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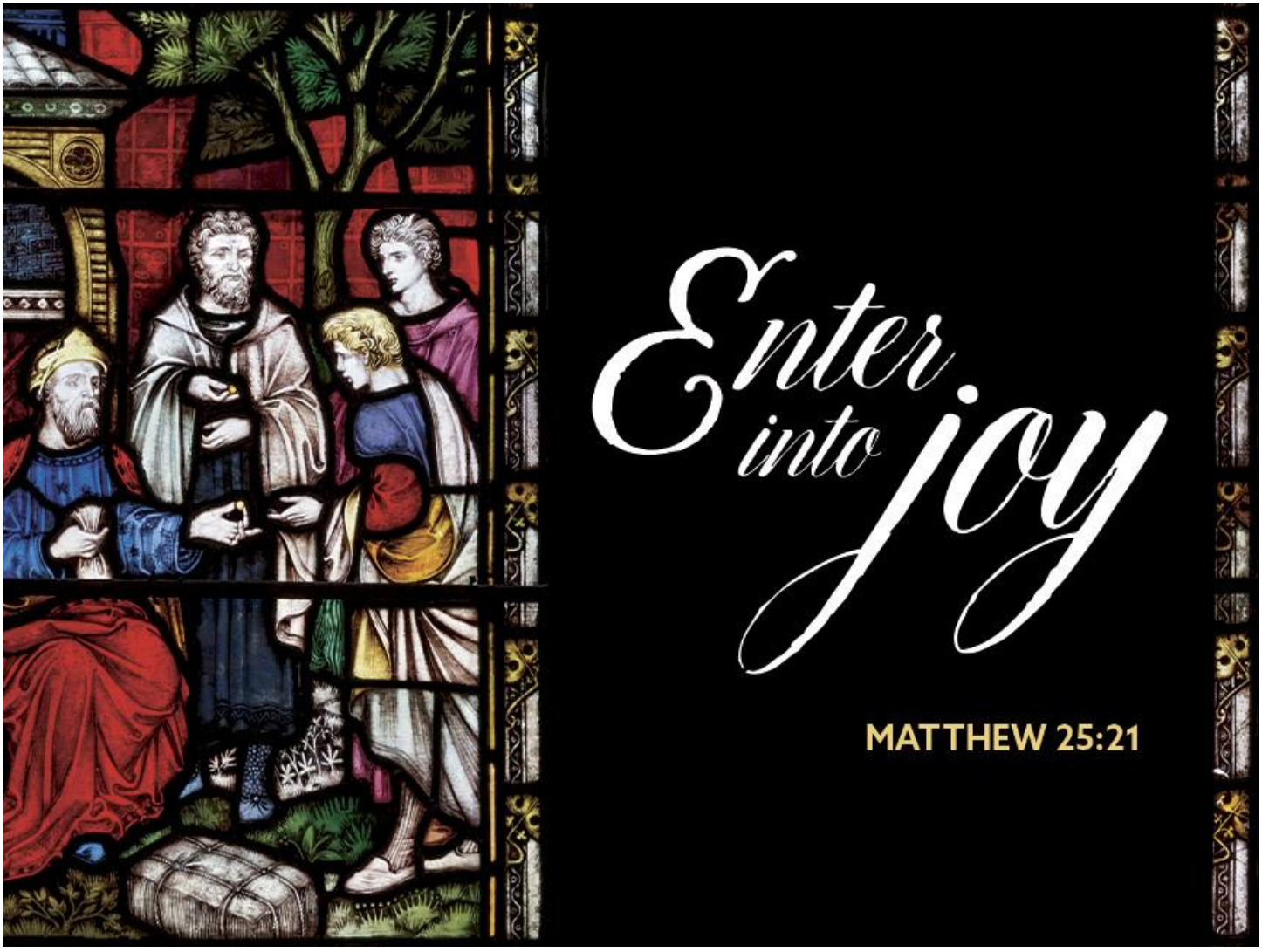

November 15, 2026, at 9:30am
HOLY COMMUNION

Come Experience God's Unlimited Grace, in a Most Welcoming Place

INTRODUCTION
Trusting in the goodness of God is we ever need to risk everything we are given! The first two slaves in Jesus' story get this, as they are able to risk and act in response to what they've been given from the master. The third slave unfortunately misses something, bringing his own judgment upon himself. This story is not about a master suddenly turning cruel; it is about living with the consequences of our own failure of trust and the darkness we can bring upon ourselves. If you trust the goodness of God, you can venture out with eyes wide open to the grace of life and can discover the joy of God's providing. But to insist that God is cruel, we will invoke upon ourselves a life of fear and scarcity. Trust and believe and SEE God's goodness!

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** *"We Praise You, O God"* **ELW #870**

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

GREETING **ELW p. 138**

P: 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** **ELW p. 138-139**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This Is The Feast"* **ELW p. 140-141**

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,
C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM
Presentation
Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors, present the candidates:
Sponsors: We present Iris Ann Marie Harrison for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:
P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?
Parents: I do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?
Parents: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:
P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Iris Ann Marie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Sponsors: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:
P: People of God, do you promise to support Iris Ann Marie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C: We do.
The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith
The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of Iris.
P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: We renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.
P: Do you believe in God the Father?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The presiding minister baptizes Iris:
P: Iris Ann Marie Harrison, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

The presiding minister continues:
P: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:
P: Sustain Iris Ann Marie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead:
P: Iris Ann Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
C: Amen.

Welcome
A lighted candle is given to the parent or sponsor:
P: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.
P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those that have gathered at the font may return to their places.

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

BIBLE MILESTONE:

- Ensley Dalen
- Oliver Kendall
- Hudson Page

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Keep God's Light"* **Mark Patterson**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. [3] 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! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. [8] 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. [9] For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Alléluia"* **ELW p. 142**

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 25th Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Jesus said to the disciples: [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] 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.' [21] 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.' [22] 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.' [23] 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.' [24] 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, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] 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? [27] 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. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] 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. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – "Risking It All For A Generous God"

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord of Light"* **ELW #688**

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

P: God, we praise you Lord …. God in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

***PEACE**

MEAL

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Thanksgiving"* **John Ness Beck**

(*We thank you for your time, talent, and treasure toward ministry at FELC and beyond. Please place your donation in the offering basket at the back of church, or on-line at https://felcdecatur.org/give, or by mail.)*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God,
**C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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 **ELW p. 144**
**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord…
C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER **ELW p. 145**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

At each worship service FELC celebrates communion around the altar rail using non-alcoholic sacramental wine so that all present may receive God's Grace in this sacrament. If anyone is unable to come to the altar, the Pastor and assistants will bring the sacrament to you. (If possible, please alert the Pastor or Assistant prior to Worship service if you want communion at your seat). If you are taking communion at the rail and feel less steady on your feet, feel free to come to the front of the communion rail rather than walking around toward the back.

COMMUNION *"Lamb of God"* **ELW p. 146**

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Holy God,
C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out,
awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* **ELW #707**

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

4 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews & Family, Nora Beck, Peg Books, Mary Broomfield,
Bill & Sandy Fitzgerrel, Scott Geiger, Esther Gregory, Jan Lawson,
Suzanne Murphy, Dale Pelz (Brother of Nancy Salefski),
Sebastian (Bass) Smallwood, Mary Ann & Ken Stolley, Rick Strine

If you'd like to add someone to the Prayer Request list, please contact Kay at the office.
Prayer requests remain on the list for 3 weeks and can be extended longer at your request.

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Rev. Dr. Sarah Cordray
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Organist/Bell Choir Director	Rick Strine
Choir Director	Milton Scott
Technical Director	Lucas Reynolds
Audio/Visual	Abbey Jordan & Audio/Visual Team
Bell Ringer	Steve Wenger
Greeter	Lin & John Malachowski
Altar Guild/Check-In	Carol Broeking & Pat Dalen
Acolyte	Ella Taute
Communion Aide	Gary Beck
Money Counters	Judy & Bob Carney and Mike Corley
Indoor Plant Watering	Pat Dalen
Flowers	Molly & Alex Berry in Honor of their 15th Anniversary

Upcoming Joint Events & Worship Services

- **Sunday, November 29th is joint Worship Service** at Holy Cross. Worship service will begin at 9:30am and there will be fellowship following Worship. All are welcome!!!

FELC Announcements

- **Iris Ann Marie Harrison** will be **Baptized** during worship this morning. Iris is the daughter of Brianne Ford, Granddaughter of Janice Isaacs, and Niece of Isaac Ford.

- The **AMELCA** Team served 109 clients on Wednesday, November 11th.

- **Church Council** meets Monday, November 16th at 6:00pm.

- **Art Workshop** meets Thursday, November 19th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the final workshop this year. We will let you know when Art Workshop will resume in 2027.

- Gunny Bear is inviting you to make a donation of a **new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.** During November, collection boxes will be here at FELC in the narthex and also by the lower door. Please see Bob or Carol Tyler with questions.

- The **church office will be closed every Tuesday and Friday through the end of the year.**

- **Christmas Tree Assembly is after worship service on Sunday, November 22nd.** We need MANY volunteers to assemble and decorate the tree. Pizza will be served to all the volunteers.

- **Poinsettia Forms** are in the Narthex. Please submit your form to the office by Sunday, December 13th. Poinsettias should be delivered to the church on December 23rd by 10:00am.

- **Baby Jesus Christmas Donations** will begin Sunday, November 29th through Sunday, December 20th. Newborn items, including onesies, booties, receiving blankets, and especially diapers can be dropped off in the narthex. All items will be made available to local family agencies. See Jane Cade or Denise Troester with questions.

- You are invited to a **Wassail Party on Sunday, December 6th** from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at FELC. There will be festive food and music of the season. All are welcome to join the fun!!!

- **Children's Christmas Program will take place during worship service on Sunday, December 13th.** And we will celebrate with SonRise Café after worship service.

- Sunday, December 13th is the date for **Cookie Delivery and Carolers.** Cookies will be packaged on that Sunday @ 9:00am. Bring your homemade cookies marked, "for caroling", to the north counter near the emergency exit of the kitchen, during the week of December 6th. You can bring cookies on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm or by 9:00am on the 13th. Carolers will meet at the church at 12:30pm to pick-up cookies. All singers and non-singers are welcome to join in and brighten the season for our Homebound.

- **Christmas Tree take down will be Sunday, January 10th,** after worship service. MANY volunteers are needed to assist with taking down the decorations and tree.

- **Our Grief Group** will resume meeting on January 11th, 2027. This group meets every other Monday from 11:00am-12:30pm in the Lounge.

- **Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Foundation Meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, January 31st.** All voting members are encouraged to attend. Your vote counts!!

AMELCA
THANKSGIVING BASKETS

You are invited to make a donation toward building Thanksgiving Baskets that will be handed out on Wednesday, November 25th. Listed below are items the AMELCA Team will use to build the basket.

Please consider donating an item or two or making a monetary donation. Food donations can be placed in the large AMELCA box in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering basket.

All donations are appreciated!!

• Can of Fruit	• Box of Stuffing Mix
• Can of Sweet Potatoes	• Box of Instant Potatoes
• Can of Cranberry Sauce	• Box of Mac 'n Cheese
• Can of Green Beans	• Box of Jello
• Can of Corn	• Box of Dessert Mix

