Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

P.O. Box 100, Durham PA, 18039 610- 346-8500
durhamlutheran.org

Reverend James Heckman, Pastor
267-664-3160 / pastor@durhamlutheran.org



November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

You can find the live stream at the following location:
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Worship from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB170076.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License # 715933-A. All rights reserved.

Prelude: "Agincourt Hymn"- John Dunstable

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand if you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen

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

(Silence is kept for reflection)

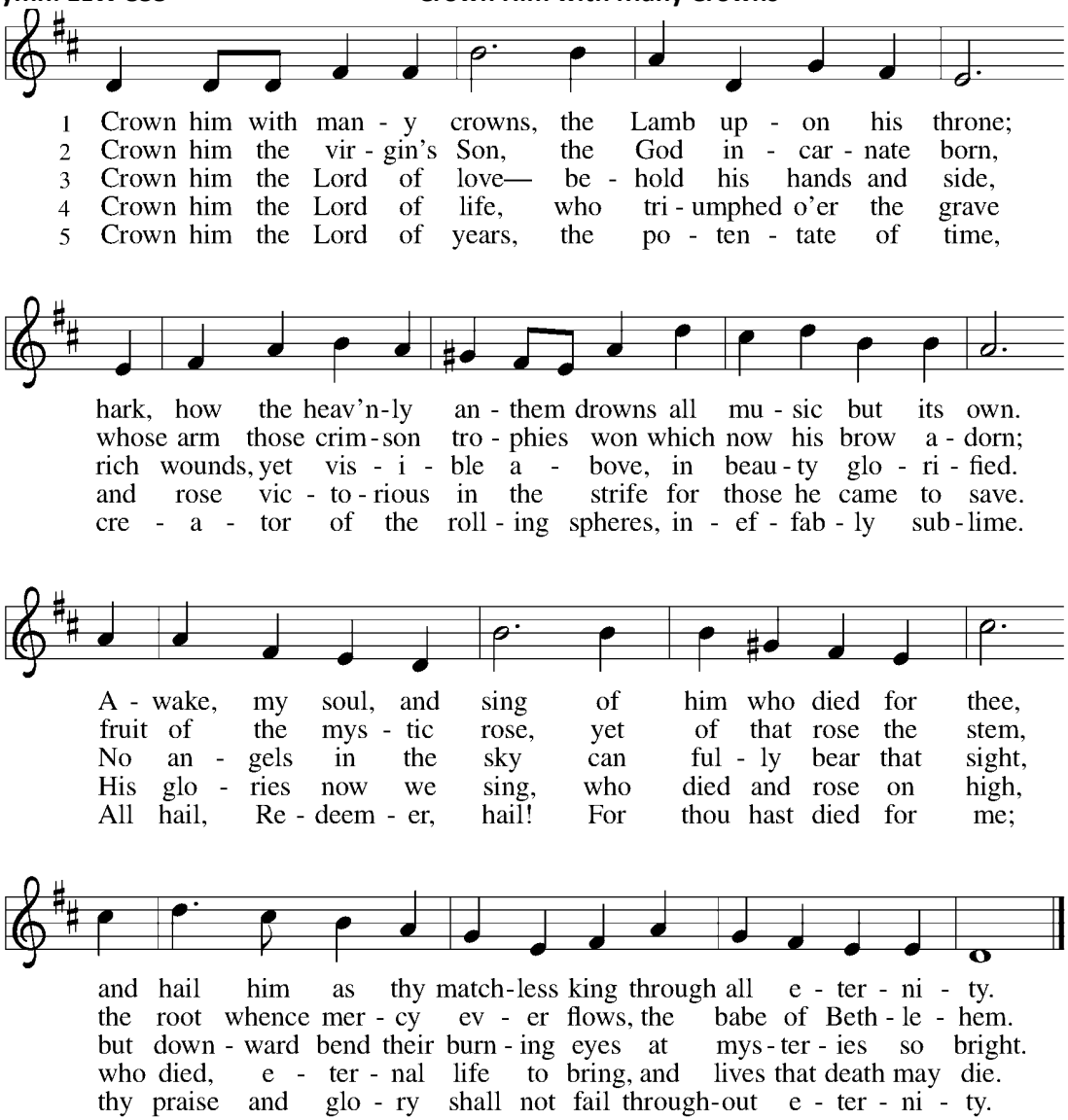
P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 855 **Crown Him with Many Crowns**



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

INVOCATION

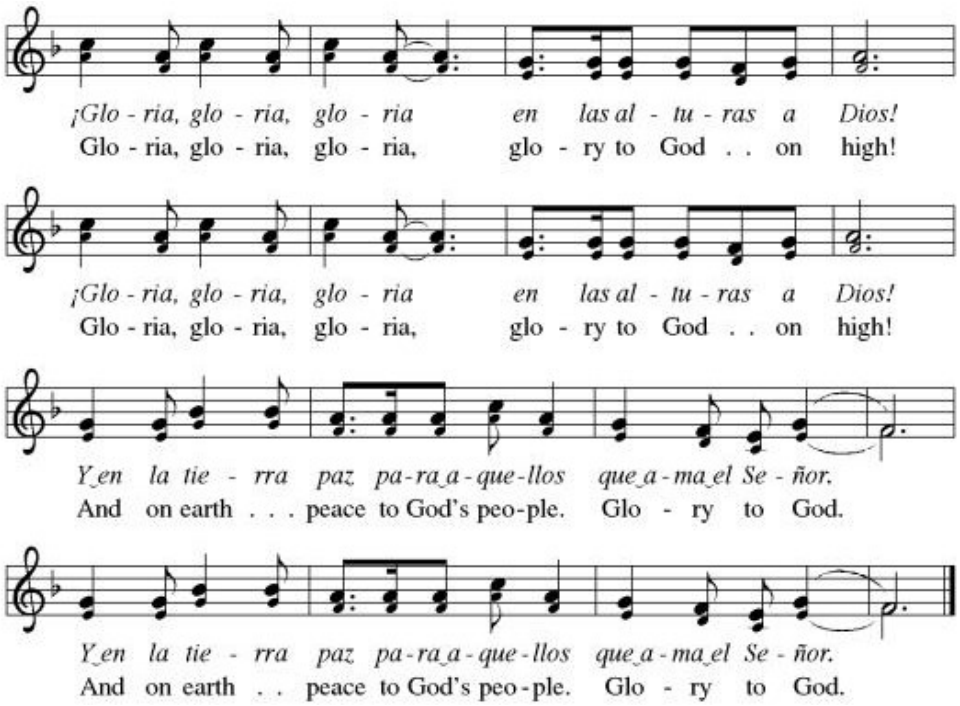
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE-



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

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

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

L: A reading from the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I
will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their
pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back
the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and
the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

L: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

L: [1] Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
C: [2] Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
L: [3] For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
C: [4] In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
L: [5] The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
C: [6] Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
L: [7a] For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading- Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

L: A reading from the first chapter of Ephesians.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
[22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand if you are able)*



The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Jesus said to the disciples: [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,

you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign *(Stand if you are able)*

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need *especially those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts...* God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Scan this QR code to give electronically

OFFERING –

Choir Anthem: "Rejoice the Lord is King" -Darwell/Smith

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS-

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

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.

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.

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.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

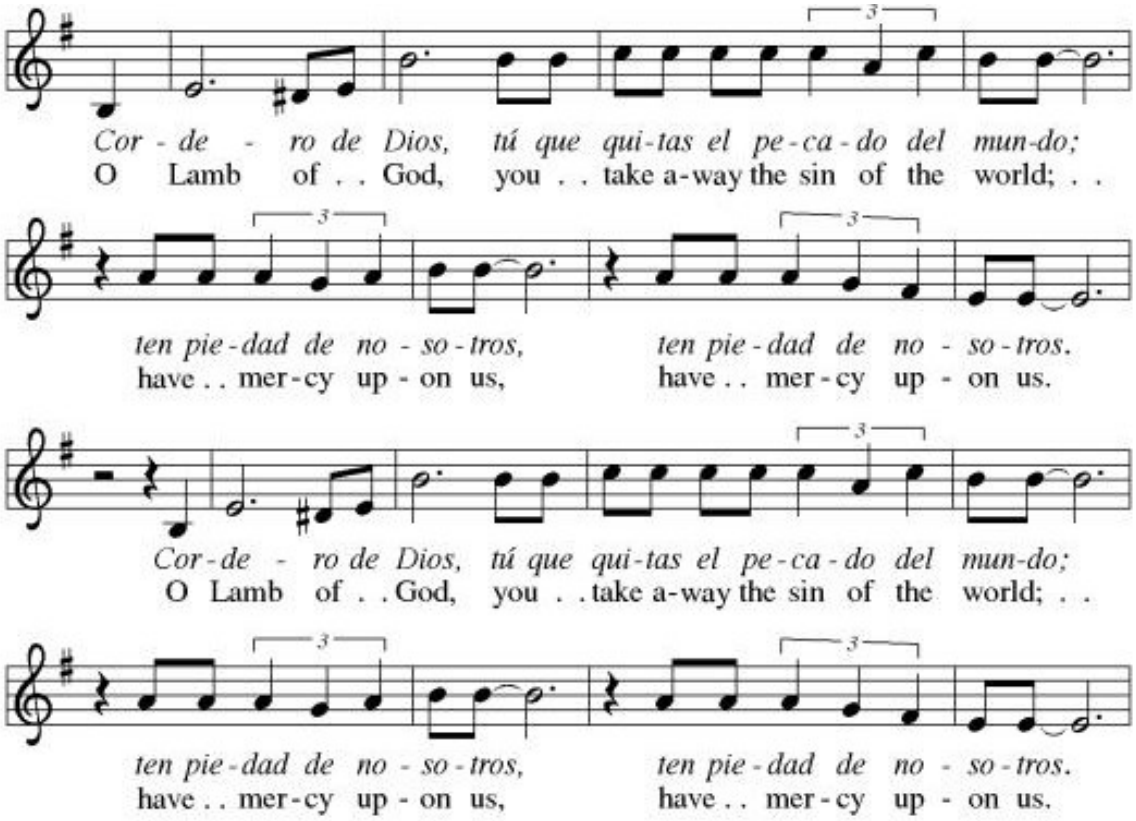
C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.





Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 679 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the Fruit of All Creation



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Announcements

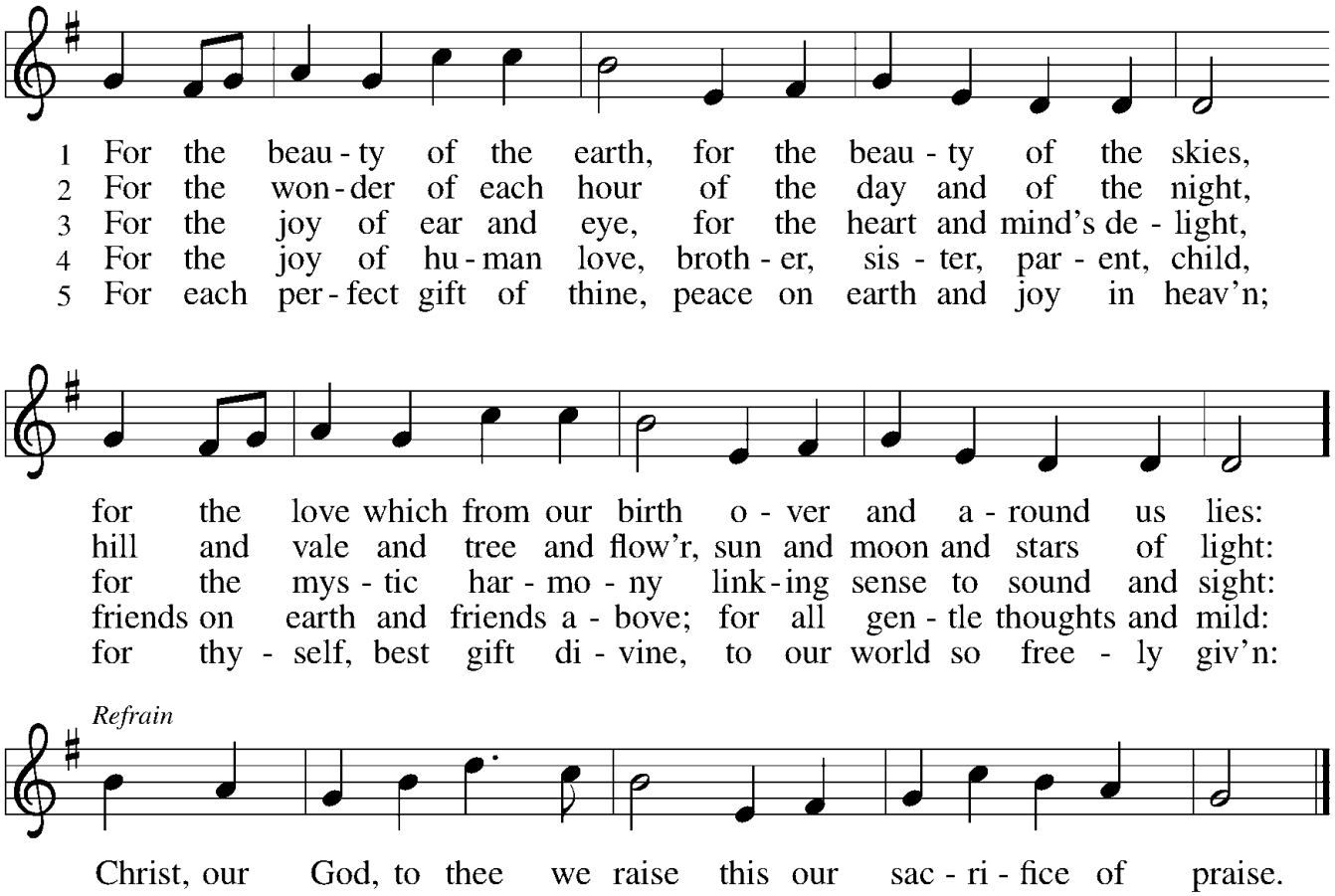
BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Song : ELW 879

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Toccata on Picardy"- Gordon Young

Our Outreach envelopes for November will go to Samaritan's Purse.

2027 Recommended Budget sheets are available on the table in the narthex today for review. Our congregational meeting to vote on the budget will be after worship Sunday December 6, 2026.

November	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
22			Bob Fox
23	Faye Gadwell		Addyson Mammana
24	Chase Aquino		Paula Eck
25	Dan Froehlich	Cathy & Chris Mueller	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Eck



Prayer List

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Barbara Altemus; David Antoni; Joey Erceg; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bradley Mundt; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss;

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Carolyn Berry; Jason Bigley; Brier Bower; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Christine Connelly; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Marissa Embardino; Carol and Leon Errico; Barbara Foster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Patricia Hackman Lee & Nate Herkamp; Dolores Hess; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Priscilla Ballek Kinter; Wally Knight; Tim Koplin; Jim Kreitz; Judy Krick; Carole Korupp; Devon Kramer; Jake Kramer; Lee; Kimberly Litzenberger and family; Linda Lyle; Colleen Marshall; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Jennifer McLeod; Stacy Mecham; Marianne Moll; Helen Mundt; Larry Munford; Hunter Nebbia; Keith Newcomb; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Patty Seifert; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Ellen Sullivan; Lee Taylor; Edward Thaler; Devin Torino; Joe V.; Janet Vanderlely; Karen von Ruffer-Hills; Kelly Walsh; Todd Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Ann & Henry Wong and Family; Barbara Yob; Linda Zerfass.

For those who are Homebound: Cheryl Mesko

For families and friends grieving the loss of: James Altemose

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

Pastor	Rev. James Heckman
Organist, Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick and Miriam Anderson
Greeter(s)	Mark Harwick
Acolyte	Tucker Wagner
Lector	Maggie F
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Communion Coordinator	Bea Von Watzdorf
Counting Team	
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dawn Margeson

Please consider helping us decorate the church for Christmas Eve by ordering poinsettias. Remember to circle In Honor or Memory of when ordering. Deadline for ordering is December 6th. Order forms in the Narthex and Newsletter. Orders should be given to Miriam Anderson by mail at PO Box 51 Durham PA 18039 or at church or place in Altar Guild mailbox.



Poinsettia Order Form

Qty.	Poinsettia	Price	Total	In Honor/Memory of
	Red	$8.30		
	White	$8.30		
	Total			

Name _____Phone _____check ___cash____

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday	**10:00 AM**	**Communion Worship** Durham Dialogue
Monday, November 23	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, November 25	Office Closed	
Thursday, November 26	Office Closed	Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday, November 28	10:00 AM	Church Tree Decorating

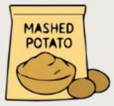
Upcoming Weeks

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent	**10:00 AM**	**Communion Worship**
Monday, November 30	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, December 1		GIVING TUESDAY
Wednesday, December 2	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Living Nativity Planning Meeting @Durham
Thursday, December 3	10:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Bible Study @ the Hlavaty's

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday in Advent	**10:00 AM** After Worship 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	**Communion Worship** Congregational Budget Meeting WELCA Christmas Covered Dish Confirmation Class @ Durham
Monday, December 7	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, December 8	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 9	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, December 10	10:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Bible Study at the Hlavaty's
Friday, December 11	10:00 AM	WELCA

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)

2026 REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1 Box of Cereal 	2 Peanut Butter 	3 Stuffing Mix 	4 Boxed Potatoes 	5 Macaroni & Cheese 	6 Canned Fruit 
7 Canned Tomatoes 	8 Canned Tuna 	9 Dessert Mix 	10 Jar of Applesauce 	11 Canned Sweet Potatoes 	12 Cranberry Sauce 
13 Canned Beans 	14 Box of Crackers 	15 Package of Rice 	16 Package of Oatmeal 	17 Package of Pasta 	18 Spaghetti Sauce 
19 Chicken Noodle Soup 	20 Tomato Soup 	21 Canned Corn 	22 Canned Mixed Vegetables 	23 Canned Carrots 	24 Canned Green Beans 

If you don't want to gather actual items, there are other options for participating:

- Put aside a cash amount each day as you pray for those less fortunate in our community. It can be a dime, quarter, dollar, or any amount of your choosing.
- Purchase a gift card or two. It can be generic (Mastercard, Visa, etc.) or from a store like Giant or Walmart.
- Each congrgation can pick their own collection date. The suggestion is that it be no later than mid-January.

Support our Church on Giving Tuesday

