



UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

GLORIA DEI ~ KING OF KINGS ~ ST. PETER'S

November 16, 2025
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Campus

PRELUDE

“Idyll”

Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

When temples tremble and stones fall,
God builds a kingdom that cannot crumble.
When the world rages with rumor and fear,
Christ steadies us with truth and endurance.
When weariness bends our spirits low,
The Spirit renews us with holy strength.
In patience, in faithfulness, in steadfast love,
We rise to follow the Lord of life.

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our refuge in trouble,
our strength in weariness,
our hope in every age.

Amen.

Let us rest in God's mercy.

(Silence)

Patient Christ,

**we confess that we grow weary of waiting,
we lose heart in the struggle for justice,
we are tempted to despair at the world's unrest.
We forget your promise to be with us
when the ground shakes and the future trembles.
Forgive us, renew us, and set our hands to good work.**

Hear the good news:
God does not abandon the faithful.
Christ stands with you in every trial,
and the Spirit strengthens your heart.
You are forgiven, restored, and made steadfast.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW Hymn # 705

GREETING

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ELW page 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Lord of courage and comfort,
in a world of collapsing stones and shaken hearts,
you call us to steady work, faithful love,
and the holy endurance of those who trust you.
Quiet our fears, lift our spirits,
and make us agents of hope
until your kingdom is seen in every place of need.
Through Jesus Christ, our strong and saving Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated

READING : 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from 2 Thessalonians, the 3rd chapter.

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Hymn 786 verse 3

**O mighty Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in doubt and strife
be strongly in us burning, that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith, from you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy on us shower; by your power Christ confessing,
we will cherish all your blessing.**

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

You may be seated

SERMON

Please rise as you are able.

APOSTLE’S 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 THE CHURCH

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.

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

You may be seated

OFFERING MUSIC

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

David Paxton

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,*

*and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgments given.*

*There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is greater
than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
is most mercifully kind.*

*If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
And our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

[Text: Frederick W. Faber (1815-1882), *alt.*]

[Based on the Tune: Nettleton]

[Chancel Choir]

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards

ELW Hymn 181

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,
receive these gifts, the work of hopeful hands.
Use them to lift the weary,
to feed the hungry,
to comfort the fearful,
and to proclaim that your mercy does not falter.
Strengthen us for every good labor in Christ's name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW page 144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 191

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, you who are tired.

Come, you whose hearts are anxious.

Come, you who long to stand steady in a shaking world.

Here Christ is your shelter and your strength.

You may be seated

Please follow usher's directions. Wafers are to be dipped into the chalice of wine, communion kits are available in the basket.

COMMUNION SONG

All Are Welcome

ELW Hymn 641 verse 3

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here is Bread

ELW Hymn # 483

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW Hymn # 471

Please rise as you are able.

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

POST-COMMUNION LITANY

We have tasted the strength of Christ.

We will not grow weary.

The Lord stands with us in every trial.

By our endurance, we will gain our souls.

Go forth with courage, love, and steady hearts.

Amen.

You may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able.

BLESSING

May Christ guard your spirit when the world trembles.

May the Spirit give you courage to work for good.

May the Maker of heaven and earth
steady your steps and shelter your hope.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW Hymn # 733

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso”

G. F Handel



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serving the Huntington/Melville Communities.**

**We gather for Sunday worship as one congregation and serve our communities
through our three unique campuses.**

Joint Worship at St. Peter's Campus

10 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

Please visit our combined website @ <https://www.mnys.org/unitedlutheranli/> for
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**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
We are blessed by your presence.**