

Truly, truly, I say to you,  
whoever hears my word  
and believes him who sent  
me has eternal life.

***HE DOES NOT COME  
INTO JUDGMENT, BUT  
HAS PASSED FROM  
DEATH TO LIFE.***

John 5:24

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**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Service Theme

**LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT**

Social Anxiety Disorder affects many millions of adults. It is more than shyness. It includes an acute fear of being judged. An individual with Social Anxiety Disorder struggles with everyday tasks like talking to people at work or school because he is terrified that he is constantly being evaluated. Even if you don't have that disorder, perhaps you have experienced that uncomfortable feeling that others are watching you, trying to find something to criticize. We don't want others judging us. It is bad enough listening to the voice inside our own head, whispering that we aren't worthy.

How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one person whose opinion ultimately matters—the Judge. Everyone is going to live forever in one of two very different places. Where you spend eternity depends on a judgment that Jesus will render. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate. We can live free from the fear of judgment.

# 495 The King Shall Come

CW 495



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -  
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



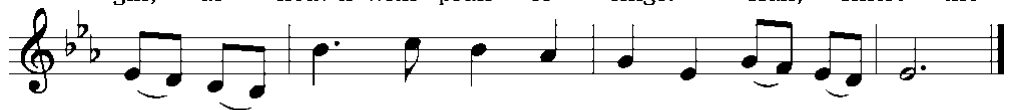
um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and  
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -  
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle  
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come  
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with  
morn for all who know his grace— the day when  
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.  
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words,  
and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "In peace let us pray to the Lord." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "Lord, have mer - cy." The lyrics are written below the notes.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove and for our sal -  
va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well - be - ing of the Church of God,  
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their  
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**


Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men.

# Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
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.  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.




Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his



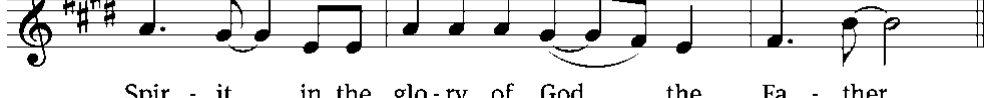
peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and



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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Daniel 12:1–3*

*The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.*

<sup>1</sup>Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup>Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## 16A My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad

Psalm 16A

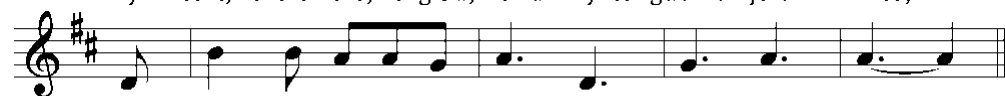
*Introduction (first time only)*



*Refrain*



My heart, there-fore, is glad, and my tongue re-joic - es;



my bod - y al - so will rest, will rest se - cure.

*Tone*



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;  
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;  
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.

*Refrain*



Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / jices;  
my body also will / rest secure,  
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,  
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.  
You make known to me the / path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 9:24–28*

*We can live free of the fear of God's judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.*

<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation

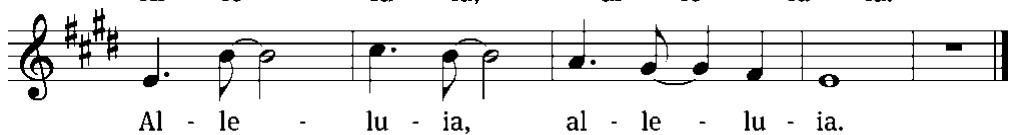
Revelation 2:10



## Refrain



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

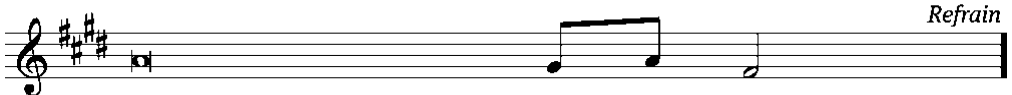


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Tone



Be faithful, even to the point of death,



and I will give you life as your vic - tor's crown.

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# Gospel

John 5:25-29

*God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.*

<sup>25</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

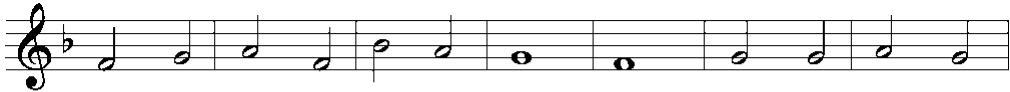
<sup>28</sup>“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 485 Day of Wrath

CW 485 sts. 1, 3-4, 6-7



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the  
3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed, where - in all has  
4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing, who for me be  
6 Think, good Je - sus, my sal - va - tion caused your won - drous  
7 On the cross your dy - ing spared me; just and right - eous



proph - ets' warn - ing: heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.  
been re - cord - ed; thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.  
in - ter - ced - ing when your mer - cy I am need - ing?  
in - car - na - tion, made you suf - fer my dam - na - tion!  
you de - clared me; I a - wait the joy pre - pared me.

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## Sermon - John 5:25-29

### Don't worry about Judgement Day...

- 1) Jesus calls you to spiritual life now through the Gospel,
- 2) To grant you everlasting life on Judgement Day

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce  
fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth  
throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the  
Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Sacrament

## Preface



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the words 'Holy' and 'Hosanna'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Bless-ed is he, 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!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the



new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, (hmmm) grant us your peace.

(hmmm) A - men.

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## Distribution

*StandGive thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **819 If God Himself Be for Me** CW 819 sts. 1-4



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,  
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood  
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,  
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.  
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,  
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand  
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;  
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?  
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.  
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.  
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

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## **Announcements**

### **Church Cleaners**

November 24 – Andrew // December 1– Peter

### ***Barrhaven Christmas Parade and Open House***

*Today is the day! Divine Word has entered a float in the Christmas Parade. In addition, this year we will be hosting an open house (from 5:30-7:30) at the church with hot chocolate, soup and caroling. There are lots of ways for you to join in this exciting outreach opportunity.*

*1) Walk in the parade or ride on the float. Be part of the excitement of presenting the Christmas story to Barrhaven. Riders are in costume. Walkers hand out flyers and candy to the 1000s of spectators.*

*2) Be a warm, welcoming presence at church. Help prepare food. Sit and socialize.*

*3) Invite your friend and neighbor to watch the parade with you and come to church after for the open house. Take a bag from this summer to help you in your personal evangelism.*

*4) And of course, keep this outreach event in your prayers, that the Lord would bless our efforts to share the great love of our Saviour to our friends, neighbors and community.*

### ***Advent By Candlelight***

The women of the congregation are invited to this year's Advent by Candlelight on December 7 at 1:30 pm. This special service and fellowship is designed to help prepare your hearts for Christmas. You are encouraged to invite you family and friends as well. Talk to Laura for more information or if you would like to help in any way.

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (17) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Meet for Parade  
6:00 pm Open House after Parade
- Tu (19) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- We (20) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)  
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)
- Th (21) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)  
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
- Fr (22) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study: Romans  
4:30 pm Confirmation (D)  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Sa (23) 1:00 pm Divine Word Long Range Planning  
4:00 pm St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social

- Su (24) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
10:30 am St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship  
11:30 am Divine Word Coffee Fellowship

*Pastor will be out of town from November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 3. If you need to contact him during that time, Please use his US number: (512) 887-8982.*

- Su (1) 10:30 am Lay-led Worship (with Communion)**



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