Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

November 15, 2026



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Worship Theme

It's Time To Put Your Affairs In Order

Guest Pastor Rod Pudell

OPENING HYMN: #858

God Is Here! As We Your People (vs. 1-4)

V1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

V2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace.
Here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching,
here, in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

V3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

V4. Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for self-reflection

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, you have made us stewards of the riches of your grace. Keep us faithful and active in the use of your gifts so that we are ever-prepared to meet our Lord when he returns to give eternal life to all who believe and to reward his people for their faithful efforts, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the law of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
“The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the LORD.

“I have more than enough of burnt
offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened
animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and
goats.

“When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your evil assemblies.

“Your New Moon festivals and your
appointed feasts my soul hates.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even if you offer many prayers,
I will not listen.

“Your hands are full of blood;
wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight!
Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!
Seek justice,
encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.

“Come now, let us reason together,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.”



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Please stand

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

SERMON HYMN: #695
Take My Life and Let It Be (vs.1-6)

V1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

V2.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

V3.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

V4.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

V5.

Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

V6.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:14-30

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

“The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ’Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“ ‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”



SERMON THEME

It's Time To Put Your Affairs In Order!



Give

Supporting Us...

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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If you already support us place this card in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

Thanks for your generosity!

Please stand

RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, take our hearts and fill them with your love;

C: take our lips and move them to speak of your grace;

P: take our treasures and use them to serve your church;

C: use our lives to do whatever is needed to spread the gospel here at Ascension, in our community, and around the world, for your mercy's sake. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ Pat Ferguson is having back surgery tomorrow
- ✝ Howard Marschel – sister soon to be with her Savior and great nephew called swiftly home to heaven

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C:Amen.

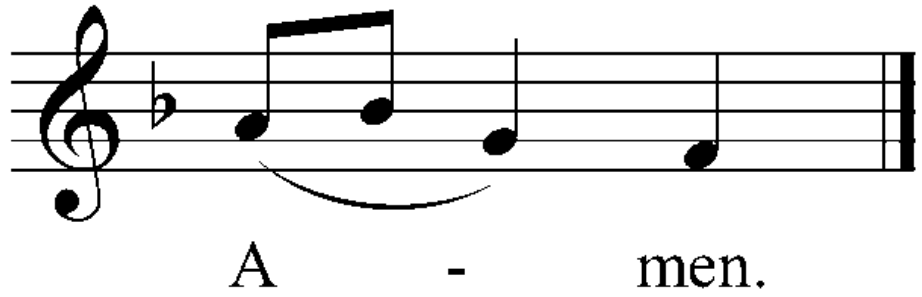
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

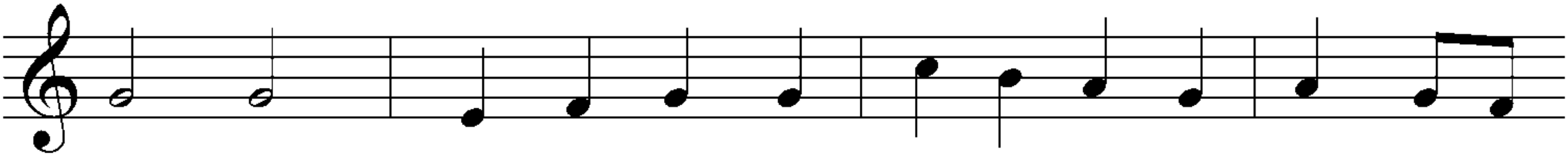
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

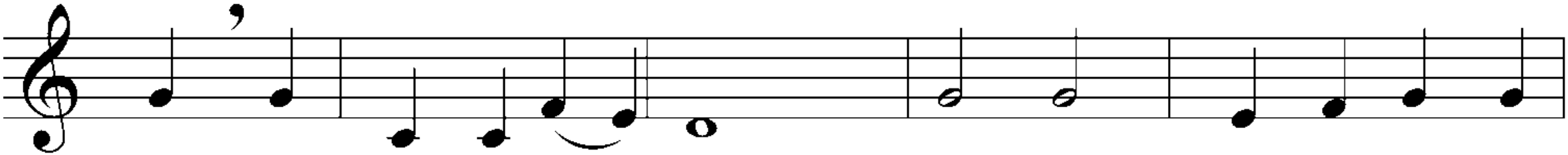
C:



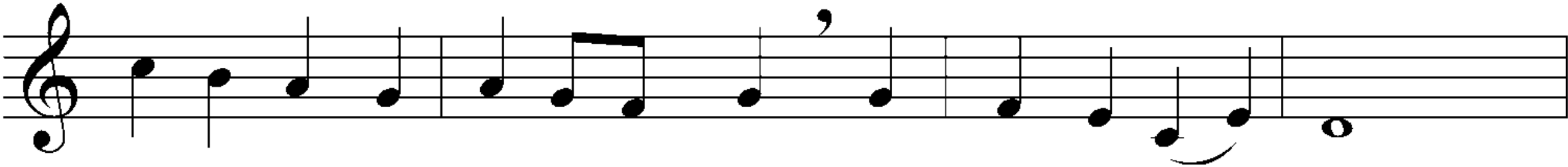
Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on__ us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You



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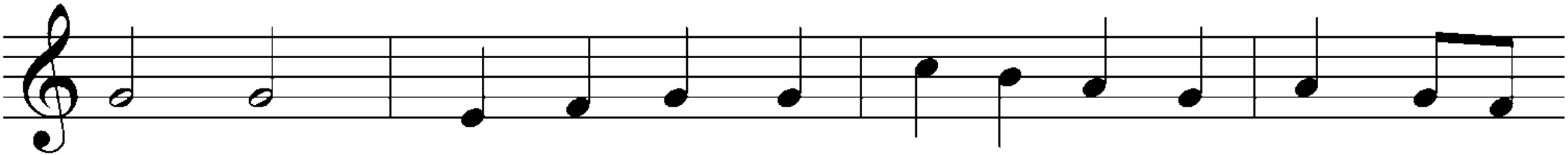

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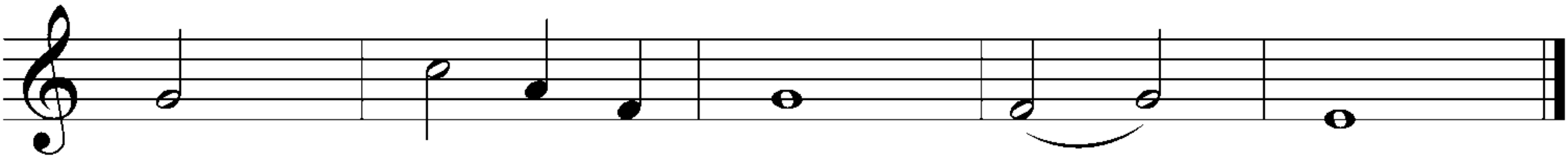

world; grant us Your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

Distribution Hymn: #740 O God, My Faithful God

V1. O God, my faithful God,
O Fountain ever flowing,
who good and perfect gifts
in mercy are bestowing,
give me a healthy frame,
and may I have within
a conscience free from blame,
a soul unhurt by sin.

V2. Grant me the strength to do
with ready heart and willing
whatever you command,
my calling here fulfilling,
that I do what I should
while trusting you to bless
the outcome for my good,
for you must give success.

V3. Keep me from saying things
that later need recalling;
grant that no idle words
may from my lips be falling,
but when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
then fill my words with grace
lest I offend the weak.

V4. Lord, let me win my foes
with kindly words and actions,
and let me find good friends
for counsel and correction.
Help me, as you have taught,
to love both great and small
and by your Spirit's might
to live in peace with all.

The Blessings of The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN: #750

We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs.1-2)

V1. We give thee but thine own,
what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

V2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou bless-est us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTION CARD

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Poinsettias are available to order

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS

Nov. 22

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Questions: **Beth Svendsen**
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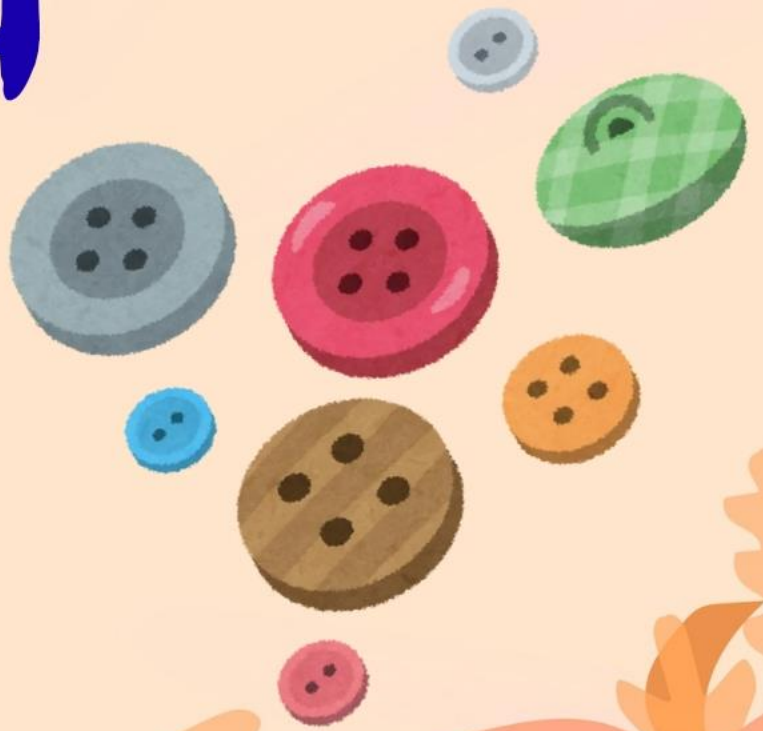

Nov 21
1-4pm

Contact Suzie
612-710-5093
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with questions

IT IS *a*

GOOD THING

to give thanks

unto YHVH,

and to SING PRAISES

unto YOUR NAME,

O MOST HIGH;

to show forth

YOUR STEADFAST LOVE

in the MORNING, *and* YOUR

FAITHFULNESS

EVERY NIGHT.

PSALM 92 ONE *and* TWO

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Join us for worship

Wed., Nov. 25

7:00 pm

& Complimentary Pie Social

Join us for

Thanksgiving Together

Looking for some extra folks to celebrate the holidays with-
-who better than your brothers and sisters in faith?

November 26th

Fellowship 12 pm | Meal 1 pm

• *Potluck Style Sign-up* •



THANKS FOR SERVING

- ✝ Guest Pastor: Rod Pudell
- ✝ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #3 Brian Stein

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