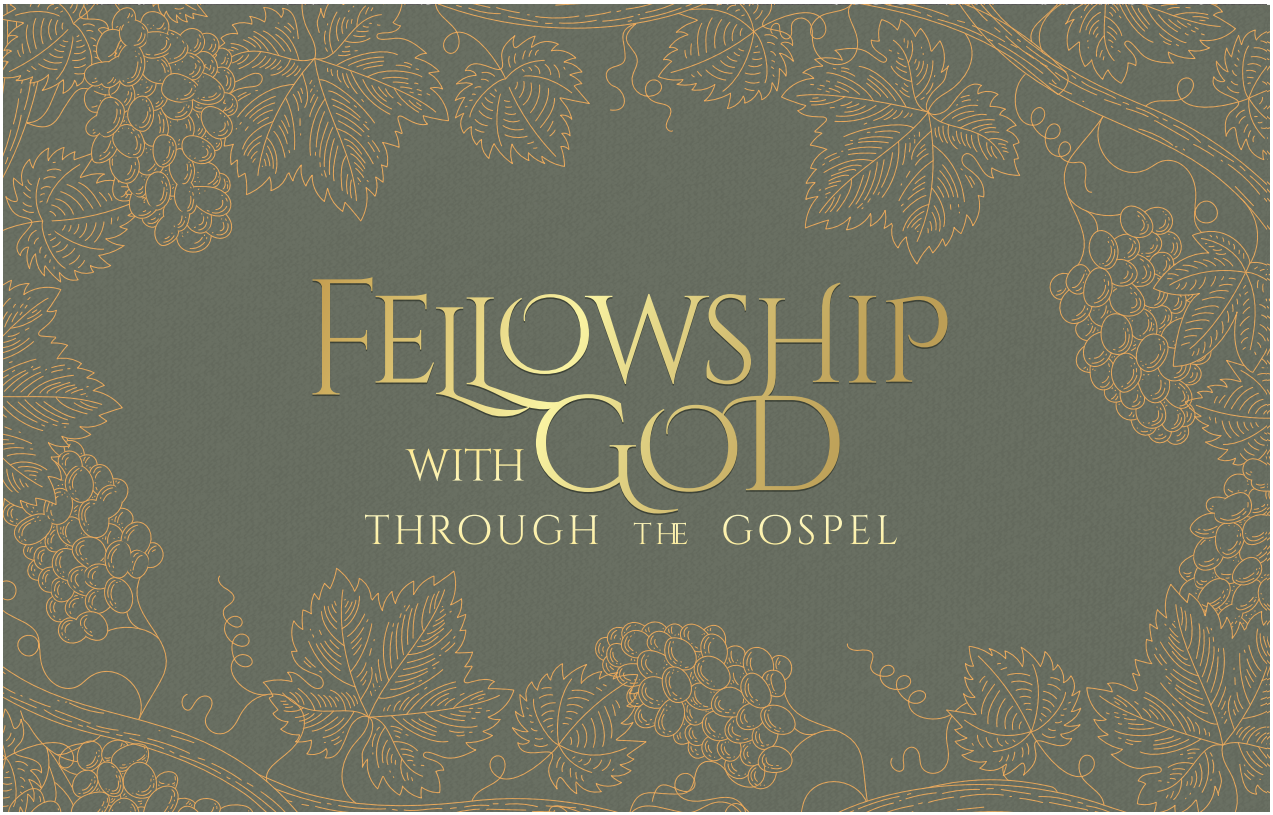


CHRIST
CHURCH

November 16, 2025

Prelude

Welcome Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Matthew 11:28 Elder John Streefkerk

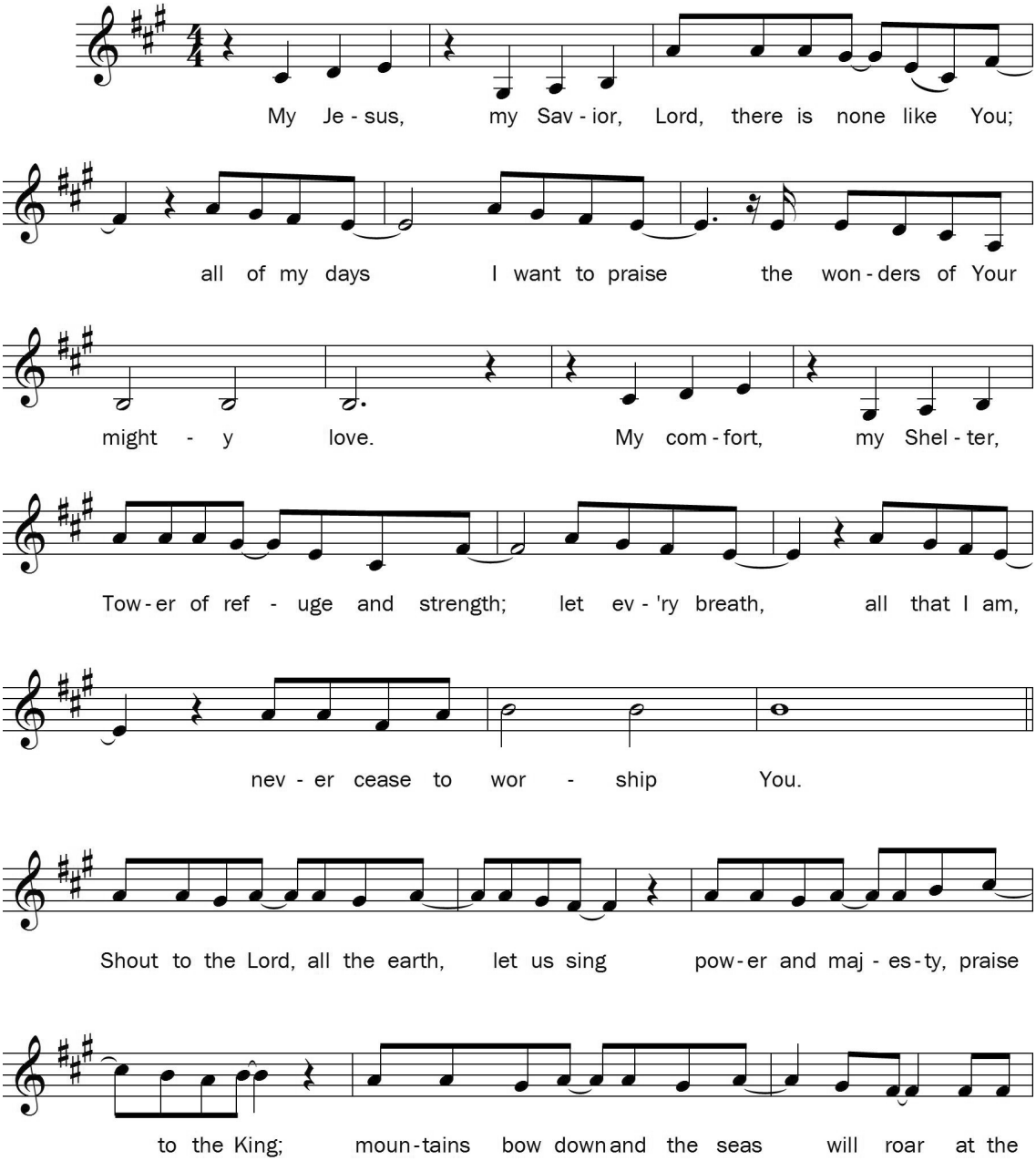
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

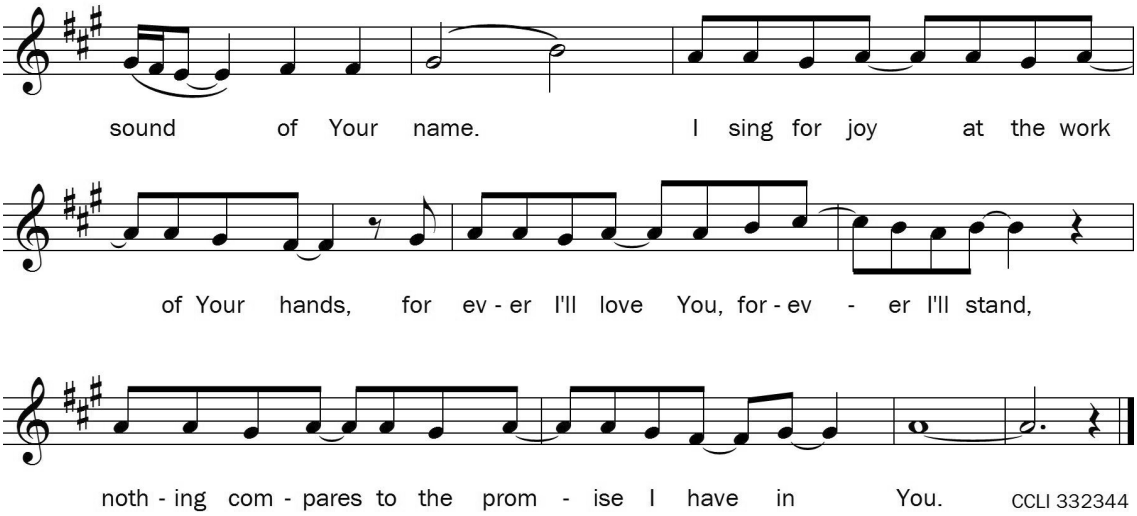
**** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** Trinity Hymnal 457

** Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

* *Shout to the Lord*

Darlene Zschech





*** Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Decalogue *with responsive prayers (congregation read **bold** portions)*

God spoke all these words, saying: I am the LORD your God who delivered you from bondage.

Do not put any other gods before me.
Do not make any idols for yourselves. Do not bow down to them or serve them.
Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God or take it lightly.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep your law.

Remember to set apart the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
Do not murder.

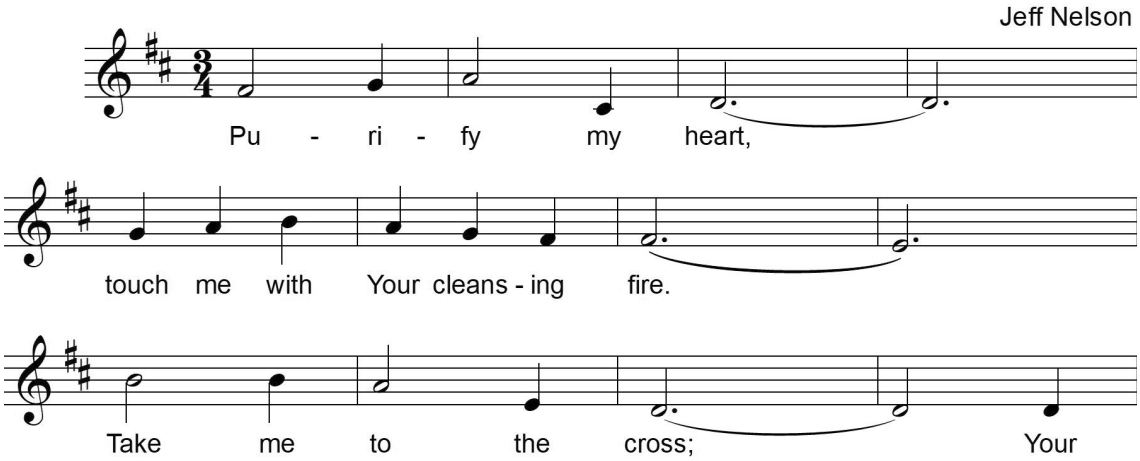
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep your law.

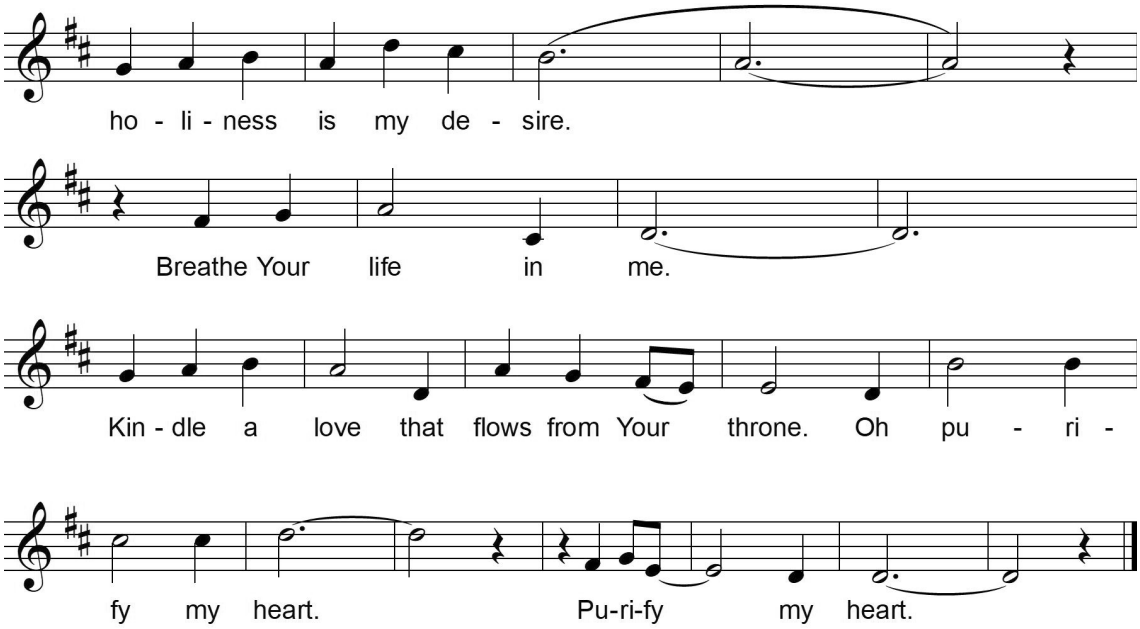
Do not commit adultery.
Do not steal.
Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Do not dream of taking any of your neighbor's possessions.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write your laws upon our hearts. This is our earnest prayer.

Silent confession

Purify My Heart





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Declaration of Forgiveness I Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8:30 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

**** O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** Trinity Hymnal 164

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading** 1 John 2:28–3:10

2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence
and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you
may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of
God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know
him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he
is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawless-
ness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either
seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices
righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of
the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God
appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice
of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has
been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the
children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the
one who does not love his brother.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon The Family Traits

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Adopting Family Traits

Becoming an Integral Whole

Walking a Determined Walk

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

More Love to Thee, O Christ Trinity Hymnal 649

Reception of New Members

Joel & Courtney Sensenig (8:30 service)

Jim & Debbie Momeyer (11:15 service)

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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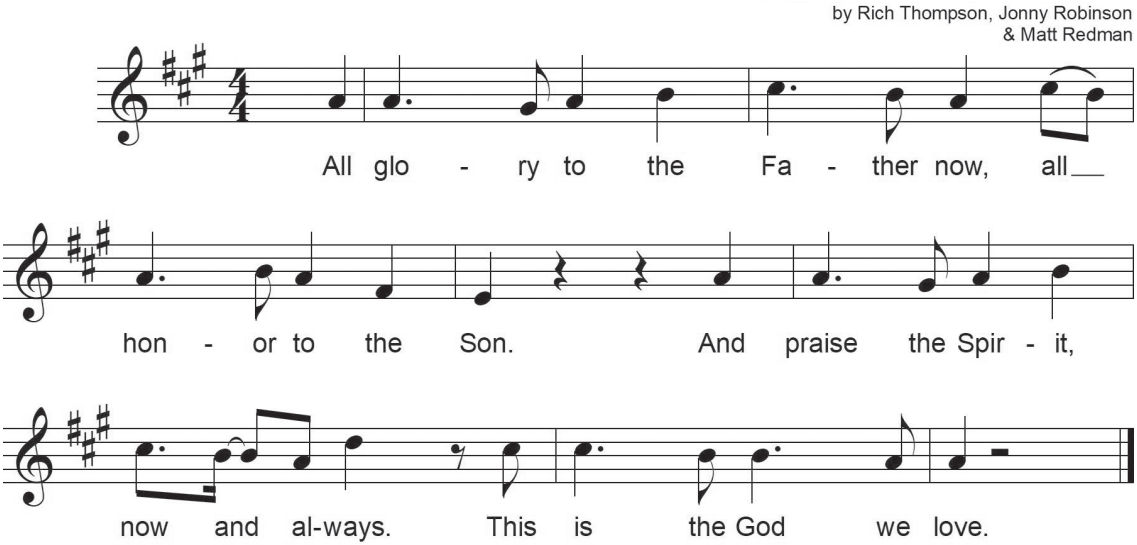
Offertory *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

* *The God We Love (Nicene Creed chorus)*



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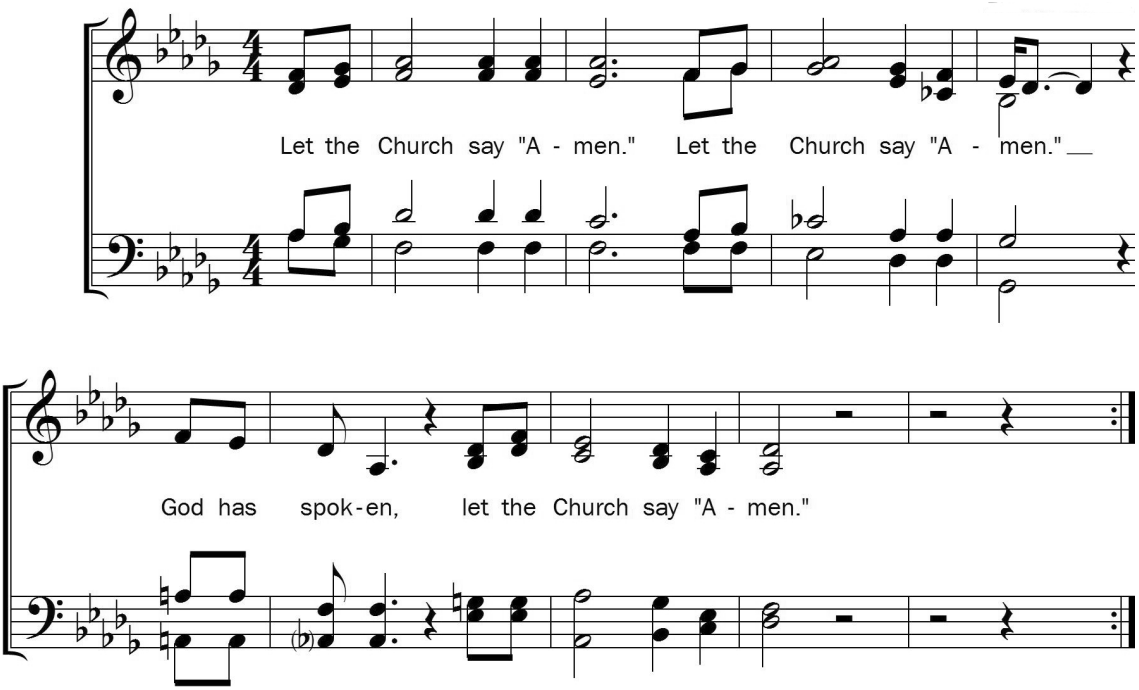
* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and wave the colorful flags as we sing our closing Amen song.

** Let the Church Say Amen*



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*** Postlude**

Worship musicians
Susan Guerra, piano
Linus Guerra, tenor saxophone