

KYRIE

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. 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.**

WORD

A READING FROM JEREMIAH

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I, myself, will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will

live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (Read responsively)

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

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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. (Colossians 1:11-20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:33-43)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (verses 1, 4, 6)
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THE NICENE CREED (Read in unison)

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;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He 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 OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Embolden believers to be creative in their own ministry and collaborative in shared ministries to increase our outreach for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international organizations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are unjustly oppressed. Help their voices to be heard and their cause to be shared. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Bring healing and wholeness to all your children. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and the people of Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, lay leaders, and council members in discernment, and renew them with hope. Give this congregation a true spirit of discipleship and joy in serving. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the promise of eternal life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (8:00 a.m.) “Trumpet Tune”

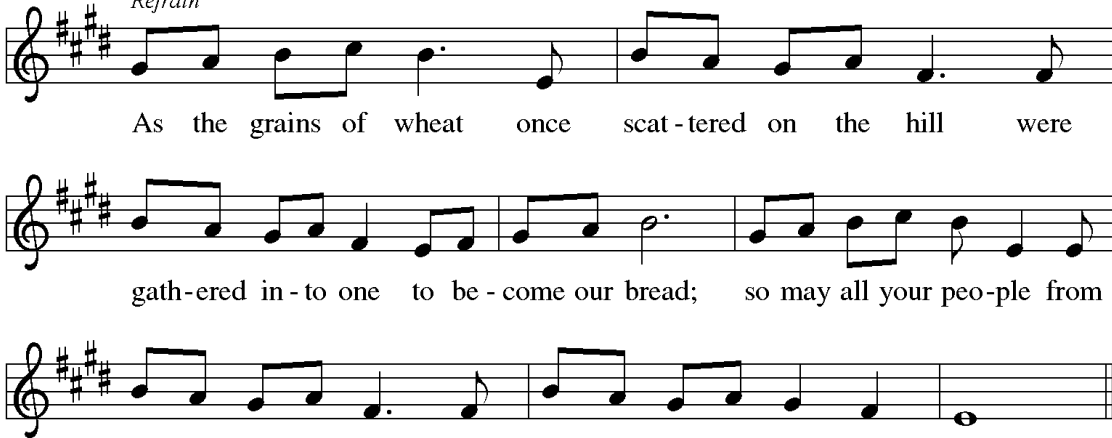
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ANTHEM (10:30) “All Creatures of Our God and King”*

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OFFERTORY HYMN “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were', 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from', and 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your love you provide for all our needs. Multiply these gifts which we bring to you and increase our faith so that we are always ready to share every good gift with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

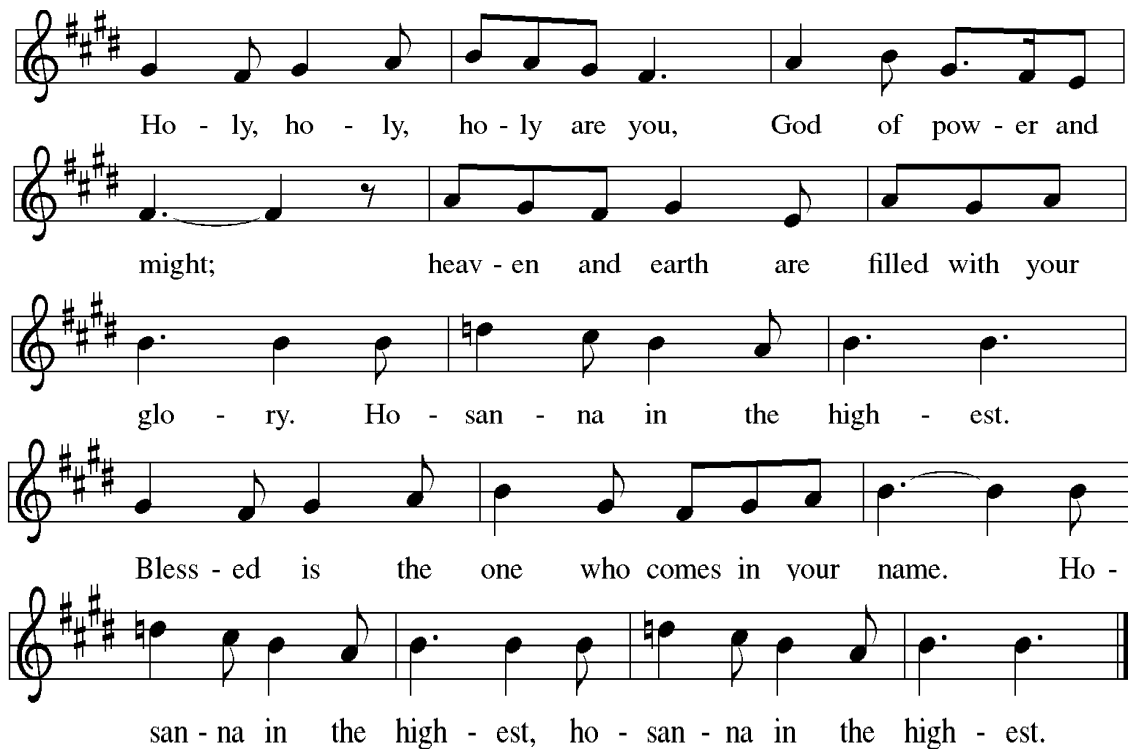
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, and ever-living God. Born as a King in David's line and anointed with the Holy Spirit, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, proclaimed your kingdom with words and deeds, with wonders and signs. You enthroned him upon the cross, raised him up from the dead, and seated him at your right hand, that he should rule all things in heaven and on earth. Through him you will also make all things new when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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.

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.

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 the 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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 COMMUNION


Christ invites us to dine at his table. **Let us come, taste, and see.**

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction.

Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. Because of COVID-19 precautions, communicants should not drink directly from the chalice. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 a.m.) "Beautiful Savior"

[See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of abundant life, you have refreshed and renewed us through this simple meal. As we journey, daily give us your grace so that we might serve our neighbors with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in grace and peace,
from this time forth and forever more. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 20		CHRIST THE KING
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 21	6:30 PM	Finance
Wednesday, November 23	7:00 PM	Community Thanksgiving Eve Service St. John's U.C.C., Orwigsburg, PA
Thursday, November 24		THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office is Closed
Friday, November 25	10:00 AM	STiC Walk in Frog Hollow
Saturday, November 26	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, November 27	9:30 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Please note change in schedule!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (11/20/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Madelyn Knecht; LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Schenck

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/27/22)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Karen Shoener; LECTOR: Leslie Guldin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Julianne Schenck

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND GUESTS

Because of COVID-19 precautions, our offering plates are not “passed” during the service. Offerings can be placed in the plate located in the center aisle in the back of the church before or after worship. Our restrooms are in the back of our fellowship room. Please look for our sign. If you have other questions, please ask our Greeter or Usher.

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Our “Second Sunday” Sunday School will host a “Holly Jolly Christmas Party” on Sunday, December 4, in the Gathering Room. Show up any time between 1 and 3 p.m. for Christmas crafts, games, and hot chocolate! This is an event for the children of our church and our community (up to age 10). Mark your calendars for the first ever Holly Jolly Christmas Party. Spread the word and bring a friend!

WELCA NEWS

The collection of hats and scarves in dark colors for the Seafarers' International Christmas gift project will continue until Sunday, November 27.

Our Christmas Luncheon at the McKeansburg Hotel will be on Thursday, December 15 at noon. Details and a signup sheet are available at the table in the gathering room. Deadline to register and pay is Sunday, December 11.

If you wish to send a “Message from Home” to service people, the address list is at the gathering table.

CAROL SING AT SETON MANOR

Our congregation and the five (5) area Lutheran congregations which make up the Southeastern Schuylkill County Co-operative (SSCC) will host a “Carol Sing” for the residents at Seton Manor in Orwigsburg, PA at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022. If you would like to sing with us, please gather in the Seton Manor parking lot beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, RSV, and Flu, carolers will be required to wear masks while inside the facility.

After the Carol Sing, everyone is invited to enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal snacks at Jerusalem Lutheran Church at 252 Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven, PA.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will again be ordered from
Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA.

The cost of a 6.5" bloom plant is **\$8.50**.

Please indicate red or white blooms and to whom you wish to dedicate.
If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 4!

Please complete the bottom of this form and return it with payment to the plate
marked "Poinsettias" in the Gathering Room.

NAME: _____

I would like to order _____ red poinsettia(s),

I would like to order _____ white poinsettia(s),

at \$8.50 each. If you wish to dedicate your flowers(s) "in honor/memory of,"
please circle one for the lines you complete below. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Honor/Memory: _____

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Are you paying with CASH? or CHECK? CHECK # _____

Total # of Poinsettias: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

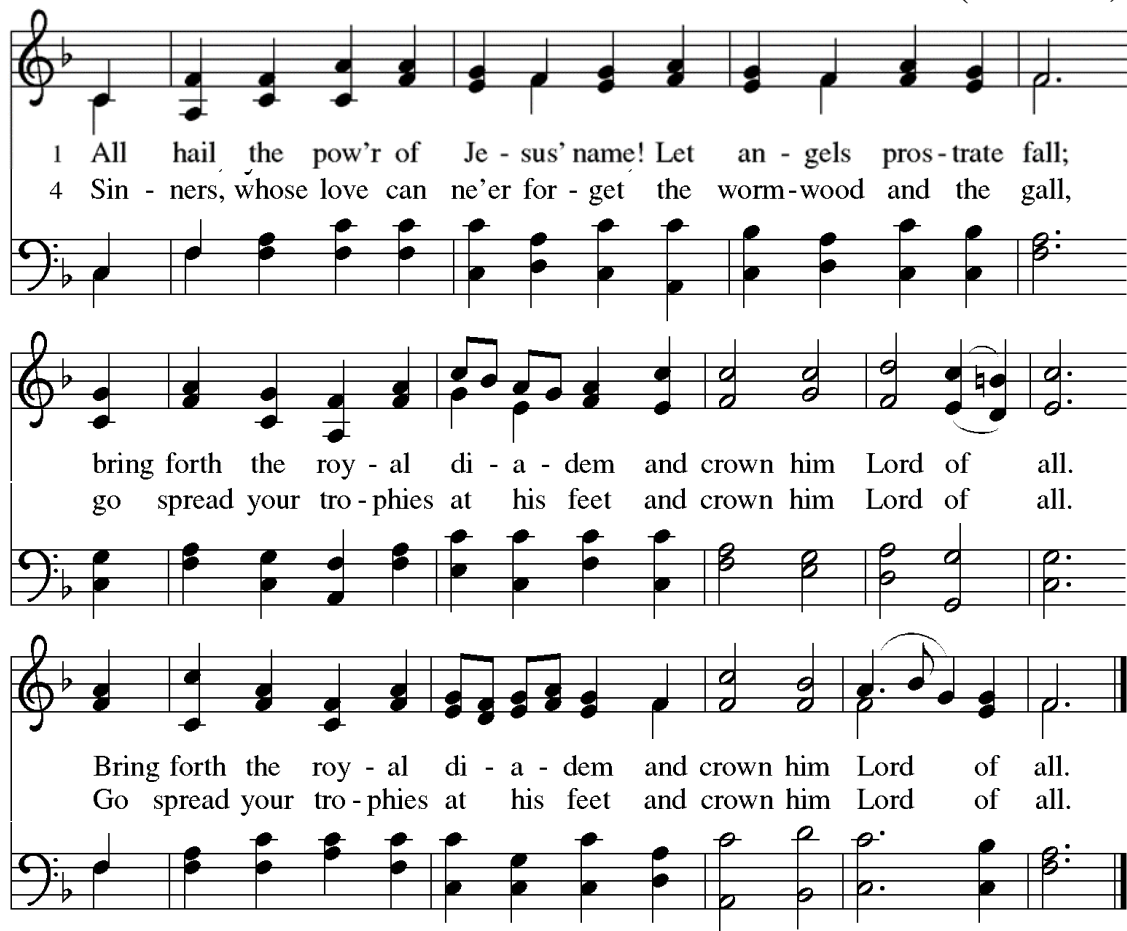
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Mike will be on vacation next Saturday, November 26, and Sunday, November 27, 2022. Pastor Rob Reier will lead our worship at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 26 and Doug Travor will lead a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 27.

We give thanks to Pastor Rob Reier and Doug Travor and their willingness to provide worship for our congregation. At this time, it is very difficult finding retired ministers who are available to fill pastoral “sick” or “vacation” vacancies.

HYMN OF THE DAY “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (verses 1, 4, 6)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
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.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet 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.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS

St. Paul's is establishing a crafting guild that makes items to sell at local community fairs and events as a new outreach program and an opportunity for fellowship. All proceeds from the sale of craft items will go to support St. Paul's ministries.

We are looking for current crafters or anyone interested in learning a new craft. If you would like more information, please sign the interest sheet in the gathering room, or contact Kristin Durkee (804-380-9066) or Amy Dewald (570-449-4816).

WE REMEMBER AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER!

The Evangelism committee would like to send cards, signed by our church family, to the home bound and military and college students away from home. The cards will be located on the small table with the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) as you enter or leave the church.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 a.m.) "Beautiful Savior"

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

SENDING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.