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✝ Last Sunday of the Church Year ✝  
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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*", as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament, not to participate yet in the eating and drinking, but to receive a blessing from the Pastor. God bless your sharing in this wonderful Gift.

**Welcome:** Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

**Quiet Room:** The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

**Cushions** are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

**Communion Procedure:** Individually packaged wafers and wine/grape juice is available in the narthex as you come in. Take one of each with you to your seat. When it is time for Holy Communion, you will stay in your seat and take the body and blood when Pastor indicates.

### Altar Flowers

This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Klaus family in thanksgiving for blessings received.



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# Opening Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in this fellowship, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

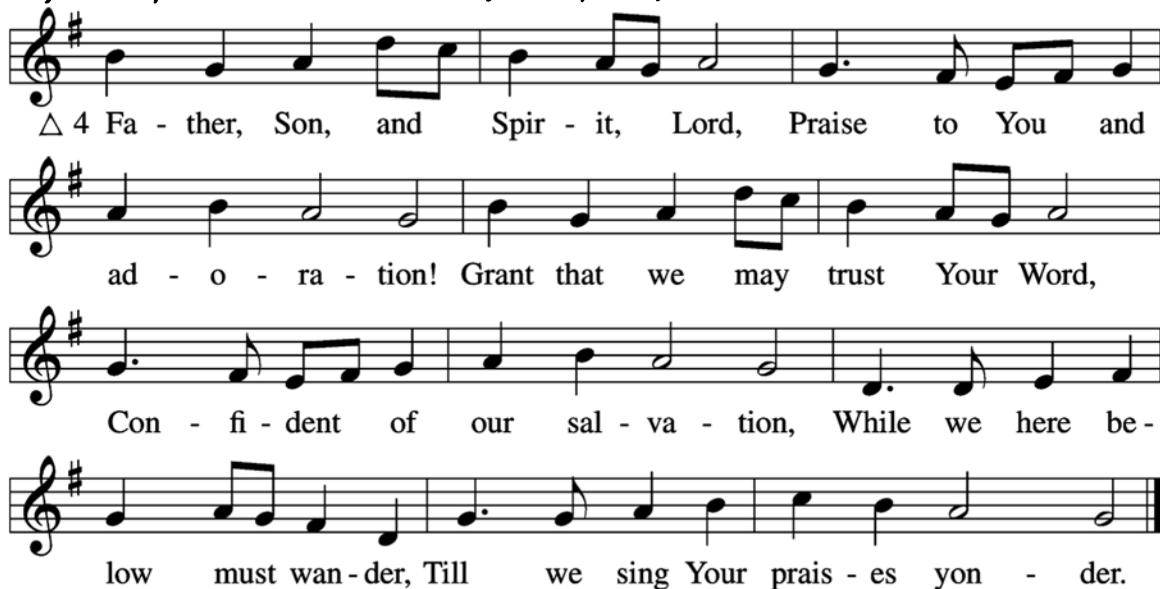
**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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

*(God will search for His sheep.)*

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all

places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by

the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28** *(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

*(The separation of the sheep and the goats)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before Him will be gathered all

the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats

on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My

brothers, you did it to Me.' <sup>41</sup>"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and His angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup>Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father  
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only  
begotten Son of God, begotten of His  
Father before all worlds, God of God,  
Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one  
substance with the Father, by whom all  
things were made; Who for us and for  
our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was  
buried. And the third day He rose  
again according to the Scriptures and**

**G Praise to You, O Christ.**

**ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of the Father. And He will  
come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead, Whose  
kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord  
and giver of life, Who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, Who with the  
Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by  
the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church, I acknowledge one  
Baptism for the remission of sins, and I  
look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

Bob Brantsch, DCE

# Hymn of the Day "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Offering

*During this time of crises we have put the following methods in place for you to contribute your offerings: <https://gloriadeihudson.org/donate.html>. An offering plate is provided near the church entry for those who prefer to leave their offering there. We continue to encourage Simply Giving and online giving.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

- A** Dear heavenly Father, You promise to seek the lost. We pray for all those who have wandered away from Your Church. We pray that You would strengthen us to reach out to them, to receive them with open arms and open hearts when they return home. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- A** Lord, You promise to strengthen the weak. Send Your strength and courage to all those who need it, to the aging, the lonely, the tired, and the vulnerable. Protect and defend them from the wolves of this world. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- A** Lord, You promise to feed Your sheep with good pasture. Raise up faithful servants and shepherds to share the nourishment of Your Word and Sacraments with all Your sheep. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- A** Lord, You promise to rescue Your flock from all enemies. Guard and keep us from the enemies of sin, death, and Satan. Lead us away from temptation and always closer to the arms of our Good Shepherd. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- A** Lord, You promise to bind up the injured. Bring Your healing to all those who suffer now through injury, illness, and oppression. Heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- A** Lord, by Your Word You have told us that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead, we still grieve and mourn when the enemy of death strikes our friends and family. Be near all those who are mourning the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C** Give ear to our cry.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

**P** Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

## 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**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:26

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

—Revelation 22:20

## Pax Domini

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

**C** And also with you.

## Communion Distribution

**P** The body of Christ given for you.

*Open the container and eat the wafer.*

**P** The blood of Christ shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

*Open the container with the wine/grape juice and drink it. Please replace the lid so the wine doesn't drip out.*

## Communion Dismissal

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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

## Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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