

BENEDICTION

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

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (sts. 1-4)
1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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CONNECTION SERVICE

November 23, 2025
10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONG “Come, Thou Almighty King”
LSB 905, (sts. 1-4)
(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ’s sake.
C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your
grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in
thought, word and deed. And I cannot free my-
self from this condition. Therefore, I take ref-
uge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for
Your forgiveness. We ask for Your
forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to
die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a
called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on
His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the
name of the Father and of the + Son and of the
Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING *Malachi 3:13-18*

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’
¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’
¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”
¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.
¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.
¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING *Colossians 1:13-20*

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Luke 23:27-43*

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.
²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.
²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’
³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’
³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”
³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.
³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.
³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”
³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine
³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”
³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”
⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.
C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

MESSAGE SONG
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
LSB 802, (sts. 1-4)

MESSAGE OF THE DAY
The Rev. Bruce Stam

(Please stand)

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed*
C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER
P. Together let us pray as our Lord 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