

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*  
*November 16, 2025*

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!  
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.*

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children  
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and  
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices  
for today's worship are available.  
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST November 16 – November 23**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Congregational Meeting following Worship and lunch
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Sunrise Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Christ the King Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion

# GATHERING

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

## 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.

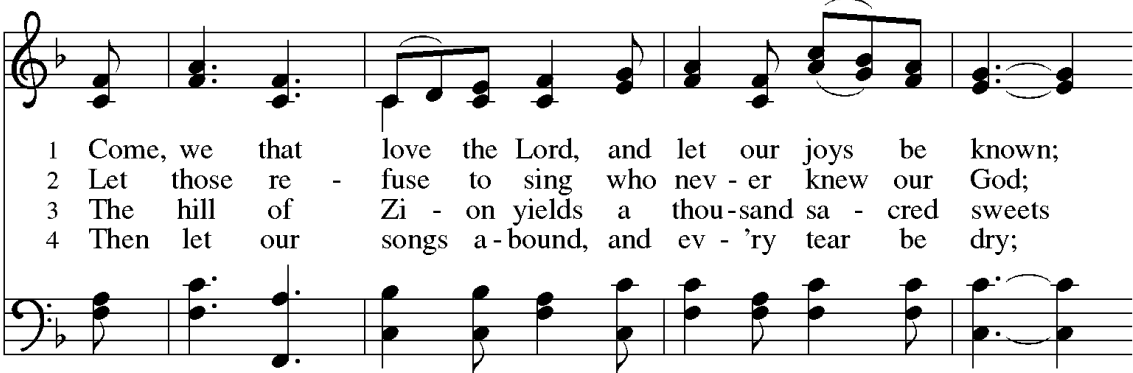
Faithful God,  
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses 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,  
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

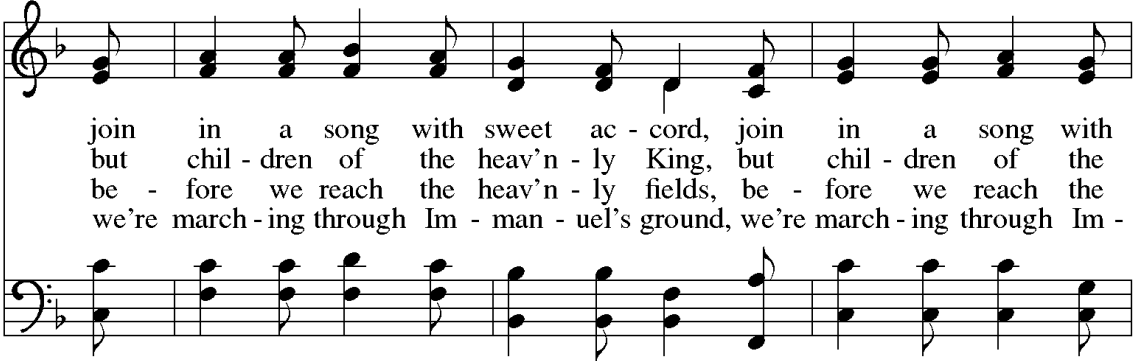
# Come, We That Love the Lord

## *We're Marching to Zion*

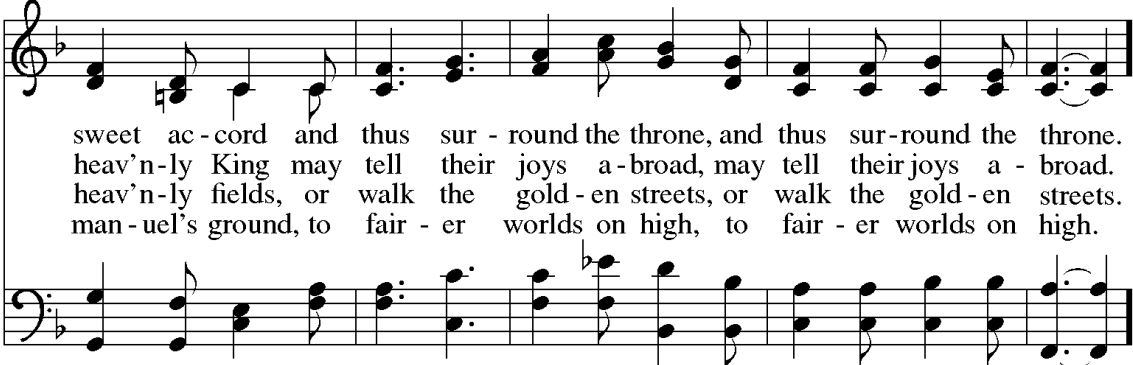
Text: Isaac Warrs, stanzas; Robert Lowry Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march-ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:

we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

## GREETING

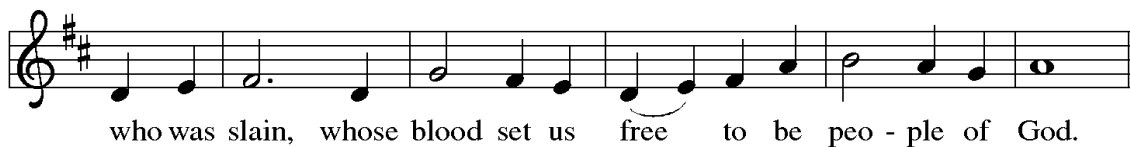
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

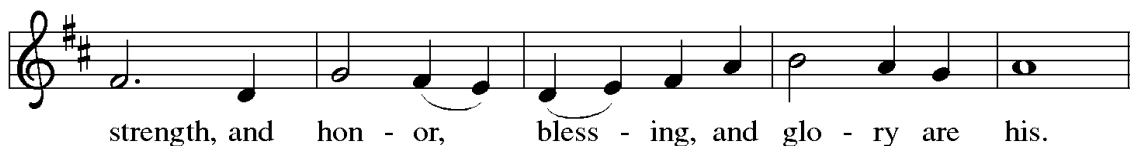
*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



*Refrain*



*Refrain*



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:15, 18–19

<sup>15</sup>I am the Lord, your Holy One. The Creator of Israel, your King. <sup>18</sup>“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge  
the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.



## SECOND READING

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 21:5-19**

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence is kept to reflect upon God's message.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**


*Please stand as you are able.*

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light


Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

This block contains the first line of the musical score. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

This block contains the second line of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

This block contains the third line of the musical score. It concludes the refrain with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is seated.*

# MEAL

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,  
including the care of those in need. Online giving is  
available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Find Us Faithful*

*by Mohr/Schrader*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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.**

## DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

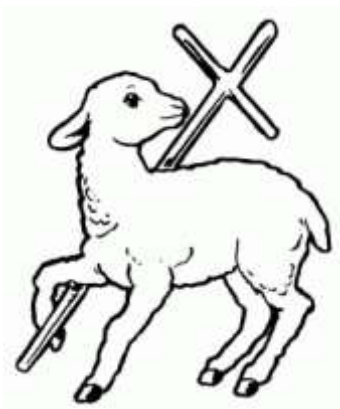
*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ)  
and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass  
(the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar.*

*Non-communicating children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

# LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



# By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b.

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

*Refrain*

Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,

giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

The holy Trinity bless you ✚  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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***Please remember in your prayers...***

Healing: **Nancy Fricke** (12/03), **Mary Gotwald** (12/02), **Kimberly Long** (11/19), **Peggy Stout** (11/28)

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl, Mark Hammer, Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul, Joe Pine**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

**ATTENDANCE**      November 9                      56 in person                      10 online

**PASTORAL CARE** Pastor Nicholson will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Rev Matt Kayhart is covering emergency care 484-866-7684 on November 17 and 18.

**ANTICIPATED GIVING CARDS** A huge thank you from the Stewardship Committee for returning your 2025 Anticipated Giving Cards. We have received 37 cards as of this date. We ask those who have not returned their cards to please give consideration to pledging what you feel you could give for the 2025 year. This is a huge help for planning our church budget. Thank you again for those who have returned their Anticipated Giving Cards. It is greatly appreciated.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held TODAY following worship. We will be electing council members. Following the meeting we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and conversation regarding the future use of our building.

**LADIES BREAKFAST** is Wednesday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Sunrise Diner. All ladies welcome!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** please turn in your Christmas flower orders by November 30. If you need a Poinsettia order form, there are extras on the table in the back of the church.

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS** Thank you to everyone who donates money to the discretionary fund throughout the year. Our fund is quite low at this time. If you would be willing to give money to help people with their heat bill, rent, get gas for their vehicle, or to help them acquire a government ID please place your gift in the offering and label it “discretionary fund.” Thank you.

**HATS, SCARVES, AND MITTENS** We hang items on our fence that will help our neighbors stay warm. Volunteer to hang items on the fence on December 7, and January 17-19. Contact: Mary Beth Warne at 717-372-8282.

**CHRISTMAS PROJECT** First Lutheran is collecting items for the First Responders in the Borough. These would be welcome contributions: cheese and peanut butter crackers, granola/protein bars, gum, nuts/trail mix, mints, beef jerky, candy, donuts, chips, drink powder packets, sports drinks, microwave popcorn, large cans of coffee, k-cups, hand sanitizer, memo books, sticky notes, highlighters, black pens, and lip balm. Monetary donations labeled “Christmas Project” may be placed in the offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 7.



**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations— domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org) Thank you for considering.

**LITTLE DAISY’S CLOSET** collection box is located in Memorial Hall. All clean items are accepted!

**DISCOUNT CARDS** SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards. \$5. Money raised will help The Inn. The card is active now through 9/1/26 and may be used for discounts at various area businesses. See Mary Beth Warne to purchase.



	<b><u>November 16</u></b>	<b><u>November 23</u></b>	<b><u>November 30</u></b>
Lector:	Ralph Burdick	Gerry Wilson	Becky Hoover
Communion	Jim Brown	Jim Brown	Jim Brown
Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan	Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan	Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok
Altar Guild:	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal
Ushers:	Gary Fleegal Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love	Gary Fleegal Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love	Gary Fleegal Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love