playing games with Jesus



November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services; however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

All 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.

P Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

All Amen.

Kyrie

Cantors

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Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray,

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.

All Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment.
Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the
resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Job the 19th chapter

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- ²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Job 19:23-27a

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 2 Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

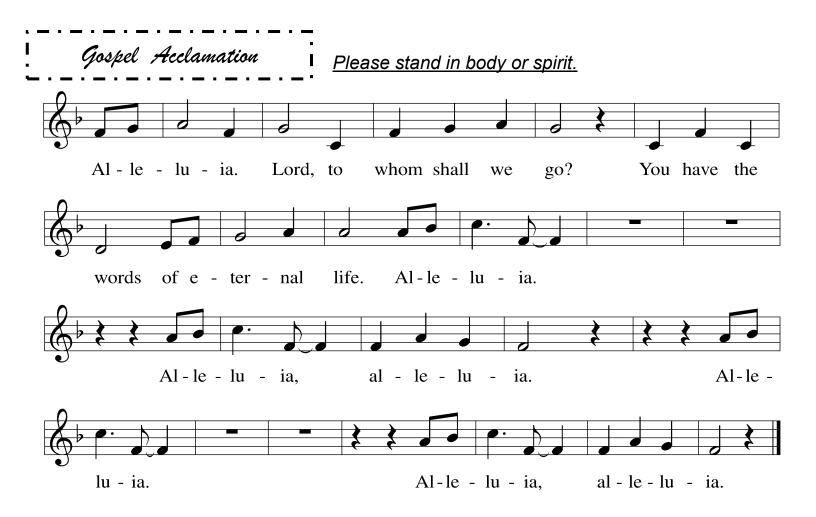
¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

Luke 20:27-38

The Gospel of our Lord. Р

Praise to you, O Christ. All

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Pr. Debra Jimenez Sermon Please stand in body or spirit. Hymn of the Day Because He Lives William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither 8 Son-1. God sent His They called Him Je sus; 2. How sweet hold new - born ba by, to our 3. And then day I'll cross that one riv er; 8 love, He and for give. heal came to feel pride the and gives; and joy he I'll fight life's with pain. nal war 8 He bled died and buy don; my to par still But great - er calm the ance: as sur gives way And then, death t'ry, vic as to O^ **→** is there my Sav - ior An emp - ty grave prove to lives. This child face be-cause Christ lives. un - cer - tain days can I'll I'll know lights of glo - ry He reigns. see the and



- P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the 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;

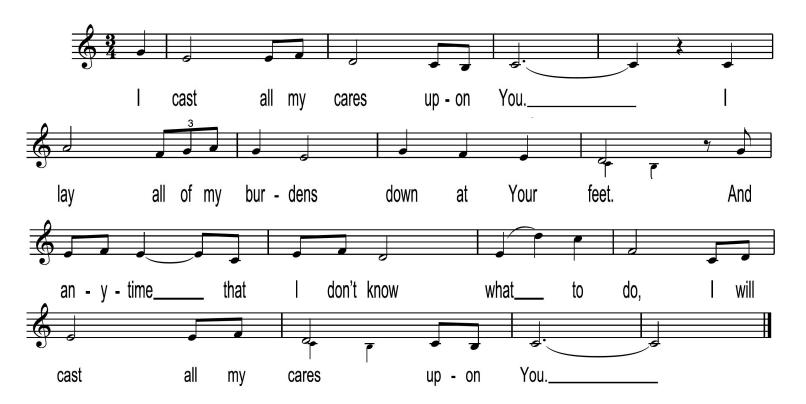
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 the People

You may be Seated

WA Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God

All: Your mercy is great.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.



Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

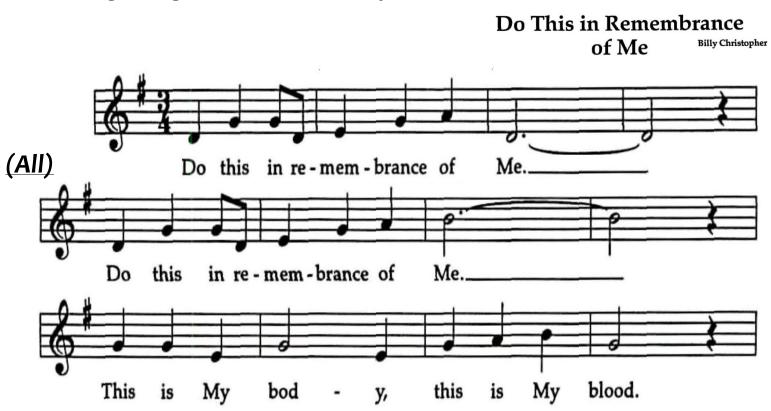
God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

All Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

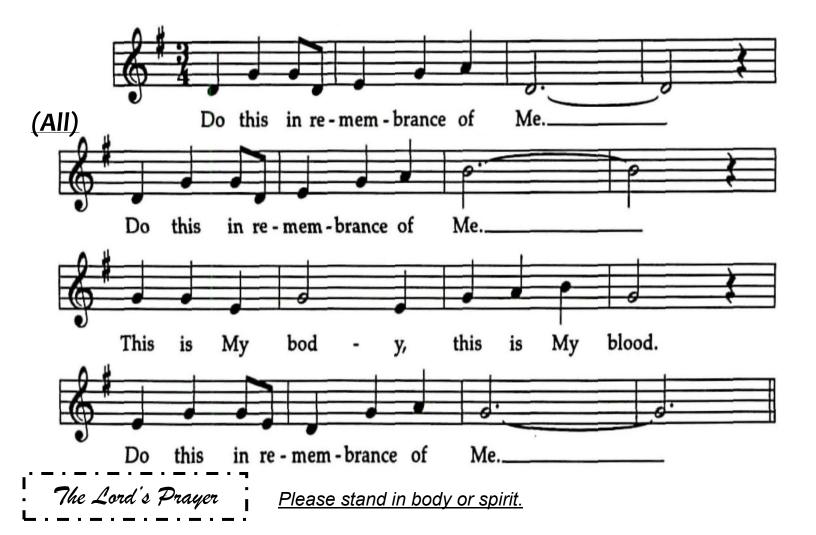
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

- P The Lord be with you
- All And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- All We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.







- P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
- All
 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 Invitation

P There is a place for you at the table of God.Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant





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

All Amen

- P God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.
- All Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

 Amen.

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Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.



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Lord!

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Great

Lord!

is the



WA Go in peace. Feed the hungry!

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday, November 16th First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19