

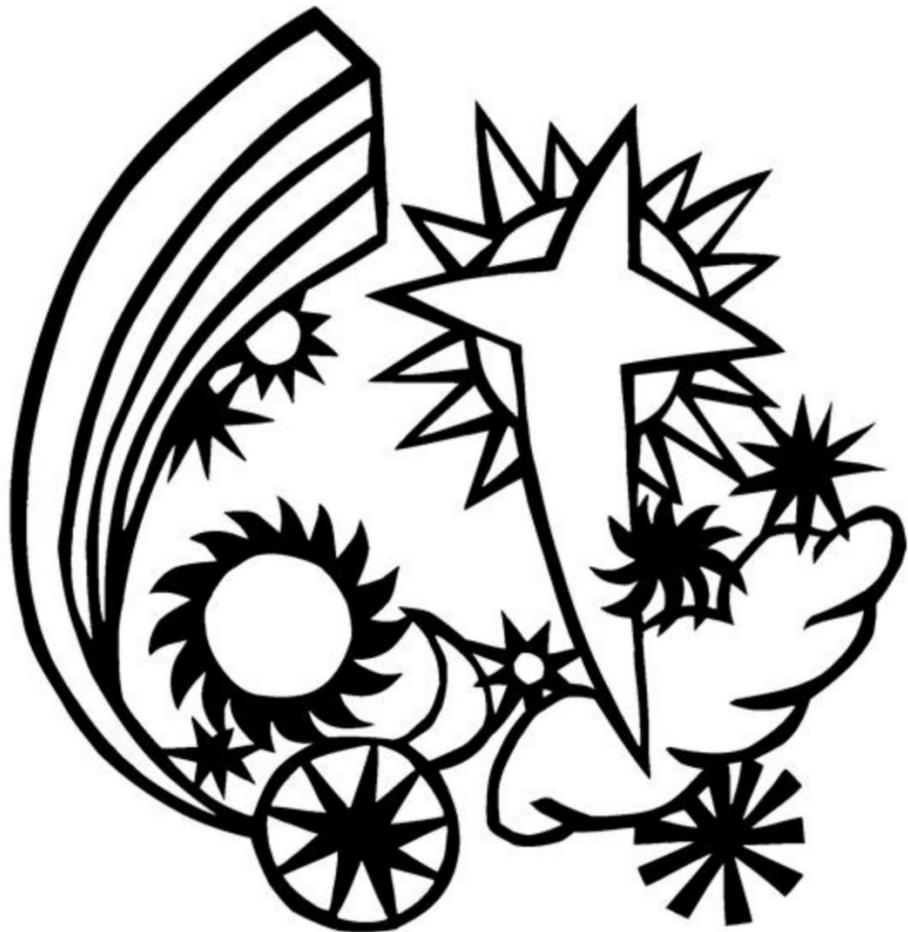
# ST. JOHN'S

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**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**23th Sunday after Pentecost**



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A Reconciling in  
Christ Congregation

# GATHERING

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Thanksgiving for baptism

## Gathering Hymn

## How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
4 "Through-out all their life-time my people shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
my sov-'reign, eternal, un-change-a-ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,

who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?  
up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand."  
your dross to consume and your gold to re-fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne."

# 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.**

# Kyrie

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## † Prayer of the Day

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.**

## WORD

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### First Reading

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

#### Refrain



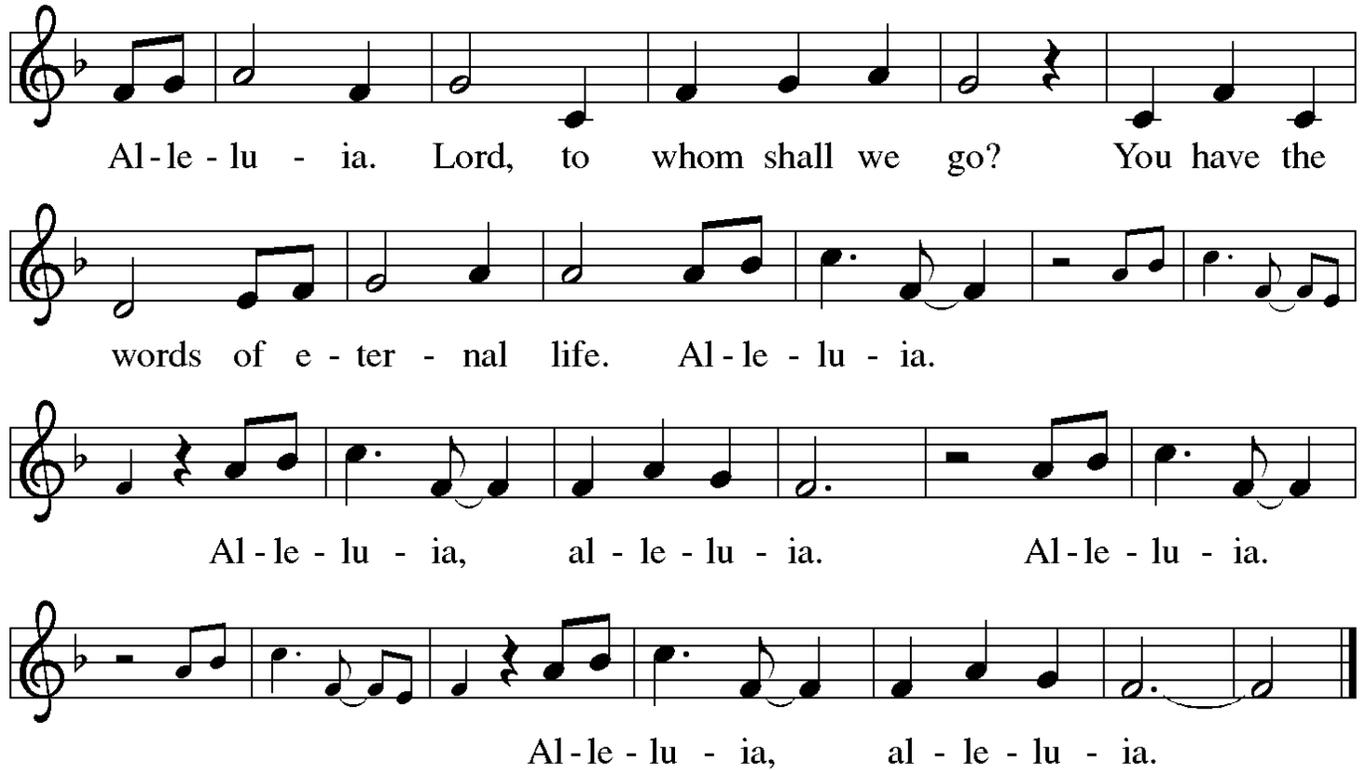
### Second Reading

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 21:5-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Amanda**

## By Gracious Powers



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
 5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
 so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
 oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
 we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
 and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

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## **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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace  
and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Ways to Give**

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# MEAL

## Offertory

ELW 184

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-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 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

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.**

## Dialogue

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic prayer

## † The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**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.



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **Music for Distribution**

**Worship Team**

### **† Prayer after Communion**

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.**

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## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you †  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song

## When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

ELW 785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**