

Welcome to Worship!



Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

** Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

* He Has Made Me Glad

I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart,
 I will en - ter his courts with praise.
 I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
 I will re - joice for he has made me glad.
 He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
 I will re - joice for he has made me glad.
 He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
 I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

* Greeting

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.

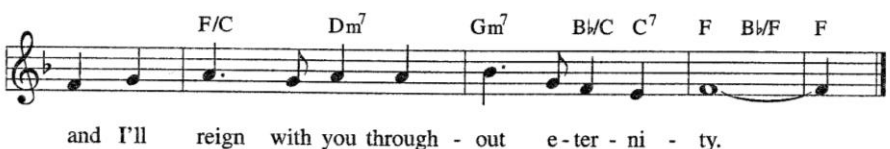
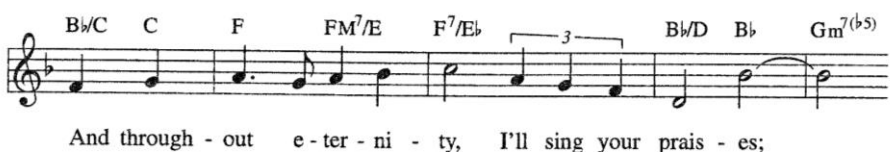
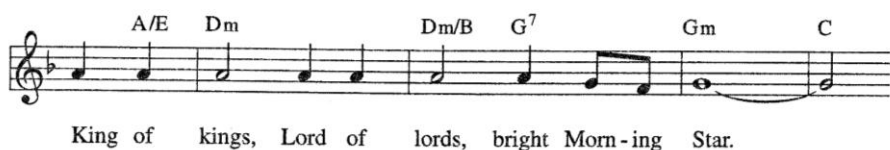
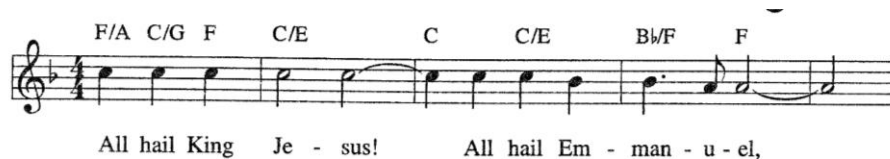
P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,
C: and in your light we see light.

*** Opening Song – All Hail King Jesus**



Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

A: The First Lesson is from the 45th chapter of Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Please join in saying the prayer for the call process:

Lord, may we sing praises and also know You in the stillness. Always there to guide us on Your right path. In Jesus name, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



1 Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Sermon**

Pastor David Holtz

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Song – Take My Life, That I May Be



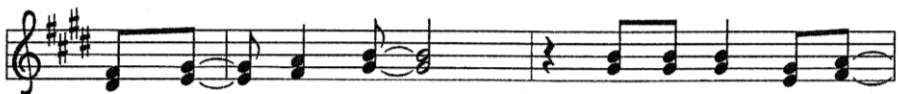
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.



- 1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
- 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
- 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



pulse of	thy	love;	take my feet and let
would I	with -	hold;	take my in - tel - lect
ly for	my	King;	take my lips and let
no lon -	ger	mine;	take my heart, it is



them be	swift and beau - ti - ful	for thee.
and use	ev - 'ry pow'r as thou	shalt choose.
them be	filled with mes - sag - es	from thee.
thine own;	it shall be thy roy - al	throne.

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*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

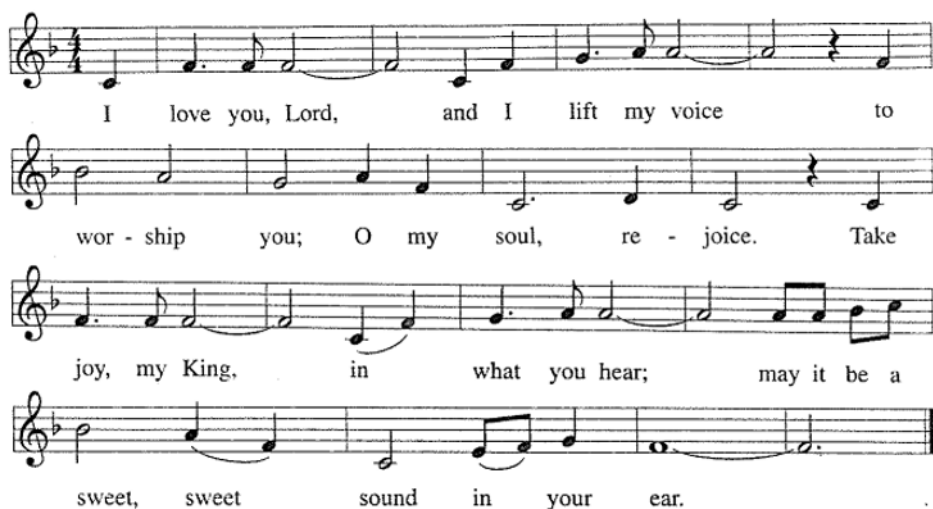
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

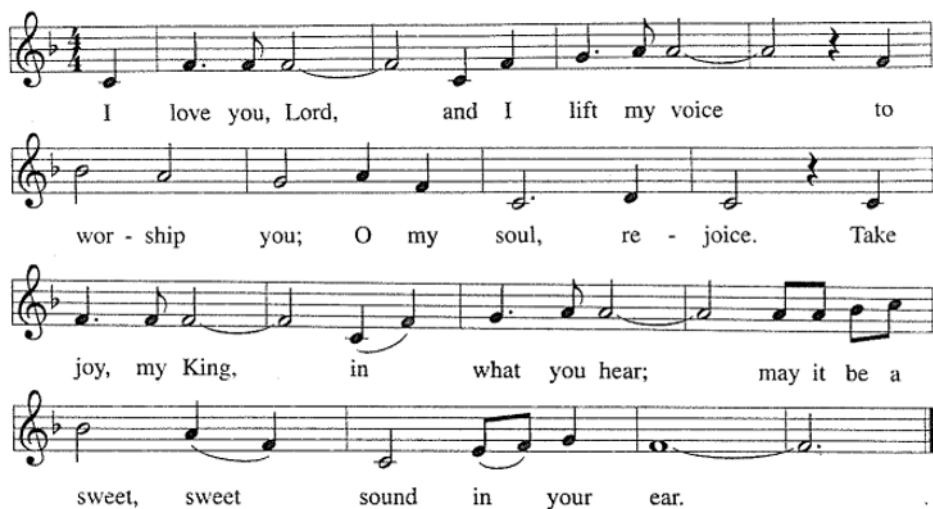
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



*** Sharing of God's Peace**

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

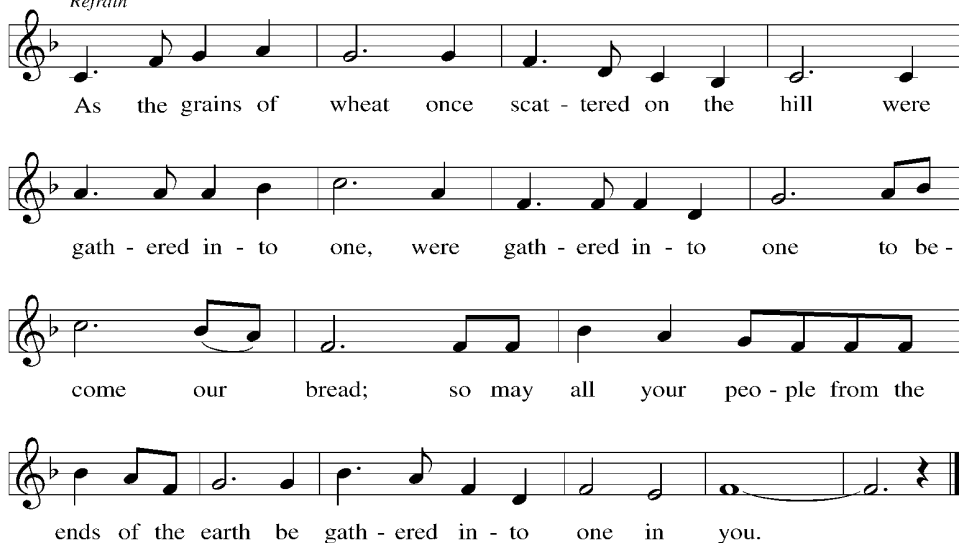
*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

***Offering**

Contemporary Worship Team

* Offertory – As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



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

* Offertory Prayer

P: God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

* Words of Institution

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.
We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:
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.

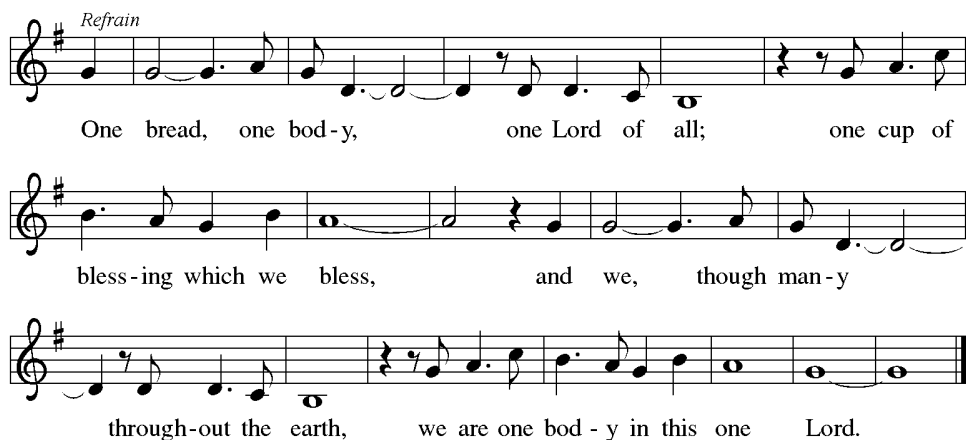
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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**

* One Bread, One body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

The Meal (*Please be seated*)

For those at home or communing at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

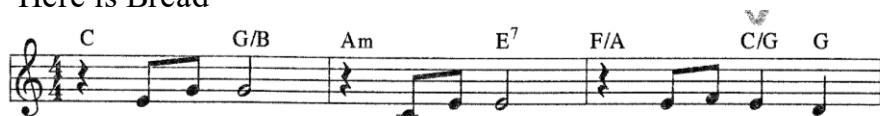
If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

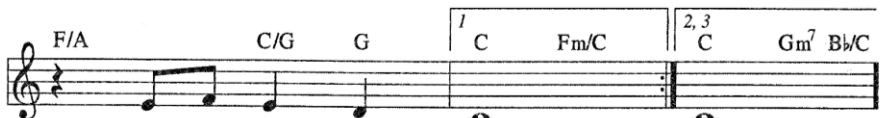
Here is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

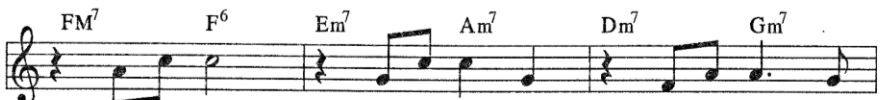


he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes



Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

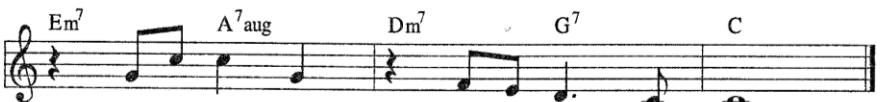
Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,



by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Broken in Love

C F/C G/B F/A D/F#
 This is my bod - y, bro - ken in love; take it and
 D G F/G C F/C
 eat and re - mem - ber me. This is my blood,
 G/B F/A D D/F# G
 poured out in love; take it and drink and re - mem - ber
 Am Am/G Am/F G/F FM⁷
 me. For love is will - ing ev - 'ry day to
 Em⁷ Dm⁷ G Am Am/G
 die in or - der to live, and love is pa - tient
 Am/F G/F FM⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ G Last time CM⁷
 for a way to share the gifts that I give.

*Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

* Post Communion Canticle - You're Worthy of My Praise



I will wor - ship____ with all of____ my____ heart._____



I will praise You _____ with all of _____ my strength.



I will seek You _____ all of _____ my _____ days. _____



I will fol - low_____ all of__ Your ways.



I will give___ You all my wor - ship___ I will give___ You



all my praise._____ You a - lone__ I long__ to wor - ship__



You a - lone_____ are wor - thy of___ my praise._____

* Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

* Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

* Closing Song-His Love Goes On Forever

$\text{♩} = 126$

F B $\flat$

1. I'm gon-na sing. I'm gon-na shout. I'm gon-na let the rea-son out ___ that His
 2. I'm gon-na give. I'm gon-na grow. I'm gon-na let the whole world know ___ that His

F C F

love goes on for-ev - er. I'm gon-na take it all the way. I'm gon-na
 love goes on for-ev - er. I'm gon-na be a shin-in' light. I'm gon-na

B $\flat$ F C F *Refrain*

praise ___ Je - sus' name ___ 'cause His love goes on for-ev - er. His
 lift His name up high ___ 'cause His love goes on for-ev - ver.

C B $\flat$ F C

love reach-es to the high-est mount - tain. His love stretch-es to the

B $\flat$ F Dm

low - est val - ley. His love ___ will nev - er fail ___

Am B $\flat$ C F

___ me. It's al - ways there, ___ sur-round - ing me. ___

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His Love Goes On Forever (Continued)



E A

I'm gon-na sing. I'm gon-na shout. I'm gon-na let the rea-son out ___ that His

E B E

love goes on for-ev - er. I'm gon-na take it all the way. I'm gon-na

A E B E

praise Je-sus' name ___ 'cause His love goes on for-ev - er.

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude - Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall following worship.

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Offering Update

Offerings needed weekly \$ 5,538.00

Offerings collected last week \$ 5,636.32

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 8:31-36

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DuBOIS IS EMPOWERED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISHED THROUGH WORD &
SACRAMENT TO HEAR, STUDY, AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

***The flowers in the Chancel vases are presented to the Glory
of the Lord by Brad and Colleen Russell in honor of their
Anniversary.***

Ushers: Drew and Michelle London

Lector: Carol Lieber

Communion Assistants: Lisa Blasky and Jessica Deasey

+ Calendar for this Week +

Monday October 19

Tuesday October 20

Thursday October 22

9:00 Quilters

2:00 Bible Study

5:30 Council Meeting

6:00 Contemporary Team

6:30 Vocal

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Mission of the Month - NALC Disaster Response

This month, our NALC Mission District gathers for its annual convocation. As part of the gathering, they collect both in-kind and monetary gifts for the NALC Disaster Response. To support these efforts, our October Mission of the Month will be the North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response Fund. Your donations help with the costs of distributing and transporting much needed supplies to disaster areas. Disaster response begins long before the storm—and continues long after the headlines fade. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write “NALC Disaster Response” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items needed for October are pumpkin and /or cinnamon.

Attention: Wear red on Sunday October 25, 2026 for Reformation Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE CHRIST LUTHERAN MENS GROUP FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Any Chatter articles or information for November Chatter is due in the office on October 21st. Anything after this date will not be published in the November Chatter.

Attention worship assistants: The November schedule is available in the narthex for pick up. If you need to adjust your schedule for any reason, please see if you can find a substitute for your scheduled time. If you need assistance, please call the office. Thank you!

When you enter the church sanctuary from the middle doors of the narthex and begin following the picture panels, starting from either side, you may notice they form a “U” shape, it reminded me of a shape we make when giving someone a hug. A hug is something we offer to console someone, to say “hello”, to express pride, or simply to say, “I love you”. In the sanctuary, Jesus’ life, as depicted in the story panels, is saying “I love you so much that I died in your place”. Many worshipers have a particular story panel that speaks to them personally, but together they convey Jesus’ message to us all. During the month of October, the Call Committee would like to know: “How can we pray for you?” Please place your orange card in the collection plate. No name, gender, or age is needed. Thanks! The Call Committee

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ October 18, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller
~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Grace Griffith ~ George Kramer Sr.
~ Hazel Kriner ~ Nancy Lilja ~ George McCurdy ~ Jim Norwood
~ Geneva Roberts ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson
~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Jake Bell ~ Jordan ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb
Shields ~ Colton Shields

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Brenda Amblod
~ Sherri Ball ~ Lindsey Bernardo ~ Ben Brubaker ~ Eleanor Bundy
~ Bill Clyde ~ Louise Cramer ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~
Brad Dodd ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Tim Fuller ~
Beth Giese ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Gabby Horner ~ Duanne
Hubbard ~ Vickie Jacklyn ~ Jendrey ~ Dan Johnson ~ Cheryl
Jones ~ April Kalgron ~ Kathy ~ Jim Kearney ~ Linda Keller ~ AJ
Kessler ~ Robert Kessler ~ Keith Klingensmith ~ Scott Klingensmith
~ Susie Landry ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl
~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Devon London ~ Mona
Mandich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Barbara Martini ~ Laura Mc ~ Teri
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Stacy Park ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston
~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Geneva Roberts ~ The Snells ~ Karen
Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Kenny Swanson ~ Christopher Sykes ~
Virginia Traveny ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jerry
Wallace ~ George Whipple ~ Pastor Bill White ~ Nancy Wilber

Short Term Prayer Requests:

The Family of Marty Clark

To add/remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.
