Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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A Shared Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We extend the warmest welcome *to all worshipping with us today. No matter who you are: if this is your first time worshipping with us, if you haven't been here in a while, if you are here regularly, if you are seeking a community of people trying their best to follow Jesus, if you are curious about Jesus, or even if you are not entirely sure what or who you are looking for; know that you are welcome in this place, and we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.*

Holy Communion is open to all. *In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus. It is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.*

We believe *the varied sounds and actions from children of all ages during worship is evidence of Jesus among us, and bears witness to the life, growth, present and future of the Church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering anyone, you are blessing everyone. If you would like an activity bag for your child during worship, please ask the greeter who handed you this bulletin. Alternatively, if you wish to step out of the sanctuary with your child, we have set up a quiet room which streams our service, all the way down the hallway, past the bathrooms, in the last room on your left.*

We stream *our worship service on a private zoom link and publicly on Facebook, for the sake of those who cannot be with us in person.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please rise, in body or spirit.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another.
(We pause for reflection)
P: Loving God,
C: When we have wandered and are lost, we pray that you find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this prayer, and the prayers of our hearts.
P: It's been said that sin is to God's mercy, like a hot coal is to the sea. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*: Crown Him with Many Crowns – LBW (Green) – 170, verses 1, 4, & 6.*

Crown Him with Many Crowns



5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Congregation sings together: refrain, verse and the refrain again.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are
among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them
from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own
land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed
them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be
their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they
shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I
will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat
and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed
with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your
horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep
and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he
shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I
the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince
among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of
our salvation.

2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

3 For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded
the dry land.

6 **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

7a For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

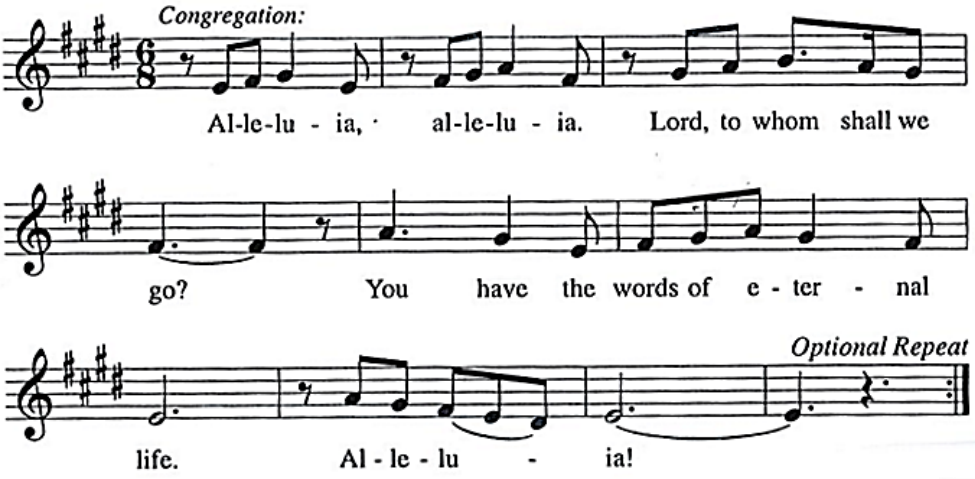
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all
the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your
heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he
has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for
us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God
put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above
all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And
he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over
all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who
fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise, in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Congregation sings acclamation once.*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed,

depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

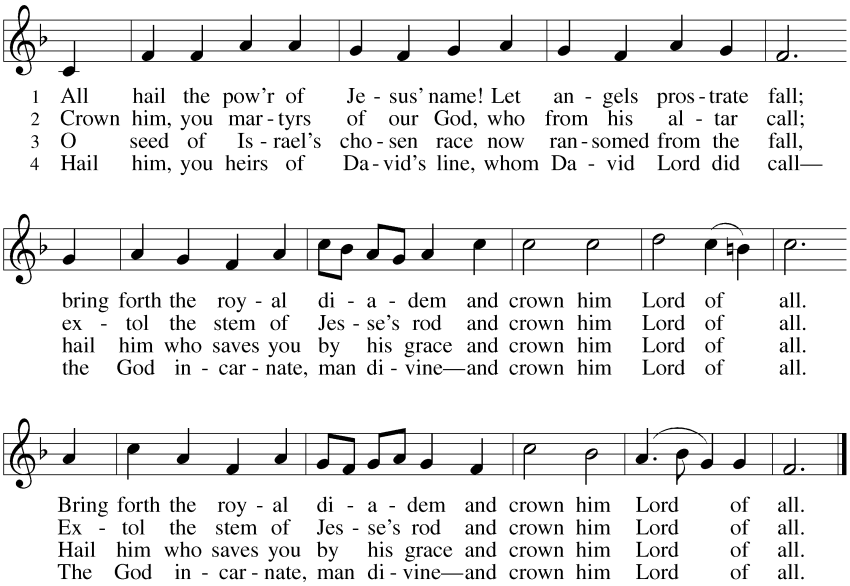
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

After the sermon, please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – LBW (Green) – 328, verses 1, 2, & 4.*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We 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. We 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

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

A brief silence.

A: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*). God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

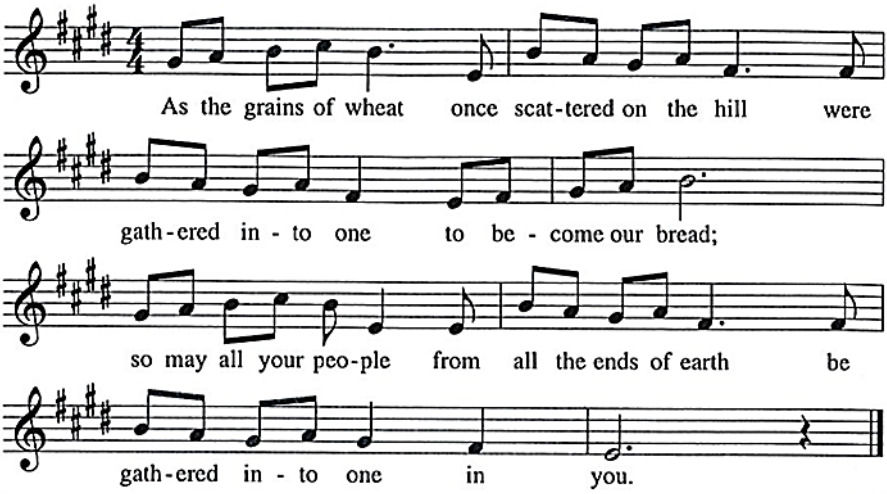
Please be seated

OFFERING

Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, ***hslceldersburgmd.org/give****. We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry.*

Please rise, in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY HYMN- C*ongregation sings together once.*



OFFERING PRAYER

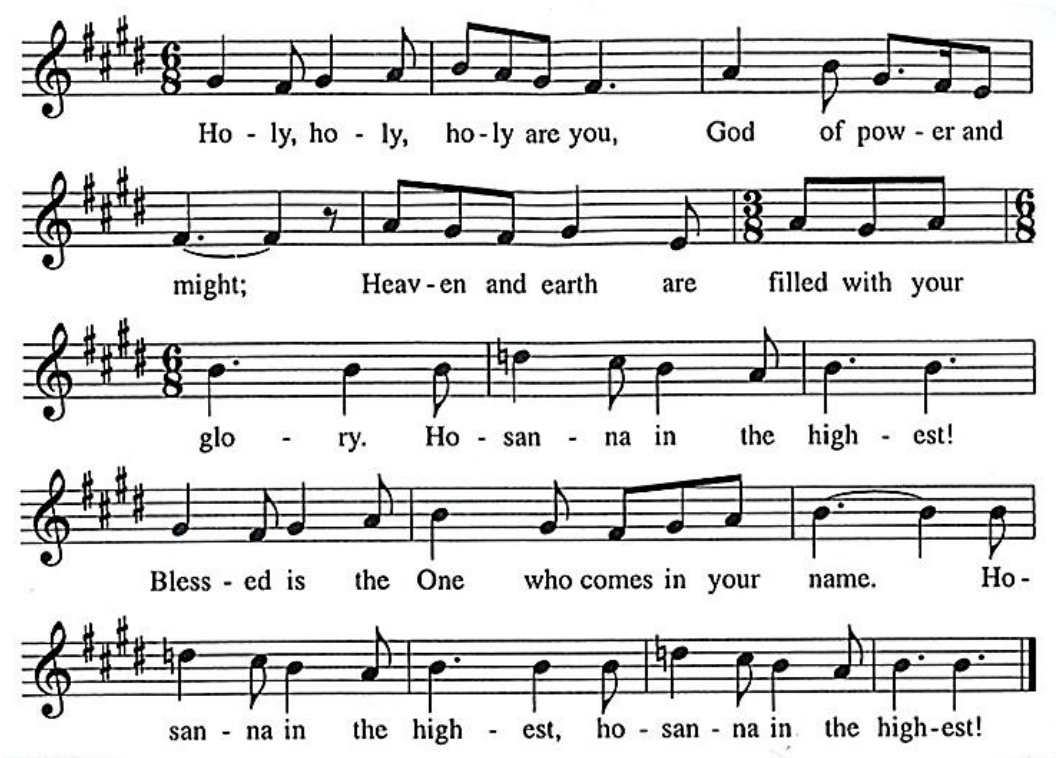
P: Let us pray, Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

THE 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.

PREFACE

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P: Amen and amen!
C: Amen and amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P**:** Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! **C: Amen.**
Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN- Lamb of God



Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Guidance for receiving Communion is on Page 2. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from now and until life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

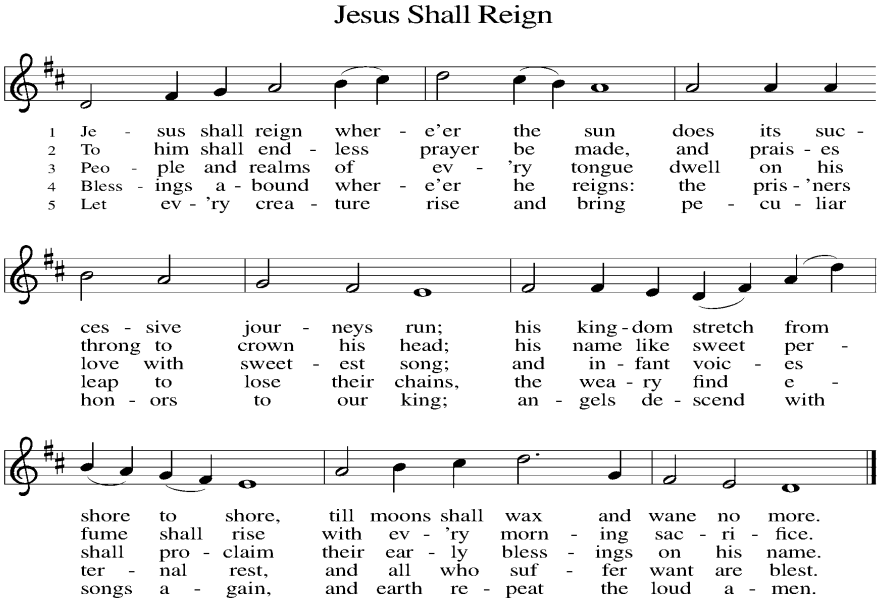
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ***Jesus Shall Reign – LBW (Green) – 530 , verses 1, 2, & 5.***



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, be of good heart!

C: Thanks be to God!

A: Our purpose is to love God,

C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.

We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church."

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ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Sunday (11/22) 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday (11/25) 6:30 pm - Thanksgiving Eve Hymn Sing and Pie Social, Shepherd of the Glen, Glenwood, MD.

Sunday (11/29) 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Upcoming Events Reminder: Please see the "Events" tab on our website for all our upcoming events. **Please contact Pastor Tom by email at HSLC.pastor@comcast.net if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.**

Volunteers

	This Week (11-22-2026)	***Nex Week (11-29-2026)***
Greeters	Kim N.	TBD
Ushers	Luke F. John F.	TBD
Acolyte	Abby Pal.	Maryanne F.
Assisting Minister	Megan F.	Holly deB.
Communion Assistant	Megan F.	Holly deB.
Lector	Cara K.	Steve B.
Altar care	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	Dave L.	Gary S.
Fellowship/Coffee	Larson	Bowman