

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

Jeremiah 23:5

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High.” Luke 1:76

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Colossians 1:19

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 820 (2x)

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Sabbath

*+Hymn 366
“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you reign not by power or decree,
but through mercy poured out on the road.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!
You lift the weary and bandage the broken;
you call us to see our neighbor’s wounds as our own.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!
You free us from fear and hurry,
so that mercy might interrupt our journey.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!

+Response 795, refrain (2x)

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 792 (2x)
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Blessing the World
Ghana, Nigeria

Response 36, v. 1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

First Pew

Response 36, v. 3

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon
“Sabbath as Love in Action”

*Hymn 307
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“It Is Well with My Soul”

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*Acclamation

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

*Sending 448 (2x)
Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

*Postlude

Where love reigns, the impossible may be attained. Indian proverb

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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Reign of Love Sunday

November 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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Jeremiah 23:1–6 Luke 1:68–79 Colossians 1:11–20 Luke 23:33–43

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Thursday, November 27 • HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

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First Sunday of Advent, November 30

Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11–14 Matthew 24:36–44

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PASTOR GUSTI IS ON A COMBINATION OF STUDY LEAVE AND VACATION NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 2. Guest Preachers in her absence include Rev. Harry Daniel (November 23) and Rev. Mary Jane Hitt (November 30). For pastoral concerns, contact your Deacon or Deacon Moderator, Donna Dettling at 301-467-0423 or donna.dettling@gmail.com. Local pastors will be on call in case of an emergency.

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Love with Wings

There is that Love—
the one with wings,
that neither cages
nor clings,
but lets others in.
I know that Love.

Betty Vilas Hedblom

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