



November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests 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 a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Welcome to Worship

P As we greet with wonder and uncertainty
the coming and the happenings of this new day

***All* How can we keep from singing?**

WA As we see holiness in ordinary places
where people in all their depth and mystery,
work and play, laugh and cry;
where life is cherished, sustained and handed on

***All* How can we keep from singing?**

P As we oppose all that denies life in its fullness and variety,
in our lives, our communities, our world

***All* How can we keep from singing?**

WA As we weep over injustice, rejoice in goodness, love outrageously

***All* How can we keep from singing?**

P As we affirm our hope for tomorrow and our faith in the indefinable

***All* How can we keep from singing?**

Opening Song

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1 When the mu - sic____ fades,____ all is stripped a - way,____
2 King of end - less____ worth,____ no one could ex - press____



____ and I sim - ply____ come;____ Long - ing just to____ bring____
____ how much You de - serve.____ Though I'm weak and____ poor,____



____ some - thing that's of worth____ that will bless Your____ heart.____
____ all I have is Yours,____ ev - 'ry sin - gle____ breath.____



I'll bring You more than a song,____ for a song in it - self



is not what You have re - quired.____ You search much deep - er with - in____



____ through the way things ap - pear; You're look - ing in - to my heart.____



I'm com - ing back to the heart____ of____ wor - ship, and it's



all a - bout You,____ all a - bout You,____ Je - sus.



I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing____ I've____ made____ it, when it's



all a - bout You,____ all a - bout You,____ Je - sus.____

Prayer for This Day

P O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.

All Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from 1 Kings, the 17th chapter

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:8-16

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Hebrews, the 9th chapter

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:24-28

L The Word of the Lord,

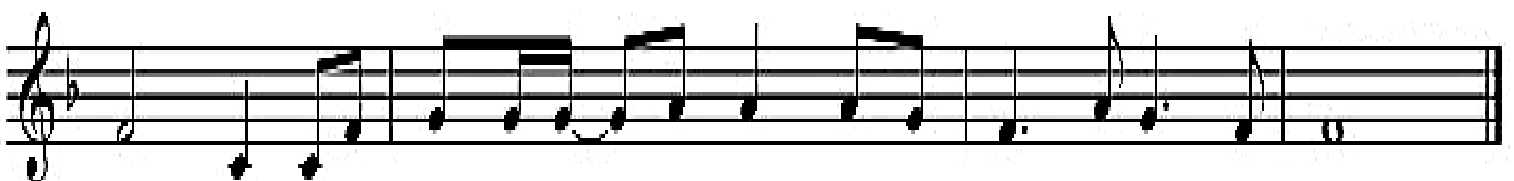
All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:38-44

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

I Will Offer Up My Life

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1 I will of - fer up my life, in spir - it and truth,____
2 You de - serve my ev - 'ry breath, for You've paid the great cost,____



____ pour - ing out the oil of love as my wor - ship to You.____
____ giv - ing up Your life to death, e - ven death on a cross.____



____ In sur - ren - der I must give, my ev - 'ry part.____
____ You took all my shame a - way, there de - feat - ed my sin,____



____ Lord, re - ceive the sac - ri - fice of a bro - ken heart.____
____ o - pened up the gates of heav'n and have beck - oned me in.____



____ Je - sus, what can I give,____ what can I bring____ to so faith - ful a friend,____



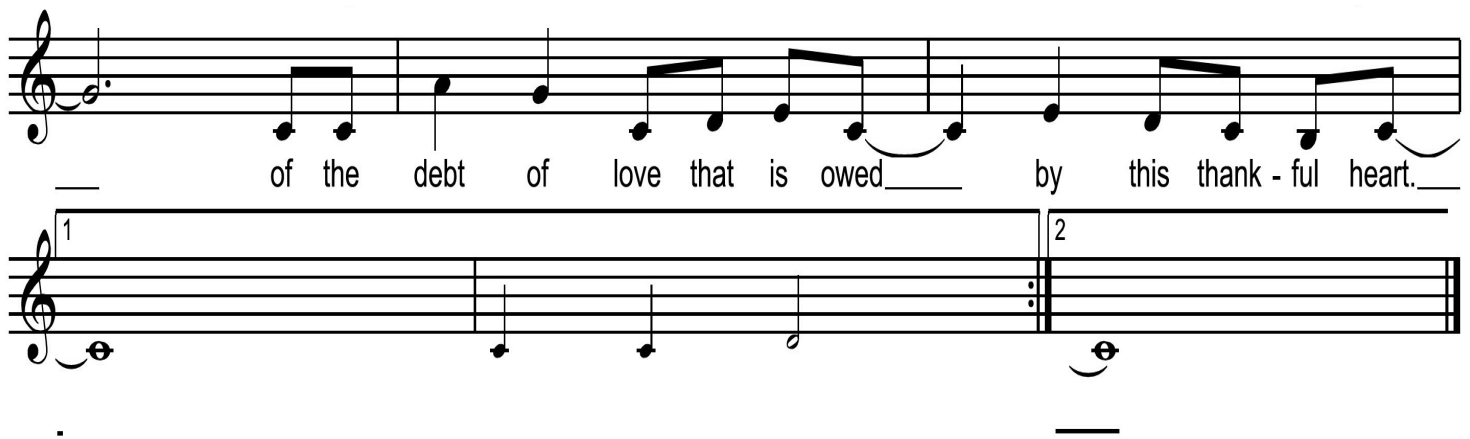
____ to so lov - ing a King?____ Sav - ior, what can be said,____ what can be sung____



____ as a praise of Your name____ for the things You have done?____



____ Oh, my words could not tell,____ not e - ven in part____



Apostles' Creed

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.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of The People

WA Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

***We Lift Up
By Nick Ehrhardt***

All **Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.**
(Repeat throughout)

Leader For the planet, for its people.
For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.
For the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.
 (Congregation may insert additional petitions here)
For our words and for our silence. (Pause)
Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and various rests. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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Offertory Prayer

P God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

All Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

For our incapacity to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to
live comfortably with injustice,

All God forgive us.

P For the self-righteousness which denies guilt,
and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

All God forgive us.

P For those who live their lives in careless unconcern,
who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,

All We ask for your mercy.

P For our failings in community, our lack of understanding

All We ask for Your Mercy.

P For our lack of forgiveness, openness, and sensitivity

All God forgive us.

P For the times we were too eager to be better than other,
When we are too rushed to care,
When we are too tired to bother,
When we don't really listen,
When we are too quick to act
from motives rather than love,

***All* God forgive us.**

P Beloved people of God:
These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

***All* 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 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

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

***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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

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

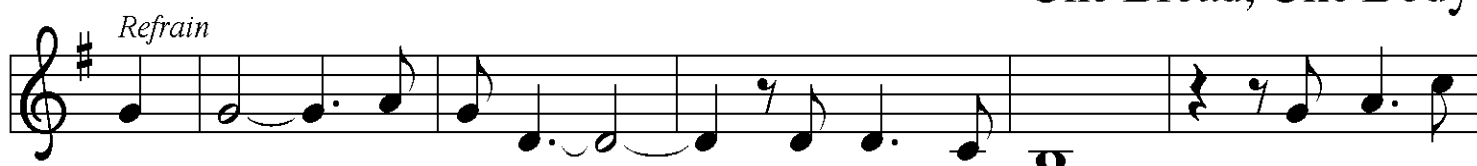
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

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for all people
for the forgiveness of sin

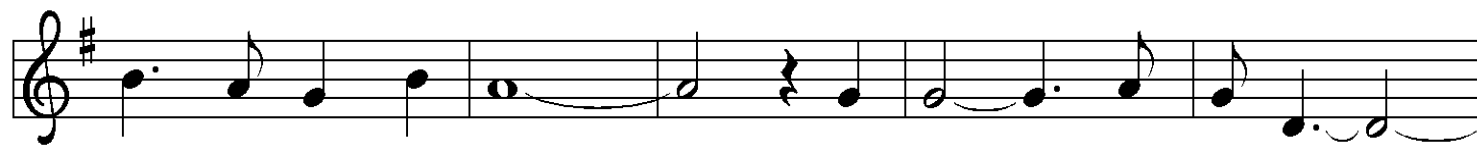


All are Welcome!

One Bread, One Body



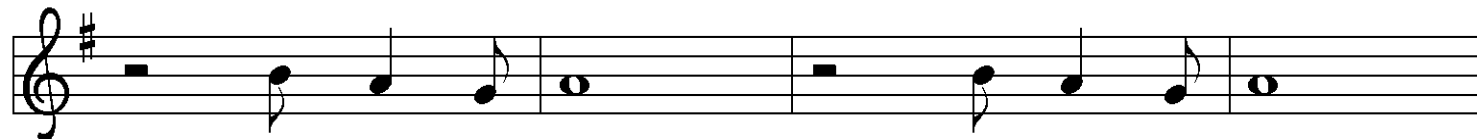
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



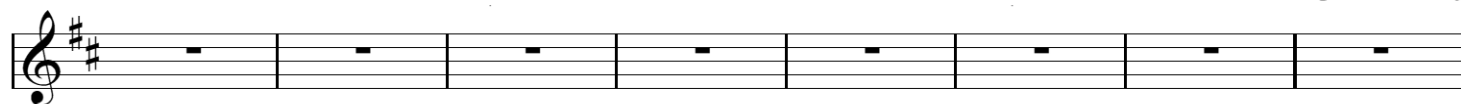
wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Communion Songs

CONVERGENCE
MUSIC PROJECT

Leaning In

A Prayer of Intention
Christopher Grundy



We pray_ for the lone - ly ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the wound-ed ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the starv - ing ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the dy - ing ones know-ing that some of us are



lone - ly___ and We pray_ for the heart - bro - ken
wound-ed and we pray_ for the re - gret ful
starv - ing___ and we pray_ for the im - pris oned
dy - ing___ and we pray_ for the new - ly___ born



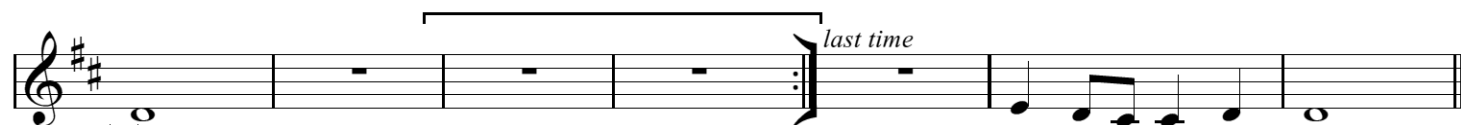
ones know-ing that some of us are__ heart - brok - en.___
ones know-ing that some of us are__ re - gret-ful.
ones know-ing that some of us are__ im - pris-oned
ones know-ing that some of us are__ ar - riv - ing.



All - our hearts and minds are lean-ing in__ with clear in - ten tion__



join - ing in your way of love__ in__ the world.
heal-ing
just - ice
love__



A - men.

This Is The Gift Of God

Words and Music by
Jon Abel and Carl Cartee

1 Be - cause of His love, rich in mer - cy, He
made us a - live in Him. Saved us from death,
res - cued the sin - ners, this is the gift of God.
Refrain Ho - ly is the Lamb of God. Ho - ly is the One who loved.
Not by works, but by His blood. This is the gift of God. 2 Be -
fore the cre - a - tion we were cho - sen, a -
dopt - ed in - to His love. Glo - ri - ous grace
lav - ished up - on us, this is the gift of God. refrain

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

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

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Jesus, Bread of life,

All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.
May you realize that you are never alone,
that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you
intimately with the rhythm of the universe.
May you have respect for your individuality and difference.
May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique,
that you have a special destiny here,
that behind the façade of your life there is
something beautiful and eternal happening.
May you learn to see your *self* with the same delight, pride, and
expectation with which God ✝ sees you in every moment.

Blessing for Solitude
John O'Donohue

All Amen. Let it be so.

Sending Song

Because He Lives

William J. Gaither
and Gloria Gaither



1. God sent His Son-

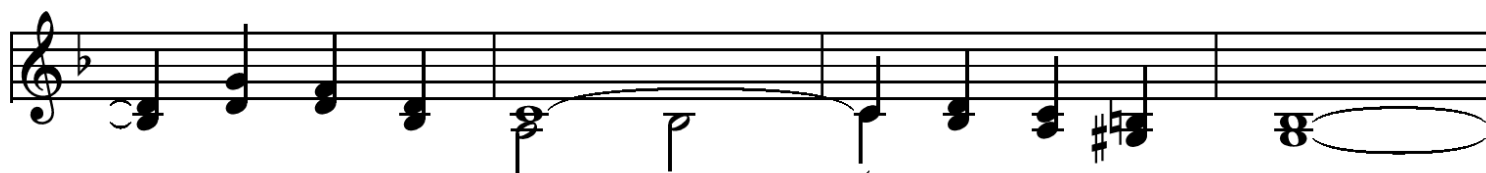
They called Him Je - sus;

2. How sweet to hold

our new-born ba - by,

3. And then one day

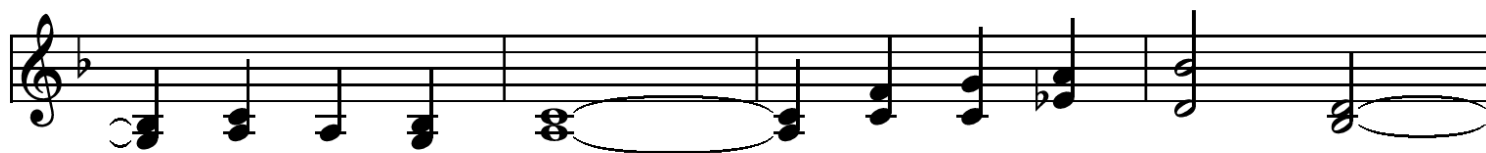
I'll cross that riv - er;



He came to love, heal and for - give.

and feel the pride and joy he gives;

I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.



He bled and died to buy my par - don;

But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance:

And then, as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



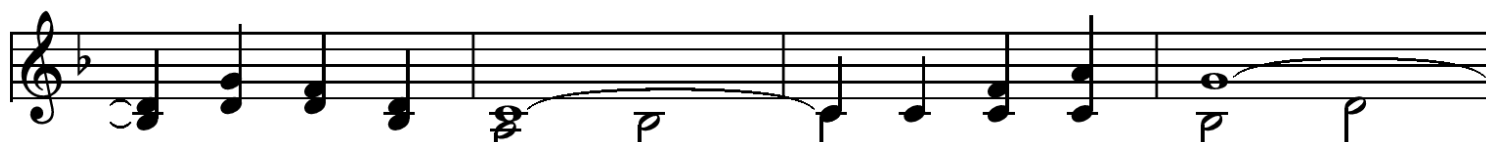
An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.

This child can face un - cer - tain days be-cause Christ lives.

I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.



Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;



Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.

Dismissal

WA Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:23*
Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God!

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Readings for next Sunday,
November 17th
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First Reading:

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm:

Psalm 16

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-25

Gospel:

Mark 13:1-8

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