



November 16, 2025 8:30 a.m.
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Eight

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Gayden Sikes)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves us, ☩ in Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are set free. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** “How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

*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

Refrain

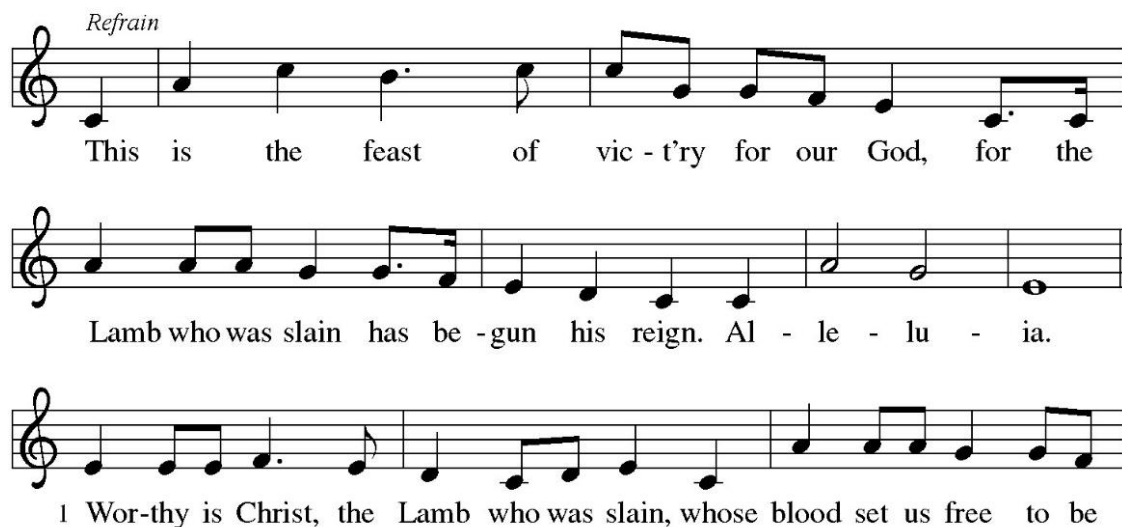


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast"

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- ⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

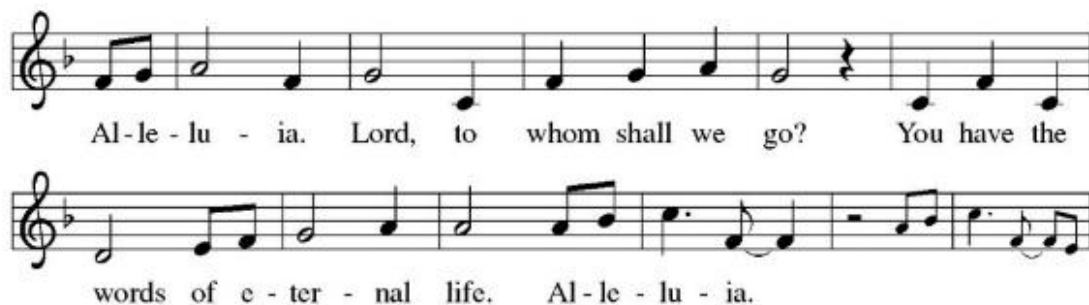
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Berry

GOSPEL FANFARE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





*** GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL**

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

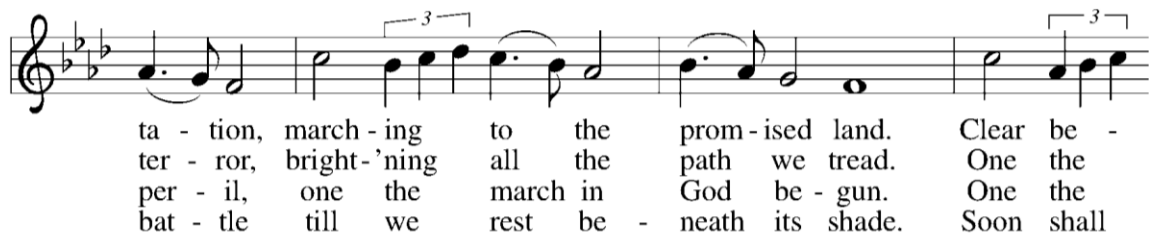
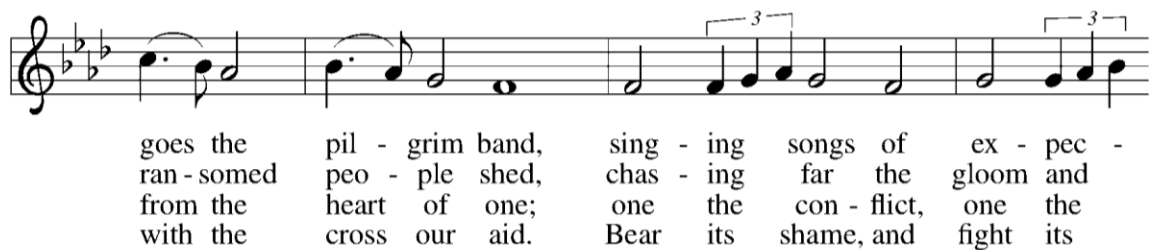
Pastor Kris Schroeder

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

ELW 327



1	Through the	night of	doubt and	sor - row,	on - ward
2	One the	light of	God's own	pres - ence	on the
3	One the	strain that	lips of	thou - sands	lift as
4	On - ward,	there - fore,	sis - ters,	broth - ers;	on - ward,



Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

* 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**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Organ Piano Solo: "Humbly, I Adore Thee" (Callahan)

Melanie Payne

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

ELW 181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

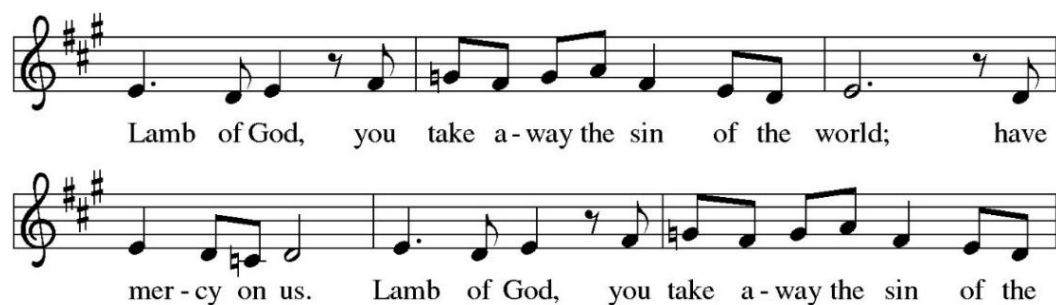
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"



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



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

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN “When Peace like a River” (It Is Well with My Soul)

ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

HYMN “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda ⊕ 1 2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

⊕ Coda

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ELW 632

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

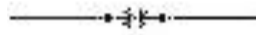
6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “Duke Street” (David Lasky)



WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth
Don & Lizzie Palmer
Lindsey & the Porter Family
Cindy
Kevin
Leighann
Connie Stanger
Stephen

Rich
Brian
Kenneth
Pat Esteppe
Amy Cunningham
Teresa Bacon
Laurie Campbell
Martin Campbell

Kaitlyn Saari
Diane
David
Family of Lisa W.
David, Sharon and Bryant

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by the DeMarsh family in celebration of Jutta's birthday on Nov. 15.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall.

A NURSERY staffed by Hannah Seitz, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT NOON TODAY TO APPROVE MLC'S 2026 BUDGET. Please plan to attend so that we reach a quorum. Your input is welcomed and valued as we discern God's plan for MLC in the coming year.

MLC APP SUPPORT MEET UP BETWEEN SERVICES TODAY. Experts will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services today. Stop by if you need assistance with our app or have any questions.

COMFORTERS QUILT ON SALE ALL THROUGH NOVEMBER. Beautiful, handmade quilts are for sale until the end of the month. They make the perfect cozy Christmas gift 😊 Scan the QR code to browse our online store!



HURRICANE MELISSA DISASTER RESPONSE. Lutheran Disaster Response is mobilized to provide aid in this emergency. You can contribute through Messiah with an offering marked for LDR Hurricane Melissa or directly here: <https://give.lwr.org/page/180471/donate/1>.

NAME TAG ORDERS TAKEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 23rd. Scan the QR code to place an order for your own reusable name tag to wear in church. These are plastic, magnetic name tags and are \$6.60 each. Payment options include cash, check or online.



KIT MINISTRY – 4 oz Bars of Soap

FOOD PANTRY – Diapers / Wipes

ATTENDANCE November 2 Online: 30 November 9: 8:30 – 101 11:00 – 39

CHURCH CALENDAR*

Sunday, November 16

8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW Setting Eight
with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
9:45 a.m. – MLC App Support
11:00 a.m. – Band Led Service of Worship ELW Setting
Eight with the Lord's Supper
12:00 p.m. – Congregational Meeting w/ Subsplash
videoconferencing
5:00 p.m. – Cherub and Seraph Choir
5:00 p.m. – Youth Group
6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

Monday, November 17

6:30 p.m. – Messiah Book Club

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 a.m. – Comforters
6:30 p.m. – Pub Theology

Wednesday, November 19

5:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry

Sunday, November 23

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW Setting Four
with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW Setting Four with
the Lord's Supper
12:15 p.m. – Instrumental Ensemble
1:00 p.m. – MOES, Junior/Senior Youth Tree
Decorating
5:00 p.m. – Cherub and Seraph Choir
5:00 p.m. – Youth Group
6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD

November 1 through 30 – Comforters Quilt Sale
November 23 – Christ the King Sunday

November 30 – Advent Begins
December 14 – Children's Christmas Pageant /
Ring and Sing

Cantor	Emily Reed
Lector	Laura Peterson
Usher	Bruce Peter
Altar Guild	LeeLinda Baggett, Linda Peirce
Stream Team	Bob Davis, Lee Seitz
Flower Guild	Jutta DeMarsh

Pastor	Kristine Schroeder
Director of Music	Randall Fields
Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne
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