

# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

AUGUST 17, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

### PRELUDE

**“Let the Whole Creation Cry”**

**Wold**

**JEAN PONTIOUS**

*Stand or remain seated*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name, Father ✙ Son ✙ Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

**C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav’n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise him, our al - might-y king!”  
and let chil-dren’s hap - py hearts in this wor-ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho-rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
“Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 and 3 indicating different parts of the hymn. The score is divided into five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The final system ends with a double bar line.

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**C** And is also with you.



**☒** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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



**☐** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



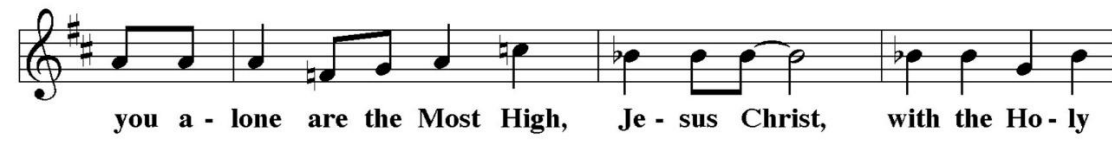
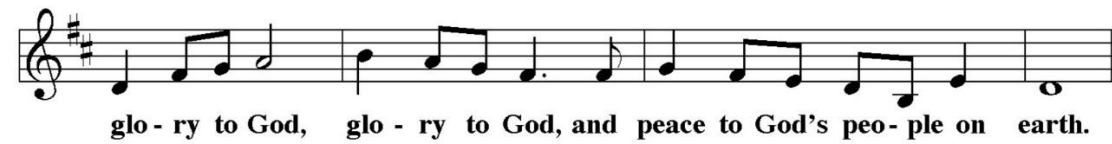
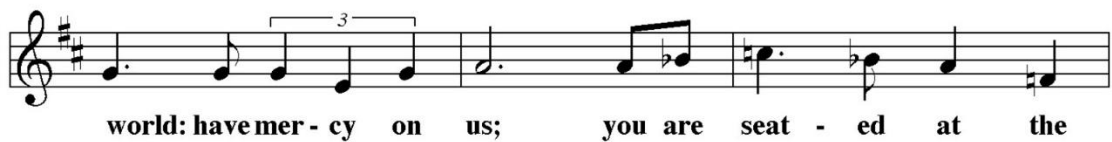
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

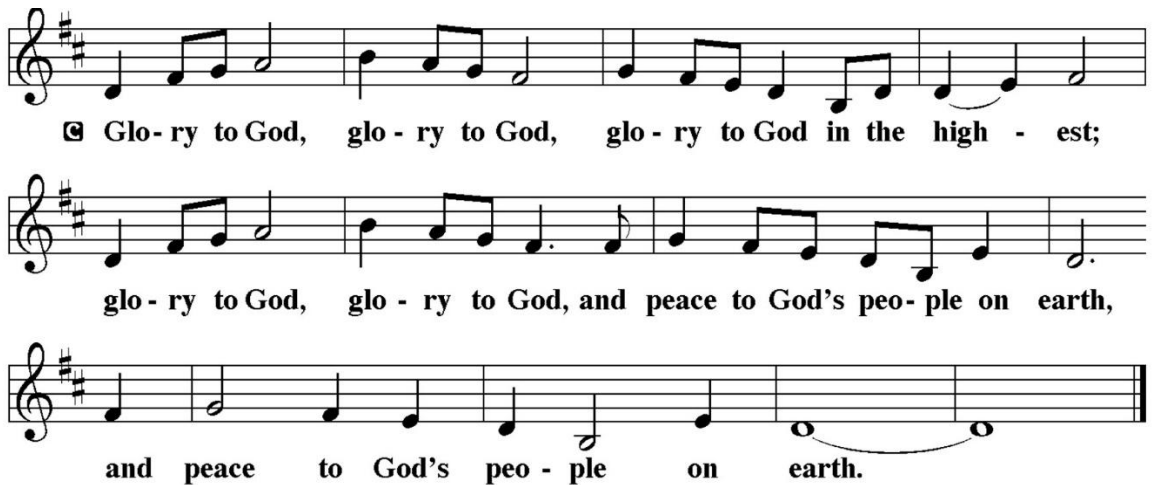


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## PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ is with you always.  
**C** **And is also with you.**

*Please take a moment to share the peace*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray together the prayer of the day.  
**C** **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## WE HEAR THE WORD

### READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I

have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*After the reading:*

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

### “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“AIR” BY J.S. BACH**

**JOHN RIEGEL AND TURID GAEDEKE-RIEGEL**

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## **OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD**



## OFFERTORY



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



bles - sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## 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      Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

A      Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Inspire our Bishop Suzanne with missionary zeal. Hear us, O God.

C      **Your mercy is great.**

A      Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

C      **Your mercy is great.**

- A Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A We lift up Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel. Be lovingly present in those places where the valley of the shadow of death is a daily reality. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of refuge advocates and other means of support for those living hour by hour in fear. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. We pray aloud and silently for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name only (*leave a time of silence for people to name those for whom they pray*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Be present with teachers, administrator, students, and parents at the beginning and during this school year. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
- C **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord is with you

C **And is also with you**

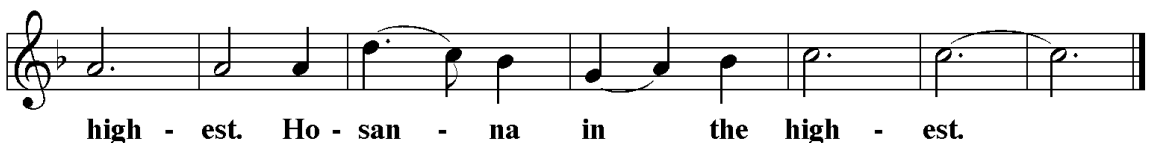
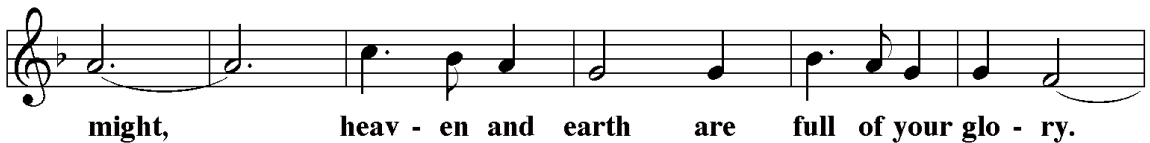
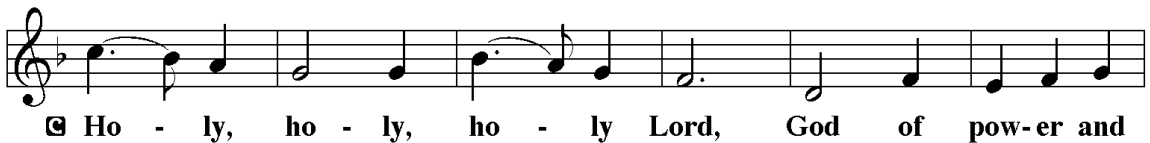
P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

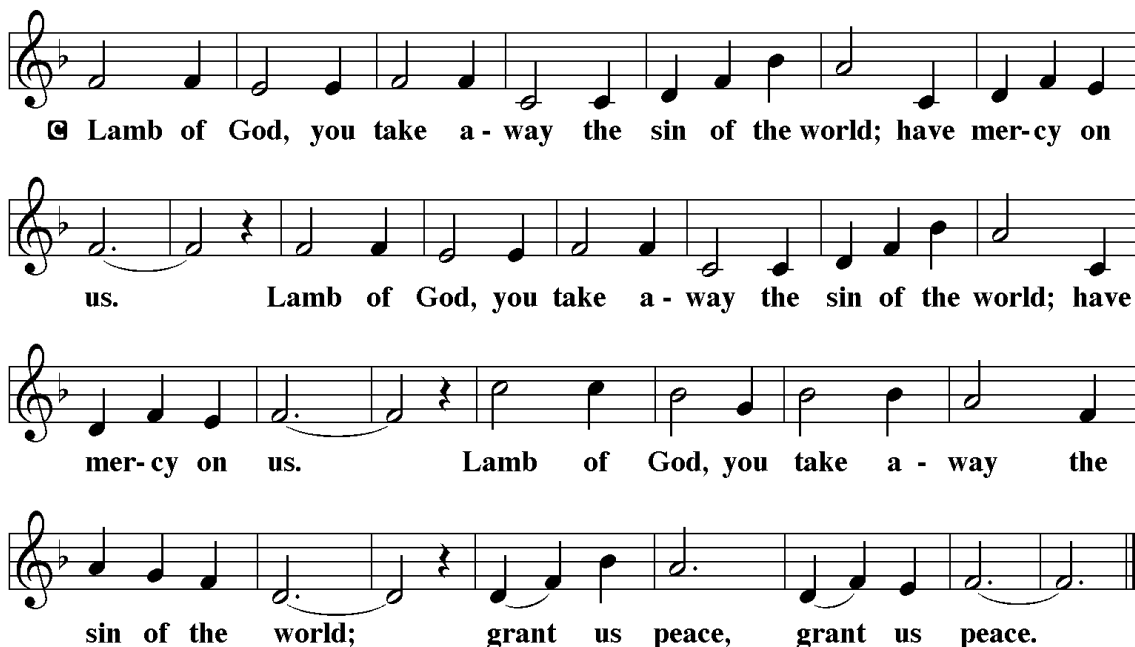
## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.



## 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.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let an usher know.***

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C **Amen**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

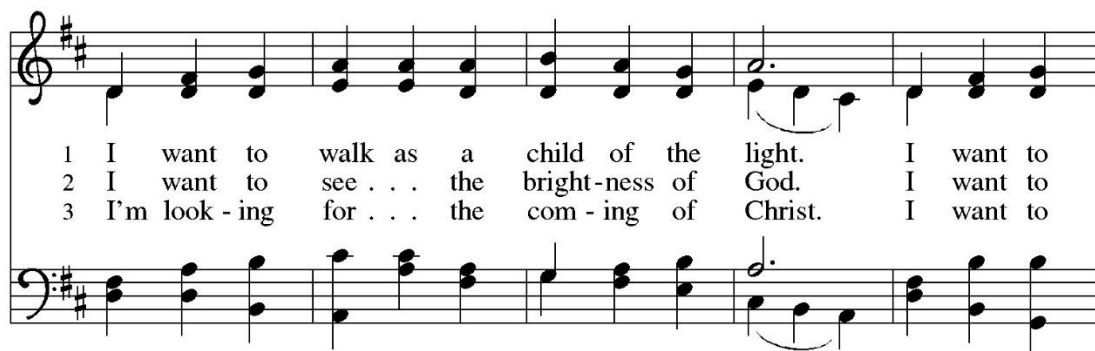
A Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
C **Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

### **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

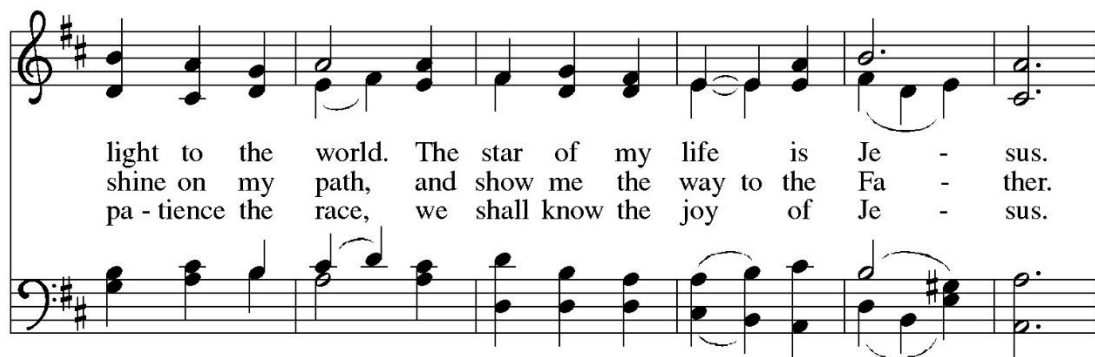
# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## DISMISSAL

A      Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.

C      **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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ACOLYTE	TEDDY DENNETT
ASSISTING MINISTER	JULIE PAGE
INTERIM PASTOR	DAVID HINKELMAN



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*Please check the 2025 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase. Available dates coming up are August 31, September 7 & 21.*

