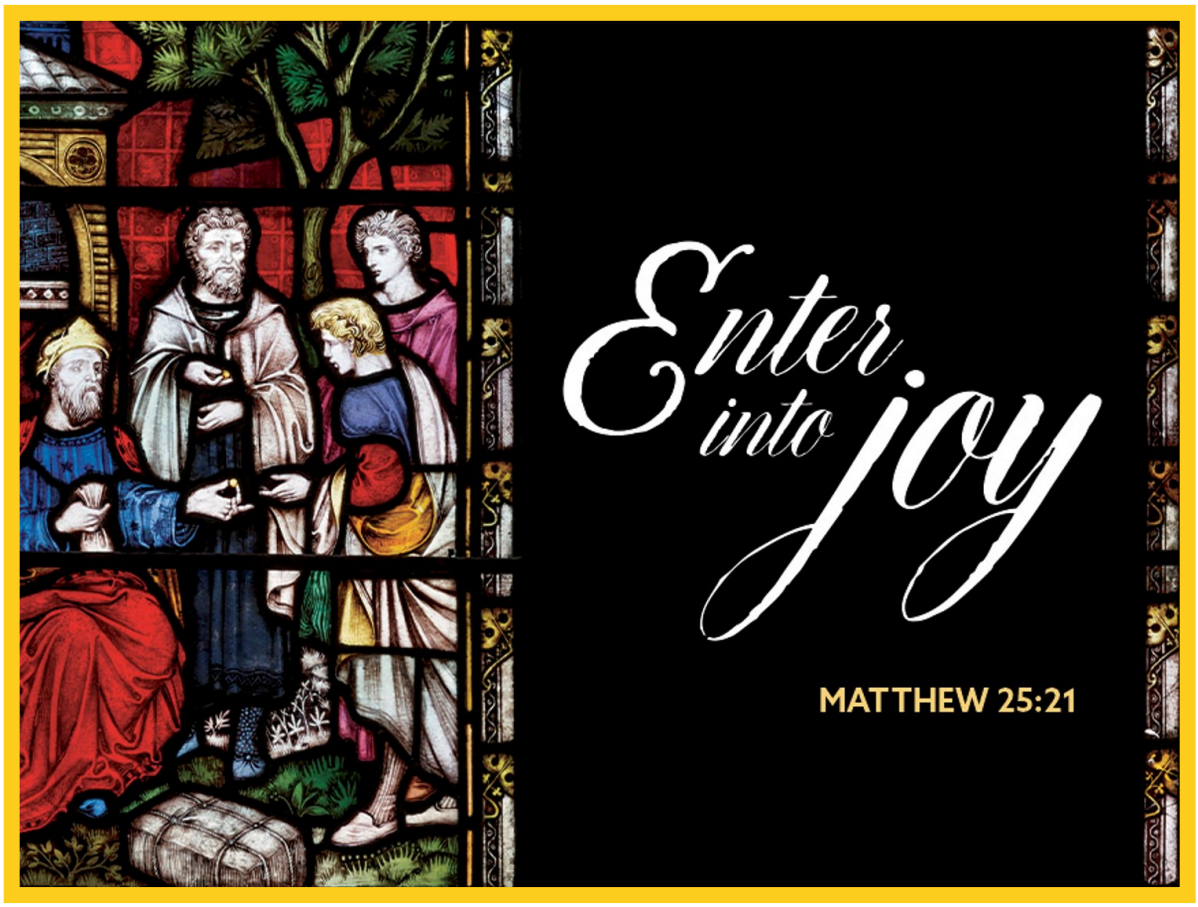


25th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome especially to all who have ever felt unwelcome in the church.

Welcome to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

HOW WE WORSHIP

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God’s grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type.**

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Dr. Debbie Cottrell, TLU President

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **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.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Christ, Be Our Light"* *Hymn #715*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray**. 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.**

Please be seated.

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.

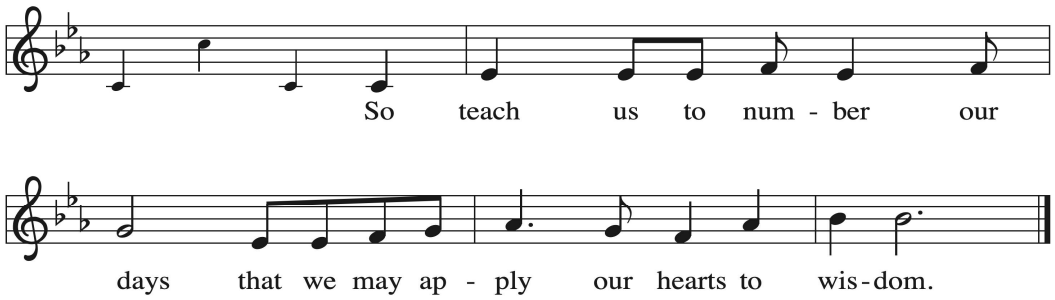
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit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

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

PSALM 90:1-8,12



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."

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Refrain

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.

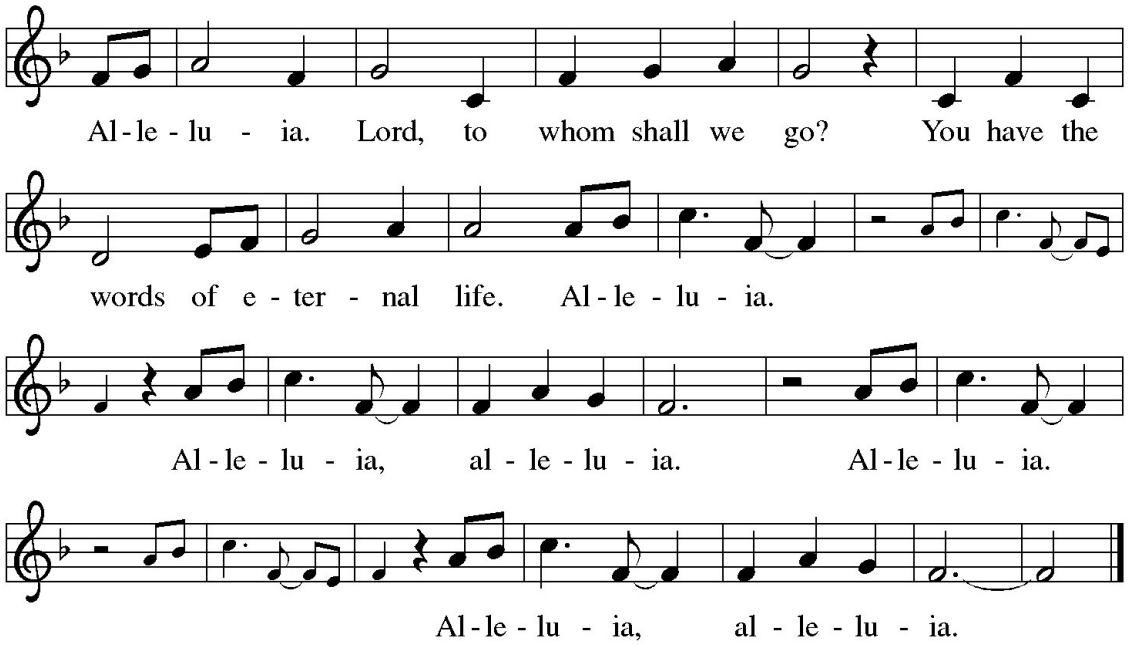
[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you your-
selves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sud-
den destruction will come 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 breast-
plate 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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Pastor Chris Steubing*

Please stand as you are able for the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.' "

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

SERMON *Pastor Chris Steubing*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hymn #707*
"Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us"

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *“Give Thanks”* *Choir Anthem*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Eternal God, 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.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

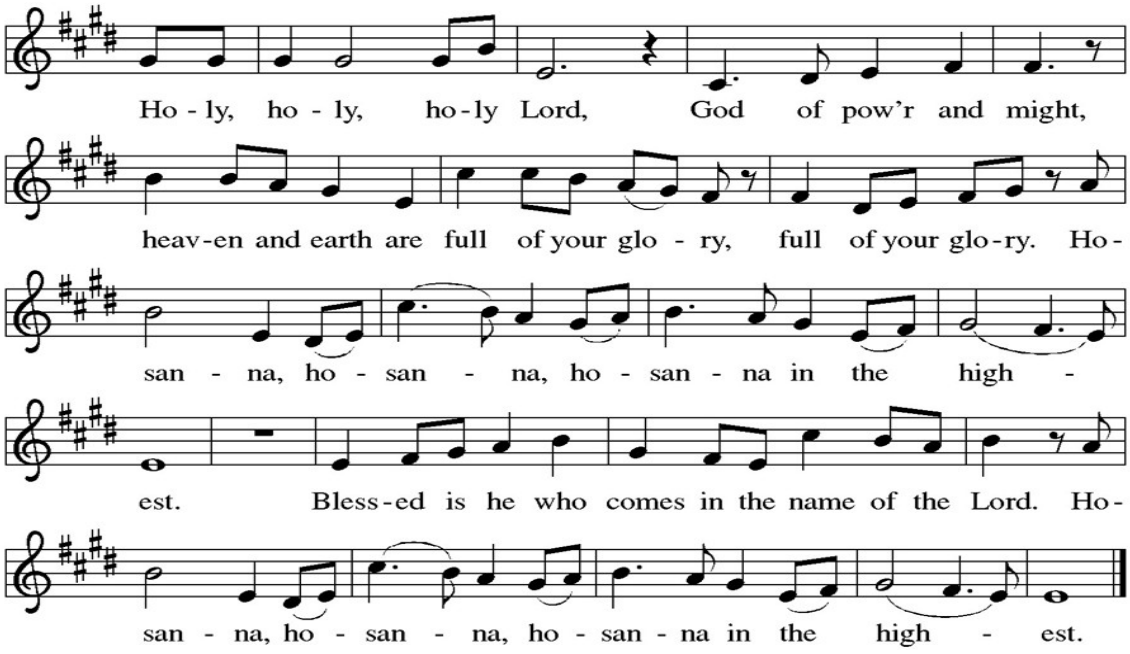
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn.



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

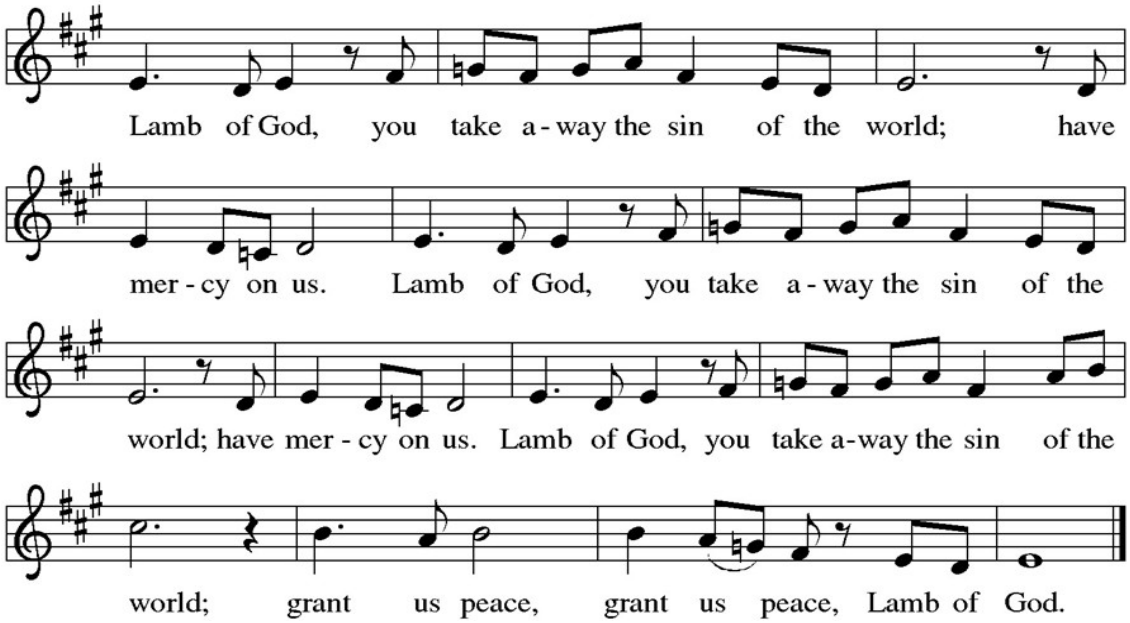
Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray…

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

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We practice a continuous communion distribution. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the altar rail, filling in spaces starting from the center as they become available. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, you may simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. The communion cups contain wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



Communion Hymns

Hymn #472 "Eat This Bread"
Hymn #726 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"
Hymn #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

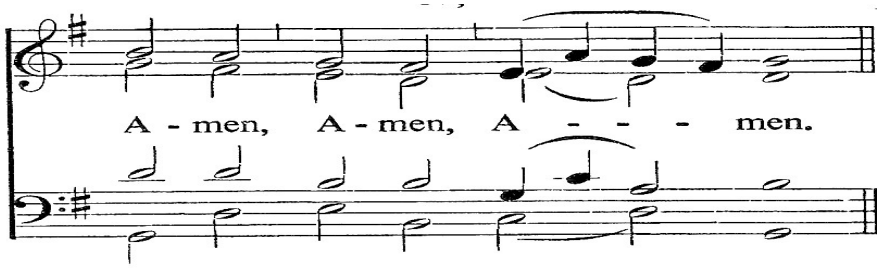
Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray**. Holy God, 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

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.



SENDING HYMN *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Hymn #674*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage on another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements/Reminders

For children and parents:

After the children's sermon, children are invited to go with Mrs. Sheila to the nursery for Sunday school children's time. Youth are invited to join for a devotion and hang out time after worship in the youth room. Sheila would like to extend a warm invitation to any adults who would like to assist her or simply observe on Sundays. Whether it's during worship or fellowship time, it's a beautiful opportunity to bond with and get to know the vibrant youth and children of our congregation. If interested, email her at sheila.perry@standrewofcl.org.

There are "busy bags" at the sanctuary entrance to help keep children engaged during services.

There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary with a changing table and a large nursery space down the hallway past the fellow ship hall available for families with young children. Each of the spaces include access to listen to the worship service.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in our fellowship hall!!!

Join Us After Today's Service!!

We can't thank everyone enough for another amazing Fall Festival!

From setup to cleanup and every smile in between, our church family, with the support of CLUMC's team, showed what true community looks like. We want to celebrate and share the wonderful outcome of your hard work and generosity, so please come have fellowship refreshments with us after service to hear about the results!

Special Guest Sunday, November 15th: Dr. Debbie Cottrell, Texas Lutheran University President



Dr. Cottrell will share a temple talk about Lutheran higher education and stay for conversation after worship. Dr. Debbie Cottrell is a native of Dallas, Texas. Prior to assuming the presidency of TLU in 2019, she served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at TLU for seven years. As president, she has overseen programmatic growth, including the addition of TLU's first doctorate program, and geographical expansion, including a TLU Nursing program presence in New Braunfels and Houston. She has also overseen growth on TLU's main campus in Seguin, including a new Student Athletic Center named for TLU alum and national sports broadcaster Verne Lundquist, which opened in Fall 2025. Dr. Cottrell holds a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's and Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas at Austin.

WELCA Bible Study, Wednesday, November 18th
Business Mtg.-9:30 AM Bible Study -10 AM

Come join us on November 18th in the fellowship hall and participate in the Bible study led by Pastor Chris.

Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.

Session 3: Proclaiming resurrection in hope
Scripture: John 20:1-18

Our meeting begins at 9:30 AM with refreshments and a business session. At 10 AM Pastor Chris leads us in our study. Come, join us!

WELCA
Cheryl Wilder, President
Cathy Peebles, V. President
Sharon VanderBand, Secretary
Kathy Laney, Treasurer





Be on the look out for a Sign Up Genius! We can pick a family individually or some of us can work together on a family. The presents are due by Dec 13th at the Day Center and should be wrapped and labeled.

Today

9:00 AM—Adult forum with Dr. Debbie Cottrell in the library
9:30 AM—Choir Practice in the music room
10:00 AM—Worship in the sanctuary
11:00 AM—Fellowship in the fellowship hall

This week

November 17—10:15 AM Mutual Ministry Team meeting in the library
November 18—9:30 AM WELCA
November 18—1:00 PM Grief Group 3rd Session in the fellowship hall

New network wifi available now!

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Plus our church address.

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Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller
Our Reader—Miranda Murphy
Our Liturgist—Claire Roberts
Communion Assistants—Ed & Donna Clark
Organist/Pianist—Sheryl Dinklage
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