

...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

[Micah 6:8]

SUNDAY, LECTIONARY 33

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church November 14, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Covid-19 Policy

Masks are required for worshipers, except when receiving communion

Worship leaders may removed their masks to speak or to chant.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

- I. Masks must be worn.
- 2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
- 3. The exchange of peace is made only with words, and only at a distance of at least six feet.

OFFERING

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission.

We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

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Sunday, Lectionary 33

November 14, 2021

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Courante
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

German-born George Frideric Handel eventually settled in England and maintained a long-term residence in London. His music gives evidence of German, French, Italian, and English styles and characteristics. He was the "pioneer" composer of organ concerto works, of which he composed 21; these pieces (along with other Handel keyboard works) display such forms as the French overture, fugue, recitative, march, and dances. The "courante" is one among various dance types in Handel's music. The piece in the position of the prologue today is of this type, and it is a lovely gem of a Baroque dance.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.

We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.

We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.

Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

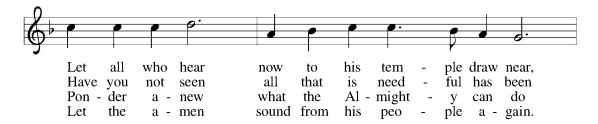
God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for \pm Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

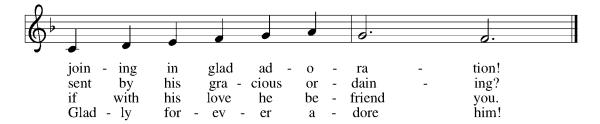


- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al might y, the King of cre a tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a dore him!



your health and sal - va -O soul, praise him, for my he tion! wings of ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain and, as on an ing. mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend sure - lv his good - ness and you. and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore All that has life him!





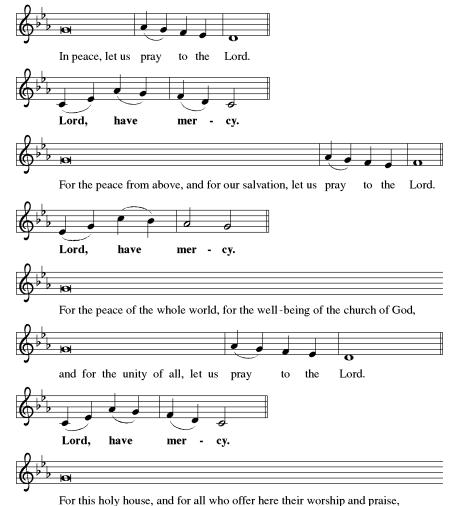
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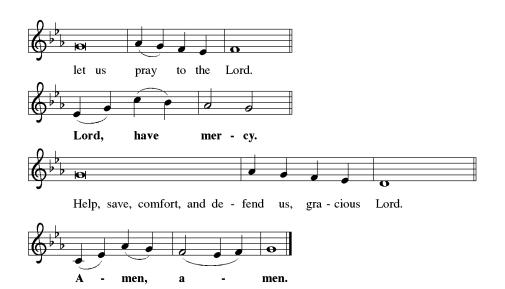
*GREETING

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.

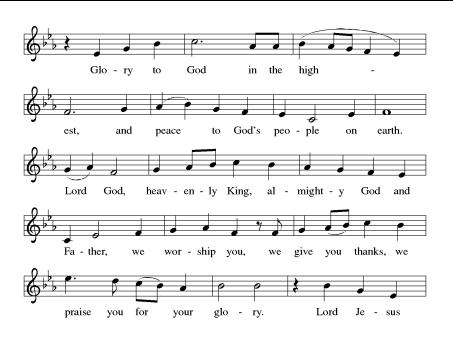
*KYRIE Setting One





*CANTICLE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Setting One





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:6-8

God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

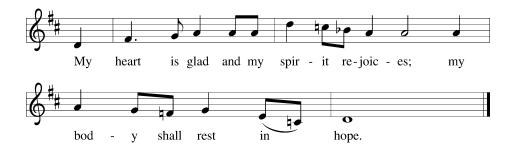
A reading from Micah.

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 16:9
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Protect me, O God, for I take ref- uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a- bove all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land, upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

³But those who run after ¹ other gods shall have their troubles ¹ multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- | on my lips. REFRAIN

⁵O Lord, you are my portion ¹ and my cup; it is you who up- ¹ hold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the Lord who ¹ gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night ¹ after night.

⁸I have set the Lord al- ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. REFRAIN

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- ¹ it rejoices; my body also shall ¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me | to the grave, nor let your holy one | see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the ¹ path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: Beloved, since God loved | us so much,*

we also ought to love | one another. [I John 4:11]

*GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

The Holy Gospel According to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor Stephen Springer

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Summary of worship changes in the last 18 months	
March 8, 2020	Last regular worship schedule (8:45am and 11:00am) before pandemic shutdown
March 15, 2020	Beginning of the audio worship podcast.
	For 23 Sundays, the only worship was sound only.
August 23, 2020	Beginning of 9:30am video livestream and recording
November 1, 2020	In person worship is offered outdoors at 11:00am
	This was the first public worship after 29 weeks of being
	closed; and reservations were required at first.
	The audio podcast was discontinued on this date.
December 24, 2020	A very complete and celebratory pre-recorded Christmas service is made available. It would be viewed 209 times.
May 2, 2021	The outdoor worship service shifts from 11:00am to 8:00am
May 16, 2021	The indoor worship service re-opens to the public with
	restrictions. 61 Sundays have passed without public indoor
	worship.
May 30, 2021	The mask mandate is eliminated for indoor worship
August 15, 2021	The mask mandate returns
November 14, 2021	The outdoor worship service shifts from 8:00am to 11:00am

To make a pledge for 2022: **doveofpeacetucson.org/pledge**



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate in the church foyer before or after worship.)

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Offertory John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Born in Ohio, composer John Ness Beck joined the music faculty at his alma mater, The Ohio State University. After a short teaching stint, he bought and managed a sheet music company in Columbus, continually composing and arranging musical works. He eventually co-founded Beckenhorst Press, a respected music publishing company that continues to this day. This anthem utilizes the text that is the basis of today's service, wed to music of serene resignation.

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with gearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

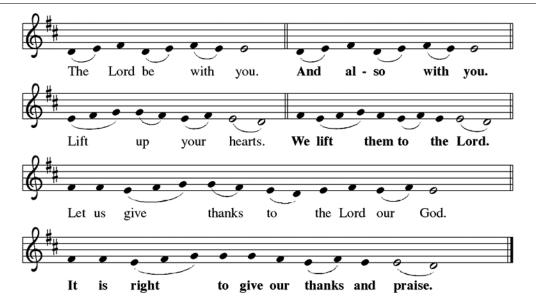
*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE

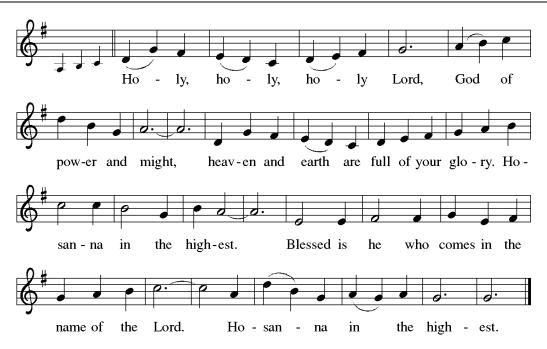


*PREFACE (Sundays)

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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting One



*PRAYER AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household. Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.

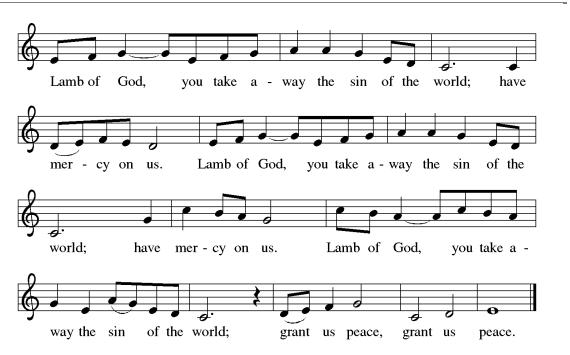
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

*LAMB OF GOD Setting One



*INVITATION TO THE MEAL

The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction (as before Covid)

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer and wine

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. After taking the packet and returning to your seat, you may open the top of the packet to remove the wafer and consume it. Then, turn the packet over, remove the seal over the wine, and sip the wine.

[&]quot;The gifts of God for the people of God."

[&]quot;Come; for all things are now ready." [Luke 14:17b, KJV]

In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Johann Gottfried Walther was a friend and cousin of Johann Sebastian Bach. In 1732 Walther produced music history's first encyclopedia of music: the "Musikalisches Lexikon." In 1720 he was appointed to the position of court musician at Weimar. He was a prolific composer of organ music. The title of the piece for today's communion music means "In Thee Have I Placed My Hope, Lord."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Commission

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

*BLESSING

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 \oplus give you peace.

Amen.



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Lobe den Herren Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Today's epilogue is based on the hymn tune with the name "Lobe den Herren" ("Praise to the Lord"), which is the tune for today's gathering hymn. Walther's treatment of this melody is bright and exuberant.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dianne Huston, assisting minister Chris Alexander, lector Eric Holtan, cantor Pamela Decker, organist

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Donna McCullor with thanksgiving for family saints.

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