The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour and Day School

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR

Our Saviour is part of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Anglican Communion–a fellowship of 70 million Christians throughout the world. Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered community proclaiming God's word, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, lifting our hearts in prayer, exploring and deepening our faith in community, and serving others as Christ came to serve. We welcome all who seek the living God to journey with us. We are a truly diverse group which gathers around one table as one family in the Body of Christ, each a beloved child of God.

We believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. In this sacrament, our unity in Christ is revealed and from it, we draw our spiritual strength.

All are welcome at God's altar during communion. Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to join with us in receiving the sacrament, regardless of your denomination. If you are not baptized or are in any way uncomfortable receiving communion today, when you come forward, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing rather than the sacrament. If you are not baptized and would like to be, please speak with a member of the clergy after the service. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the clergy at the Altar Rail.

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today to continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Again, welcome, thank you for joining us, and know that we believe in the words of St. Paul who said:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

2027 STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Gracious and generous God,
You have entrusted us with gifts beyond measure:
our time, our talents, our resources,
our relationships, and the world you have made.
Help us to receive these gifts with gratitude
and to share them with faith and joy.
As we serve together in this ministry of stewardship,
remind us that we are not simply called to give,
but called to become.
Through our giving, serving, praying, and caring,
shape us more fully into the people
you created us to be.
Give us wisdom in our work,
generosity in our hearts,
and courage to invite others
into this life of faithful stewardship.
May all that we do
bear witness to your generous
and abiding love.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

When the bell tolls, we ask for holy silence as we prepare for worship.
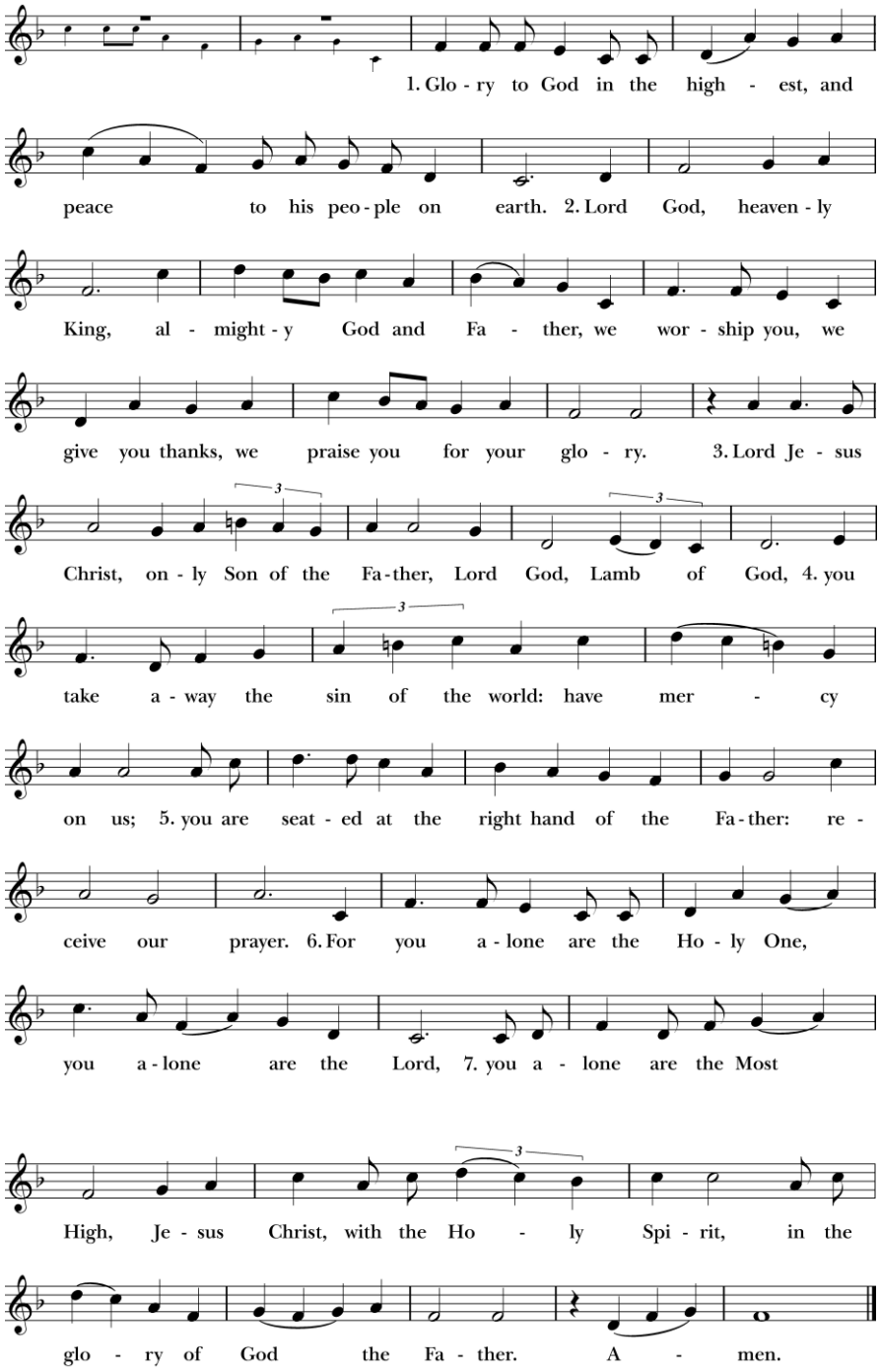
Opening Voluntary: Prière à Notre-Dame -Léon Boëllmann

Entrance Hymn: 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate *Munich*

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria **S 280**



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(silence)*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
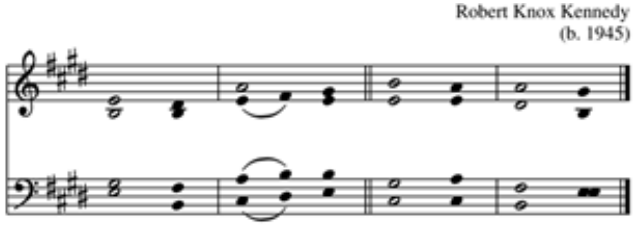
As the people are seated, the children come forward and are dismissed for Children's Church.

First Reading Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 (*please join the choir in chanting the psalm)*



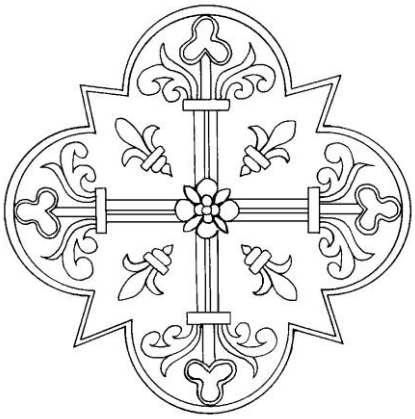
To you I lift up my / eyes, *
to you enthroned in the / heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their / masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her / mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our / God, *
until he show us his / mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of con/tempt,
†Too much of the scorn of the indolent / rich, *
and of the derision of the / proud.
† *Sung to the second half of the chant*

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death *Marsh Chapel*



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Martha Macdonald to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her parents,
Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Macdonald
and on the occasion of her mother
Sara Benn Macdonald's birthday

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Lucas C. Crossland

A moment of silence follows the sermon for quiet reflection.

The Nicene Creed ***(Please stand as you are able, when the Celebrant stands)*** **BCP 358**

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Gracious and generous God, you have called us to become your people and entrusted us with gifts beyond measure. With grateful hearts, let us pray to you, saying:

Hear us, gracious God.

For your Church throughout the world, that we may become a people shaped by your love, generous in spirit, faithful in service, and courageous in witness. For **Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Lucas, our Rector, and all the people of God.** Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

For the world you have entrusted to our care, that we may become faithful stewards of creation, seeking justice, pursuing peace, and caring for the earth and all its creatures. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

For our nation and our community, and for all who hold positions of authority, that they may be guided by wisdom, compassion, and a commitment to the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

For those who are hungry, homeless, lonely, or in need, for those who are sick or grieving, especially those on our Parish Prayer List; **Genevieve, Judy, Dottie, Rebecca, John Carson, Margie** *(sister to Novie Greene),* **Grace** *(grandmother to Ben Boyles),* **Deacon** *(known to Barbara Baer),* **Robert** *(friend to Melanie and Chuck Hurst),* **Angel** *(friend to Jeff Couick).* Make us attentive to their needs and generous with the gifts you have given us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

For this parish family, that we may discern together who you are calling us to become. Give us wisdom in our work, generosity in our hearts, and courage to imagine new ways of worshiping, learning, serving, and caring for one another. Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week; **Cathie Smith, Joey Castellanos, David Griffin, Pat Lowry, Jack Veazey, Elias Borcsak, Kathy Johns, Sherry Easley, Leland Greeley.** Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

For those who have died and for those whose lives of faith and generosity have shaped our own, that they may rest in your eternal love and that we may follow their example of faithful stewardship. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, gracious God.

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect:

Gracious God, you have given us all that we have and called us to become more fully your people. Receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts. Shape our lives by your generosity, guide us by your wisdom, and make us joyful stewards of all that you entrust to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(kneeling as you are able)*

People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

(The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

The children return from Children's Church.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Milestones
(if you are celebrating this week, come forward)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry of the Week: Jimmy Moore

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Offertory Anthem: Oculi Omnium -Charles Wood

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

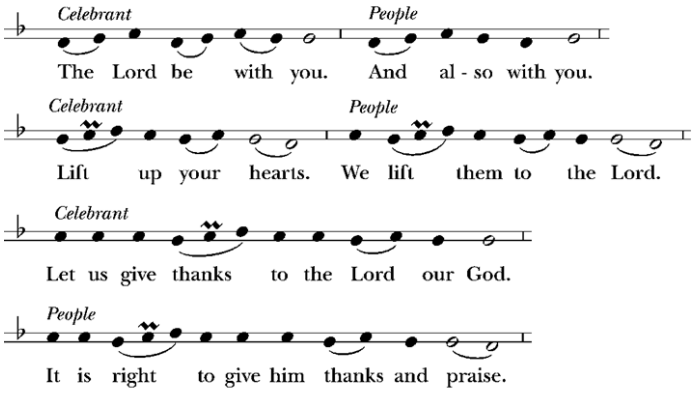
The eyes of all look to you in hope, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
Glory to you, Lord. Amen.

Psalm 145:16

Offertory Hymn: 551 Rise up, ye saints of God! *Festal Song*

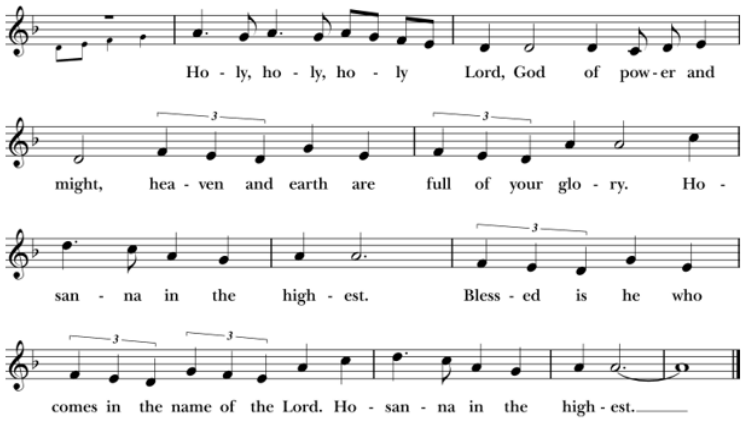
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A **S 120**



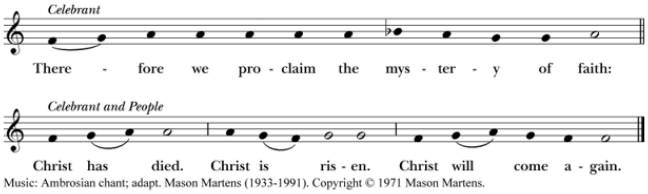
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The Sanctus **S 129**



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The Memorial Acclamation **S 133**

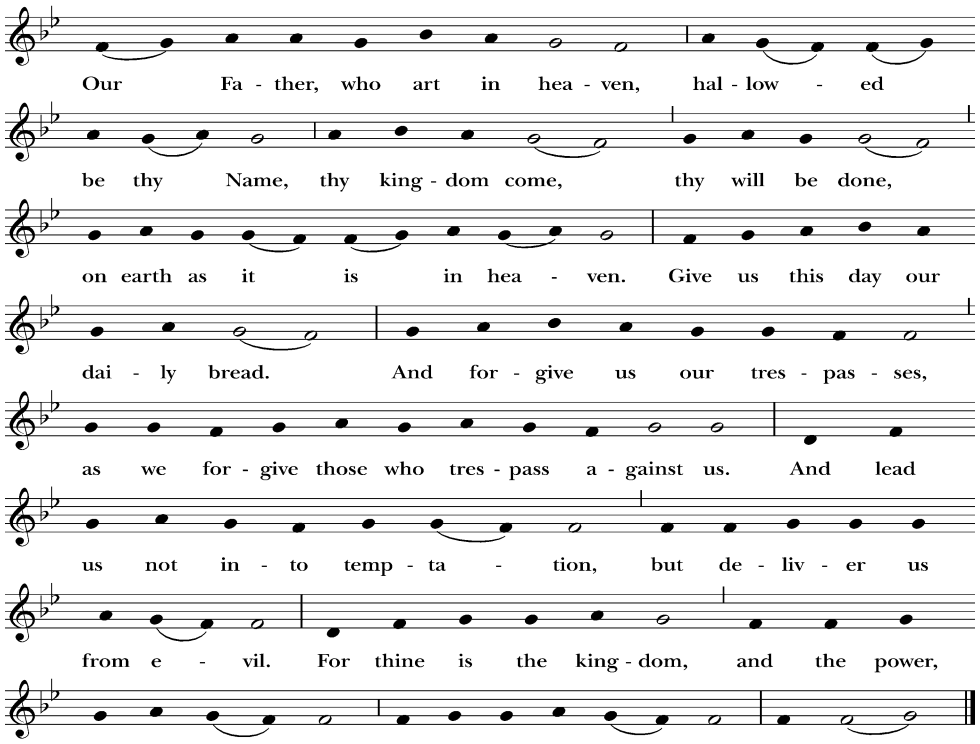


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The Great Amen **S 142**

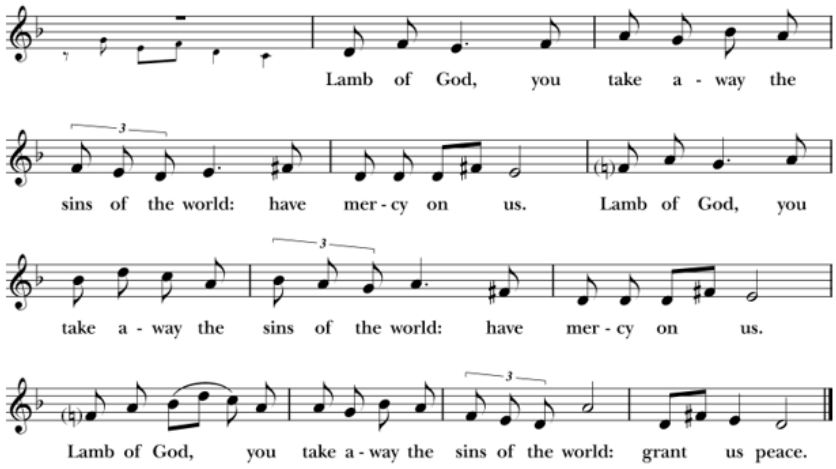


The Lord's Prayer **S 119**



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The Fraction Anthem **S 163**



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Communion Hymn: 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

Communion Hymn: 633 Word of God, come down on earth *Mt. St. Alban NCA*

The Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Postcommunion Hymn: 490 I want to walk as a child of the light *Houston*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: Festival Praise -Robert J. Powell

OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

Acolytes:	*Caroline Ardis, Gracyn Ardis, Emily Thomas, James Fitzpatrick*
Lectors:	*Martha Macdonald, Bob Gaines*
Eucharistic Minister:	*James Hale Burgess, Bob Gaines*
Greeter:	*Robert Carter*
Ushers:	*Tim Gause, Christy Dutra*
Nursery:	*Melanie Hurst, Rebecca Myers*
Children's Church:	*Gabriella Bowling, Brandy Bowers*
Altar Guild:	*Julia McCallum, Karen Hill, Lynne Arnson, Sandra Gause, Susanne Okey, Thereasa Crabb*
Coffee Hour:	*Martha Macdonald and Jim Russell*
VOW:	*Jimmy Moore*
Audio/Video:	*Jordan Sims*
Basket-of-the-Week:	*Local Hunger Missions*
Pastoral Care Team:	*Betsy Rock, Alice Craighead, Wendy Hope, Lois Veronen, Linda Caines, Susanne Okey, Hillary Brand*

YOUR VESTRY

2026	2027	2028
Steve Dawson	*Robert Carter*	*Thereasa Crabb*
Christy Dutra, Sr. Warden	*Cathy Griffin*	*Jimmy Moore*
Karen Lambruschi	*Pat Reichard*	*Luke Upchurch*
Jim Russell	*Chip Smith*	***Lindsay Yearta, Jr. Warden***

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