

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025



St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

H. Robert James

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Faithful God,
**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.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,

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*****The Pastors are off on Fridays*****



Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



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Advent and Christmas 2025

Advent Services

November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 3rd Community Meal at 5:30 pm & Worship at 6:45 pm

December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

for all ages – 9:00 am – 9:45 am (songs, trivia, prayers & food)

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am with a Cantata from St. John's Choir

December 21st The Longest Night Service

Worship at 6:30 pm - A service of remembering our losses, acknowledging the pain and celebrating the hope and light of Jesus

Celebration of the Birth of Christ – December 24th

10:00 am Christmas Eve Worship*

4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship with Children Participation*

8:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship*

December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am*

December 28th 1st Sunday after Christmas

Worship at 10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols

*Services include Holy Communion

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Join us as we dwell in the season of Advent and anticipate God's abundant love & grace born to us in Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

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

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW 634 (vv. 1-4)

(Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²

Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
 and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³ though its waters rage and foam,
 and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
 God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
 God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
 what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

This week's schedule	
Today	9:00 am Handbell Choir 9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship 10:00 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm Ravens Watch Party (Smith Building)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service (held at Hiss UMC)
Thurs.	Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
Fri.	(office closed)
Sat.	

Counting our Blessings			
Sun. 11/16	Attendance: 115 Offering: \$5,283 Homebound: 15	2025	
		September Offering Income	\$ 21,087
		September Other Income	\$ 2,591
		September Total Income	\$ 23,678
		September Expenses	\$ 26,035
		YTD Offering Income	\$235,293
		YTD Other Income	\$ 36,234
		YTD Total Income	\$271,527
		YTD Expenses	\$308,174
		YTD Tax Credit	*\$ 92,089

St. John's Preschool is in need of: clean empty glass jars (spaghetti sauce size), large coffee cans with lids, and cereal boxes.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Nancy Ford, Gerry Steg, Barbara Conrad, Lou Carletti, Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Pat Denk, Joan Kraft, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Roxann Kelly, Joong In Rhee, Phyllis Gray, Bill Denk, Judy Miller, Hubie Tarbo, Abby Chamberlain, Bunny Russell, Jerry Earles, Lynette Earles, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Donna Parrish, Brenda DeSouze, Carol Paulshock, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Scott Hendricks, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich

For the military and their families: Christopher McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Joan Swank, Shirley Kreh

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed—unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

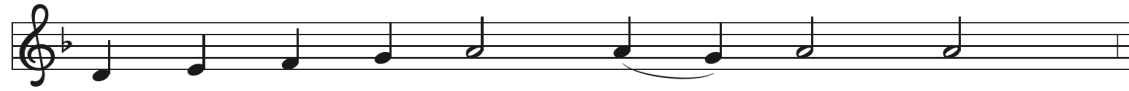
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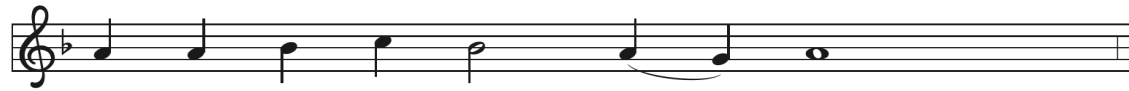
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



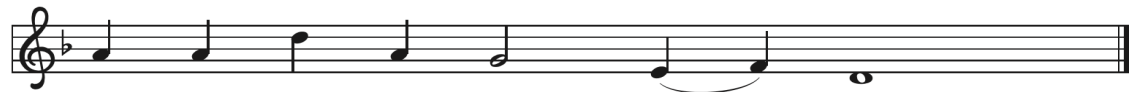
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide,
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

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 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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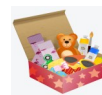
Our Fall Congregational Meeting is today after worship. Agenda items are elections, budget, Cemetery Bylaws and discussion on current events. We need your vote!

Join us today for a Ravens Watch Party at 1 pm in the Smith Building. A sign up sheet is located on the third floor bulletin board.



Poinsettia orders are due today. Order your plants in memory or in honor of your loved ones. The plants will be displayed on the altar for Christmas and will be available for pick up after the last Christmas Eve service or the week of December 29th. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

Join us for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service this Wednesday, November 26th at 7 pm. This service will be hosted by Hiss UMC. We hope to see you there!



Social Ministry is collecting donations for the Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program. The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats & gloves, books, coloring books and toys that will fit in a shoebox (ex. Legos, small stuffed toys, cars) for ages 2-14. Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 30th.**

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, December 3rd beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We will need donations and volunteers. Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Join us for our Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, December 13th at 12:30 pm in our cemetery. You can sponsor a wreath and \$5 will be donated to St. John's. More information on sponsoring a wreath is located on the third floor bulletin board.



Come join us for The Longest Night Service on Sunday, December 21st at 6:30 pm. We will gather together to acknowledge our pain and to remember that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, shines into our grief with hope, mercy and love.

Our "Caring Friends" ministry is in need of more volunteers to visit with our homebound members. If you enjoy visiting and talking with fellow siblings in Christ, please prayerfully consider if this opportunity is calling out to you! You will receive training to deliver communion from our worship service to our members who cannot make it to church on Sundays. Please be in touch with Pastor Amy for more information.



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week—Sunday, November 30th— First Sunday of Advent

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 9 am— Handbell Choir

† 10 am—Worship in-person


and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel


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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Clinton and Gladys Porter by the Porter family.


We are taking altar flower dedications for 2026. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Dates available are January 11th and 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, April 12th and 19th, May 3rd and 31st, and June 28th, July 5th, 12th, and 19th.


Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten. 


 Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.

St. John's Youth Group meets on the first Sunday of the month from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. 

 The Food for Thought Program is providing 60 food bags for 30 students in need at Carney Elementary. At this time we are in need of: Chef Boyardee single serving meals, poptarts and fruit snacks. Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Smith Building. Our study is on Philippians. All are welcome! **Please Note...There will be no Bible Study on Friday, November 28th.** 

 St. John's Preschool is holding a Texas Roadhouse Gift Card fundraiser. The sale runs from 11/3-11/24 and 10% of all sales will go back to the Preschool. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

Job Opportunity-Child Care...We're looking for a new nursery attendant! Sundays 8:30 am-11:30 am. Pay is \$15/hr. Background check provided. Contact the church office for more information. 

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Promise Song* *Adult Choir*
(Words and music: Rebecca Fair; Arr: Douglas Nolan: © 2018 Hal Leonard LLC)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

(Please stand as you are able.)



OFFERING HYMN

For the Wholeness of the Earth

ACS 1067



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
 2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
 3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
 lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
 God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Monday, November 24, 2025

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

(Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956; Music: Sydney, H. Nicholson, 1875-1947; Text and music © 1974 Hope Publishing Company)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Don't forget to stay for the Congregational Meeting after worship today.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Linda Wiley
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Roman G., Alec B.
Lector	Amanda Hartman
Communion Assistant	Amanda Hartman
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

Commemorations

When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all of our lives. "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith."
(Augsburg Confession)

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

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Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you O God,
for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
Blessed are you,
for in Christ you entered into creation,
into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.

You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead,
in him promising new life to us all.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Again, after supper, he took the cup...

With this bread and cup
we remember Christ's steadfast love and faithfulness,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Lord, Jesus, in this meal,
and make us alive again.
By your Spirit,
bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place,
and make us your body in the world,
bringing light and healing to all.
Amen.

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

**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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

(Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904; Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.)

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

ELW 431

(Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939; Music: Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902; Text © 2001, 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚