Strong Word



5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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**

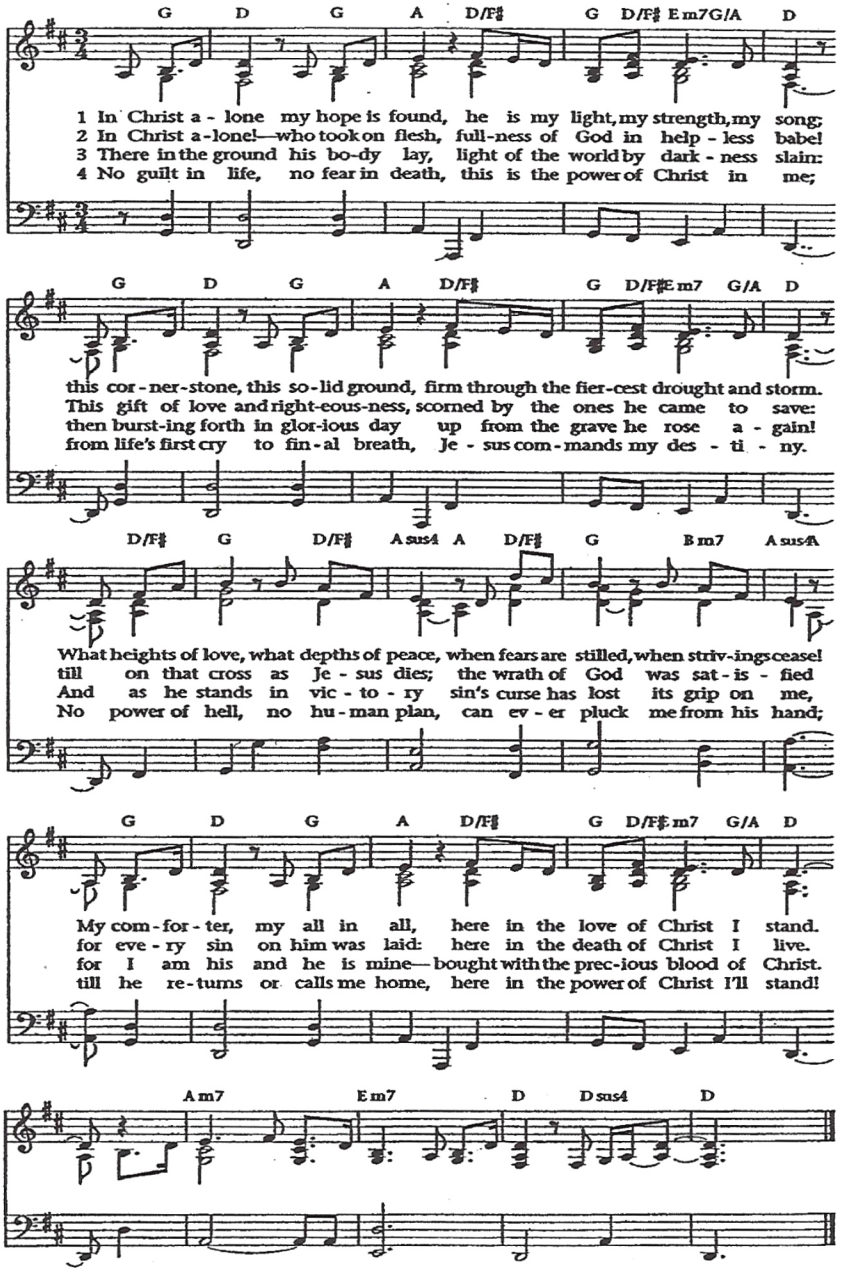
"In Christ Alone" (See Page 22)

***The Sending**

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

C Thanks be to God.

In Christ Alone



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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

Pray for our Friends: Tim Gillette, Brian Hamilton, Graeleigh Jensen, Will Knapp, Ken Kolb, Billy Lauderbach, Bob Martin, Jason McClellan, Leah Mitchell, Becket Northrup, Robert Tubbs, Rev. Bill Huether, Dr. Brad Hubbard, Ezra Swan

Pray for those in care facilities: Barb Beaver, 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.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches, our Diocese and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Trinity Church in Lexington with Mary Shortt, Priest and Monastic Solitary - Sarah Swart
In the Synodical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter Lutheran in Battle Creek with Rev. Edward Ruble.

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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