

A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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PRELUDE “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door” Austin **BELL CHOIR**

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GATHERING HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" Vss. 1, 3 & 4 LBW # 527

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
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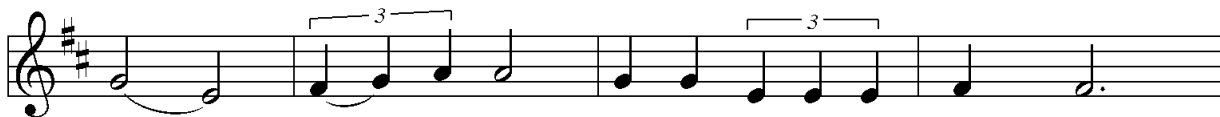
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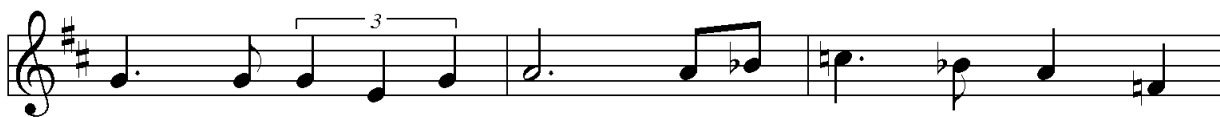
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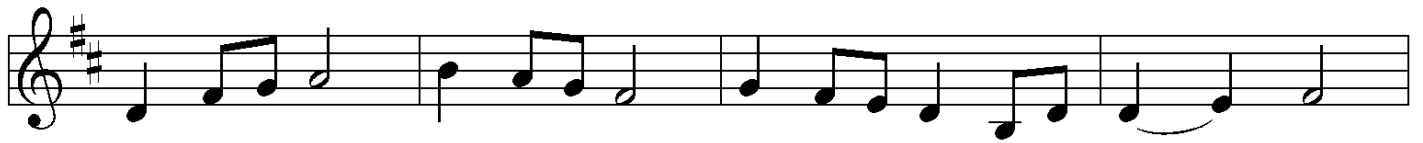
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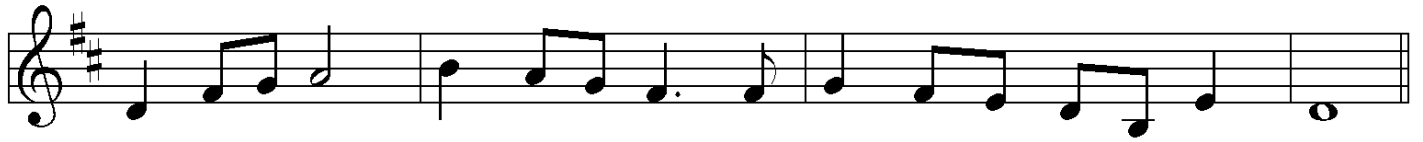
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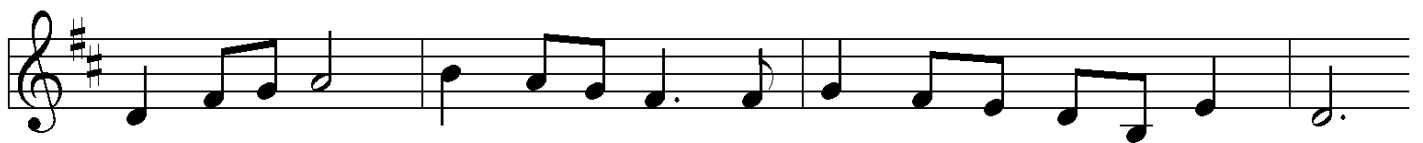
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²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

A The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

A The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

A By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

- A Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

After the reading:

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

After the reading:

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR AARON LAYNE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE"

PORTER

JEAN PONTIOUS

APOSTLES' CREED

A *Christians, what do we believe?*

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

A Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

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A We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

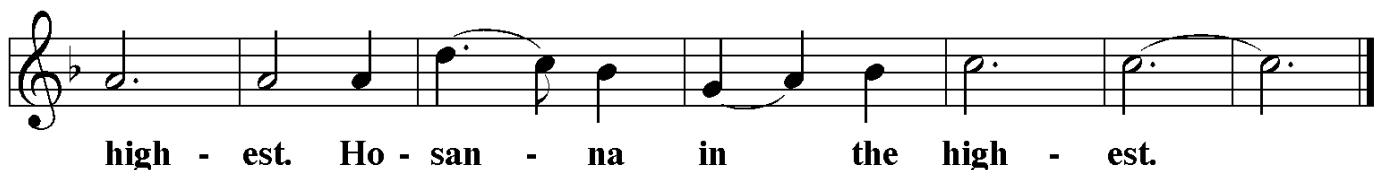
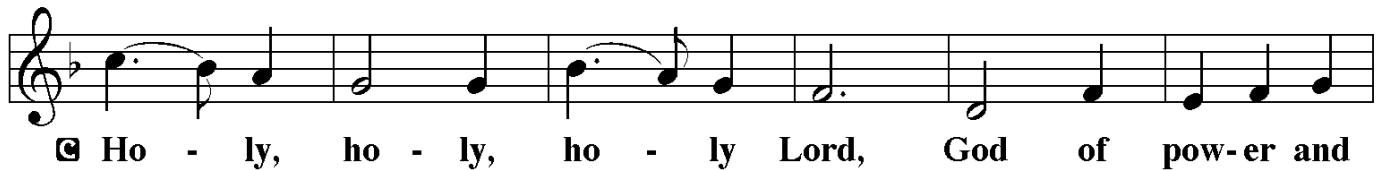
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.
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.
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Invitation to the Lord's Table – Believing in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, this family of faith practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are worshipping with us.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *The communicant may say: Amen*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: Amen*

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

After receiving the elements, you may return to your seats.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets provided on the first row of chairs.

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service” Vss. 1 & 3 LBW # 423

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 29

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		HADLEY SAMUEL
ASSISTING MINISTER	BROOKE DOWNING	ANNA LAYNE
PASTOR	THE REV. AARON LAYNE	

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Pitt's sister, Delores; and in celebration of River Pittman's birthday from her family.



Please check the 2024 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$22.00 per vase.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND HAPPENINGS

YOUTH – CAMPFIRE COOKOUT AT THE LAYNES – SEPTEMBER 29 AT 12:30 PM

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS – OCTOBER 6 DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 6 AT 4:00 PM

REFORMATION SUNDAY –OCTOBER 27 - ONE SERVICE AT 10:10 AM

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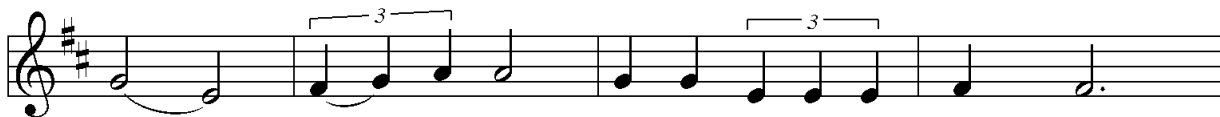
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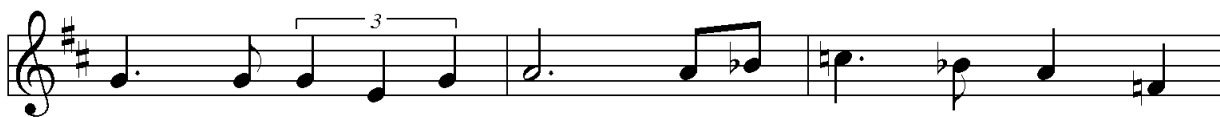
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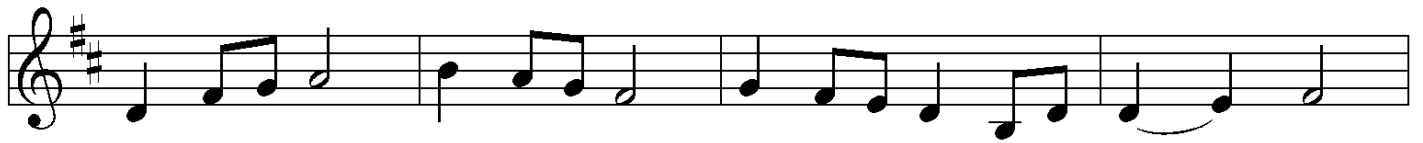
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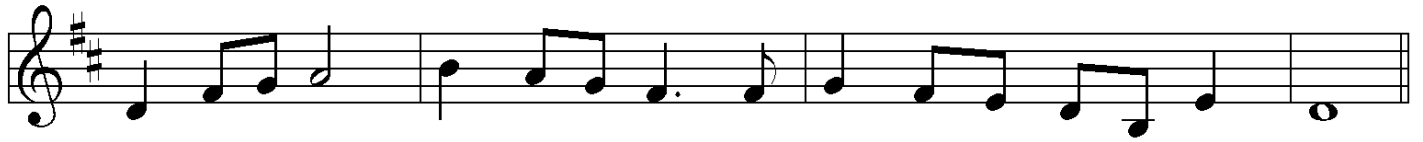
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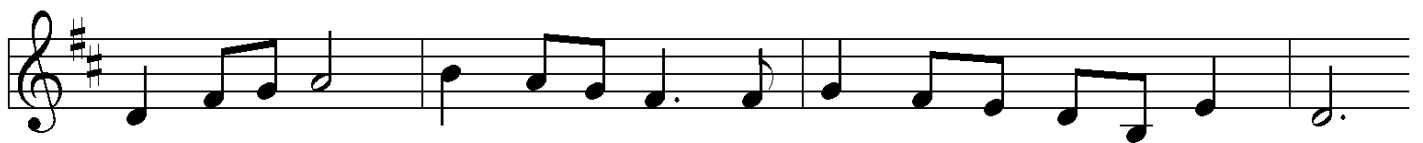
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might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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P In the night in which he was betrayed,
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Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
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This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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
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DISTRIBUTION

Invitation to the Lord's Table – Believing in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, this family of faith practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are worshipping with us.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *The communicant may say: Amen*

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This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

After receiving the elements, you may return to your seats.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets provided on the first row of chairs.

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service” Vss. 1 & 3 LBW # 423

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 29

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		HADLEY SAMUEL
ASSISTING MINISTER	BROOKE DOWNING	ANNA LAYNE
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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Pitt's sister, Delores; and in celebration of River Pittman's birthday from her family.



Please check the 2024 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$22.00 per vase.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND HAPPENINGS

YOUTH – CAMPFIRE COOKOUT AT THE LAYNES – SEPTEMBER 29 AT 12:30 PM

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A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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INTRODUCTION

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PRELUDE “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door” Austin **BELL CHOIR**

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" Vss. 1, 3 & 4 LBW # 527

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon
O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us
The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

Refrain
with soft-er gleam:
with warmth and light, Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
a-bun-dant show.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.



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glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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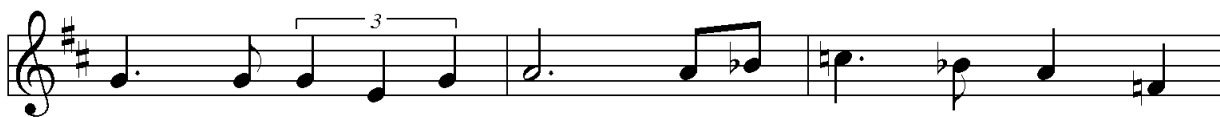
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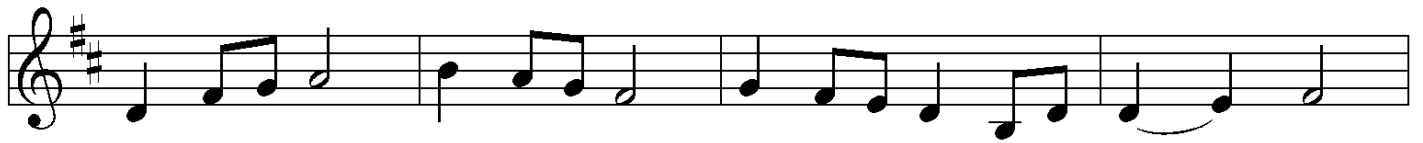
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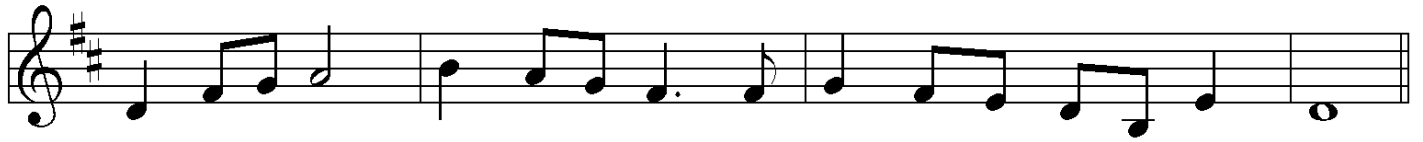
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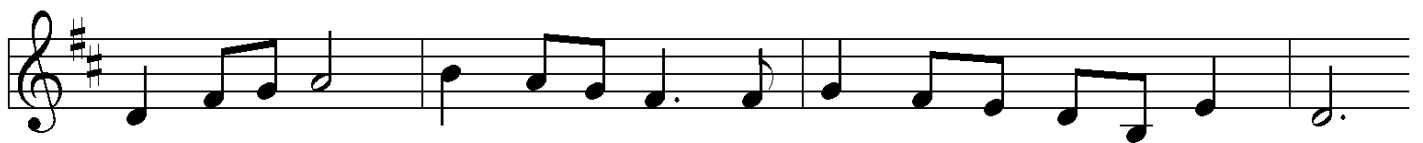
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Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

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⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

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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:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

☞ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Invitation to the Lord's Table – Believing in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, this family of faith practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are worshipping with us.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *The communicant may say: Amen*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: Amen*

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

After receiving the elements, you may return to your seats.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets provided on the first row of chairs.

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service” Vss. 1 & 3 LBW # 423

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 29

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		HADLEY SAMUEL
ASSISTING MINISTER	BROOKE DOWNING	ANNA LAYNE
PASTOR	THE REV. AARON LAYNE	

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Pitt's sister, Delores; and in celebration of River Pittman's birthday from her family.



Please check the 2024 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$22.00 per vase.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND HAPPENINGS

YOUTH – CAMPFIRE COOKOUT AT THE LAYNES – SEPTEMBER 29 AT 12:30 PM

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS – OCTOBER 6 DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 6 AT 4:00 PM

REFORMATION SUNDAY –OCTOBER 27 - ONE SERVICE AT 10:10 AM