

***The Holy Trinity
May 31st, 2026***



***Church of the Good Shepherd
383 Old North Rd.
Kingston, RI 02881
Kristina Bacon, Presiding
Heather Skidds, Minister of Music***

Welcome to Our Visitors

In our busy world, we thank God for many things, especially your presence here. We consider it a blessing to have you among us as we gather together as people of God!

We love having guests (and celebrating your return as friends) and want to make sure you always feel welcomed. If you're part of another community, we look forward to hearing all about it, and we look forward to welcoming you back when you can visit again!

Sunday is a time to unplug from our busy, distracted lives, and turn back to our God. Our worship service offers God's gifts of Liturgy (the order of worship), God's Word (through Scripture and Sermon), Prayer, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We are a "Reconciling in Christ" church of the ELCA. It means that we affirm + accept all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, legal status, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical or emotional conditions, and whatever else we didn't list here. **We believe that God creates us ALL in the image of God, and loves us unconditionally,** and helps us to do the same with everyone. **We also believe** God desires that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in the life and worship of a faith community. **We're glad you're here!**

Assistants for today:	Assisting Minister-	M. Bender Lee
	Lector-	B. Gorry
	Greeter/Ushers-	R. Passananti / M. Palmer
	Communion Assistant-	K. Amitrano
	Altar Care-	B. Gorry

Assistants for next Sunday:	Assisting Minister-	---
	Lector-	J. Zoulias
	Greeter/Ushers-	K. Bacon
	Communion Assistant-	M. Bender Lee
	Altar Care-	M&G Morrison
	Raise Right-	M. Morrison

GATHERING+

Prelude- Glorify Thy Name, by Donna Adkins

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- *ELW 414 Holy God We Praise Your Name*

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria

K. Teitelbaum

Refrain

Glo-ry! Glo-ry, Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God!___ Glo-ry to God!___



1. God, cre - a - tor of earth and hea - ven. Hal - lowed be Thy name. You
 2. Je - sus Christ our Lord and Sa - vior, lead us on our way. Lamb of
 3. You a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone the most high.

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pour out your love a - mong us. Teach us to do the same.] to refrain
 God, you for - give our sins. Hear us as we pray. lives!
 Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit. You are the source of our

1. 2. fine



Glo - ry! Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! And



peace to God's peo - ple. Peace to God's peo - ple. And



peace to God's peo - ple. Peace to God's peo - ple on earth! to refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **We worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

+WORD+

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First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God

made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

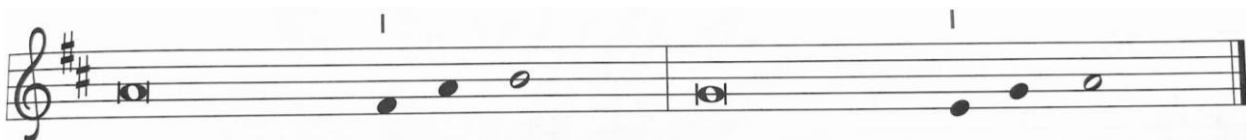
²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm: Psalm 8

¹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants
and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and
avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**

human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷ all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

⁹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **Amen**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

Gospel Acclamation

K. Teitelbaum

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

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— You have the word_ of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!_

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SIT

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Baptized into Christ with the whole church let us confess our faith.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Each petition concludes “God of grace, **hear our prayer.**”

The pastor concludes the prayers.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

A sign of peace and reconciliation is shared among worshippers.

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Musical Offering- Andantino, by Aram Khachatura

Our offering is presented for the work of the church locally and throughout the world.

STAND

Offering Prayer

AM: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

+MEAL+

THE 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.

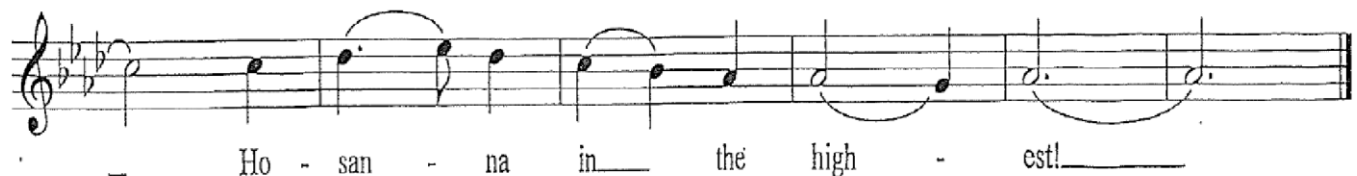
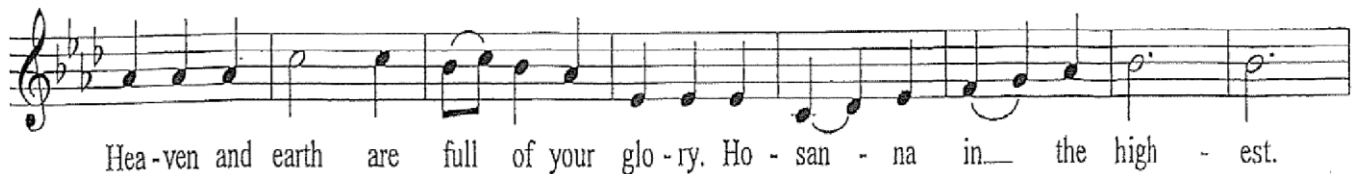
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The pastor prays the preface for the congregation.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ,,, And so with Mary Magdalen and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

K. Teitelbaum



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

When we last gathered, our pastor spoke these words:

“In the night I 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 in 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 we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:”

Our Father...

Invitation to communion:

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

Please remain standing until the Angus Dei is sung

Agnus Dei

K. Teitelbaum



Lamb_ of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us.



Lamb. of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us. You



take a - way the sin of the world. You take a - way the sin of the world.



Lamb_ of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Our congregation practices eucharistic hospitality. We believe that the resurrected Christ is truly present in the bread and wine with his gifts of life, forgiveness of sin, and salvation. All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Please come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are wearing a mask, remove it to eat and drink the

sacrament. If you receive the wine, take a small cup, or you may intinct the host in the chalice. Place the small cups in the baskets on either side of the altar area. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Reflection: ELW 878 Soli Deo Gloria

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

+SENDING+

STAND

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

Bazaar Planning: Anyone interested, please gather in Anderson Hall after today's service to discuss workloads and make a final decision on whether we are a go for the bazaar on Sat Dec 5.

The church office is in need of a **cross cut shredder**. If anyone has one in good working condition that they would like to donate, please contact Deb Crary:dcrary52@gmail.com.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL IN JUNE

Our congregation has a long history of giving generously to support those in need. This year more and more families are struggling to put food on the table in this country. Globally the situation is stark in many countries, especially in Africa where there's again the threat of outright famine. Donating to the World Hunger Appeal we continue our global mission to fight hunger and poverty, while also providing help here at home.

Please use the World Hunger envelopes on the tables in the narthex for donations, checks payable to LCGS with World Hunger on the memo line.

SENDING HYMN- Go Out, Go Out

Psalm 117

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News,
 tell the Good, Good News! Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News,
 tell the Good, Good News! tell the Good, Good News. to Verses

Final

tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.

Verse 1

1. Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, all you na - tions;
 1. Glo - ri - fy him, glo - ri - fy him, you peo - ples!

Verse 2

2. Stead - fast, stead - fast is his kind - ness toward us,
 2. and the faith - ful - ness of the LORD en - dures! to Refrain

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Dismissal:

AM: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude - Great is the Lord

Ongoing Prayers for:

For additions or deletions please e-mail or call the church office. 789-7776, or lcgsmail@gmail.com

Arlene DeGregorio	Holly Deutsch	Pat Sweeney
Robert Moran	Mary Jane Briggs	Liam Varnelis
Linda Sami	Bill Deutsch	Josh Peterson
Cathie Kammerer	Gary Durett	Kathy Lee
Sean Holzinger	Natalie Schanck	Chris Rose
Rob Legg	Mike Carty	Lisa Ferry
Signe Teitelbaum	Barbara Smith	Ellora Hendrickson
Joyce Shallcross	Phyllis Farley	KC Christensen
Carolyn Plante	Brian Mitchell	Jan Briggs
Tim Harrington	Joyce Pearson	Ruth McGuy
Gerri August	James Meyers	Bud Godwin
Kris Palmer	Naomi Sawyer	Lisa Lessman
Kaitie Connors De	James C. McNeill	Taylor Lessman
Linda Barany	James Baillarger	Jerry Paquin
Ellen Bennett	Brian Burns	Stanley Larson
Jocelyn Theroux	Carole Hagner	Ellen Hedlund
Karin Kohl	Stefanie Sweet	Donald & Bernadine Cunnigen
Jessica Maynard	Dave Clark	Maggie Reichgott
Bobbie Peterson	Aila Vakeva	Karen Perry
C. Duncan	Megan Oldham	Mark Quinn
Margaret Franks	Christina Mills Gifford	Paul Bongfeldt
Billy Wernquest	George Lorah	John Hassinger
Ruth Wernquest		

+LOVED ONES IN THE ARMED FORCES+ Michael Bock, Matthew Kankash, Heath O'Neill, Andrew Anderson, Noah Cooper, Dan Berkowitz