

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for

hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]

(Refrain: Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C ² Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. *(Refrain)*

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C ⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. *(Refrain)*

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

C ^{[10} Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth. ***(Refrain)***]

(Refrain: Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

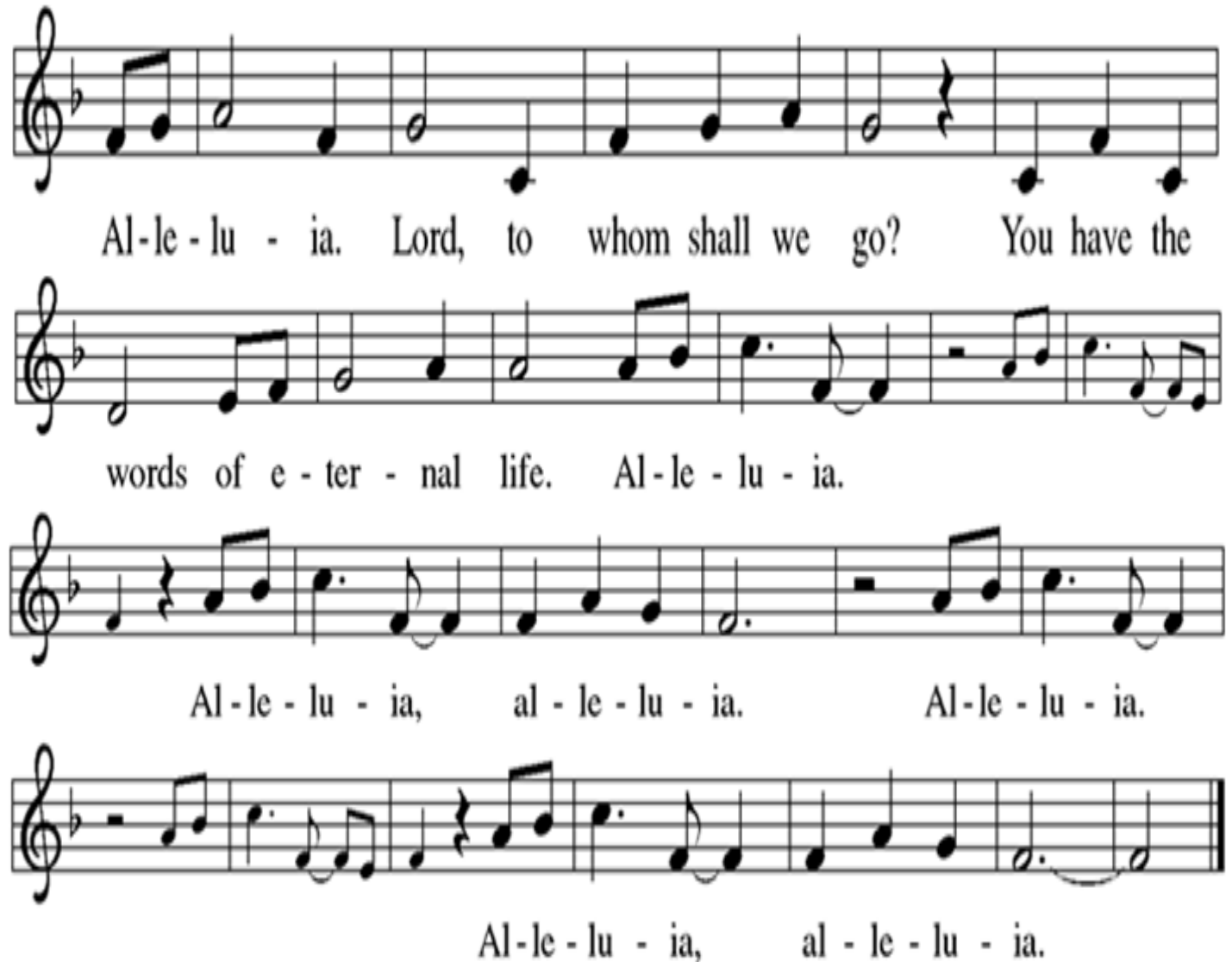
¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from

the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 10-measure organ intro. The lyrics are: 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues: 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'. The third staff continues: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.'. The fourth staff concludes: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Terry Seitz*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. *(We pray especially for Marlene Fuhrman, Ken Keller, Larry Sendelweck, family and friends of Brandt Terwiske, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

LBW 415 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Thank you to the following people for your service today.

Greeters: Brett Gehlhausen
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Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Duane Hembree
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Acolytes: Carlie Beck

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 165 SS: 19

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Oct. 18th – Oct. 25th

Sun., Oct. 18 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>no communion & no Sunday school</i>
Wed., Oct. 21 st	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Thurs., Oct. 22 nd	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun., Oct. 25 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>no communion</i> <i>(Sunday School begins ~ 10:00 AM)</i>

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Hester James, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Judy Kieffner, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Gene Mehne, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob and Edith Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Leon Seitz, Audrey Weisheit, and Darlene Ziegler.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in celebration of Marvin and Vicky Eisenhower's 60th wedding anniversary!

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If you have a college student, please turn his/her address into the office by Oct. 31 so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package.

-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church

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WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2027 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85+, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects by November 22nd.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women of the ELCA will have the shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 11th through Sunday, November 15th. *Grab a shoebox or use an empty cardboard shoebox that you have.* Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

If you don't want to shop, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.



WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. **So, be sure to make them ...**

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as ...

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

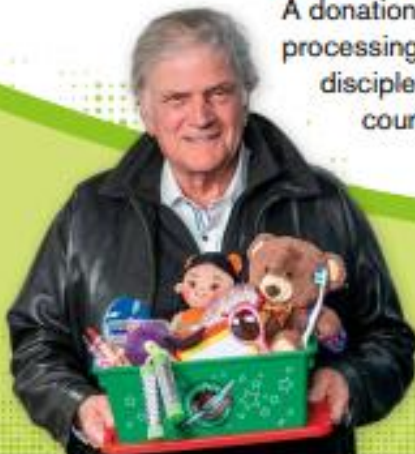
Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering
if certain items
are OK to pack?
**See our gift
suggestions and
search tool:**



WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



**"Shoebox gifts are like
snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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Sunday School October 2026



10/4

Age 3 – 1st: Seventh Day of Rest
2nd – 6th: Backpack Buddies + Memory
Work + Games

10/11



Age 3 – 1st: Adam and Eve Sin
2nd – 6th: Jesus Calms the Storm



10/18

FALL BREAK: NO CLASS

10/25

FALL FUN ACTIVITY: WHOLE GROUP
“We need S’more of Jesus”



Listening Assistance Devices are available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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Are you moving away to go to college and would like a little taste of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See the sign-up form page.)

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Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

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In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

Virginia Beach, VA
San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO

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- ☐ weekly bulletin email
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Happy Fall Break!

