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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

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**Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**\*Gathering Song:**

As Saints of Old

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1 As saints of old their first - fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun - teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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Remembering that Jesus the Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and was raised on the third day giving us eternal life. We continue with confession and forgiveness.

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

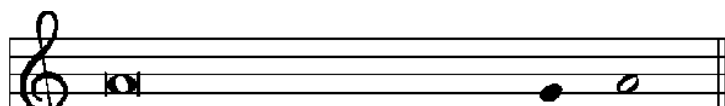
**C: And also with you.**

**GREETING (Please be seated)**

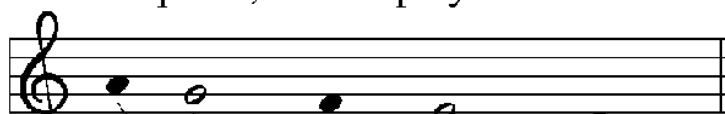
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

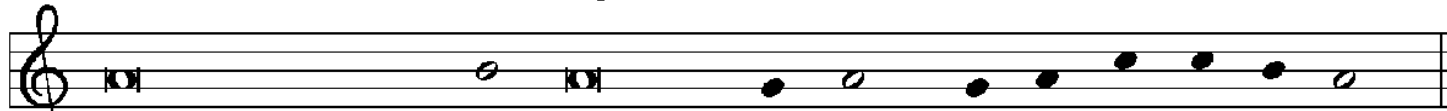
# Kyrie:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



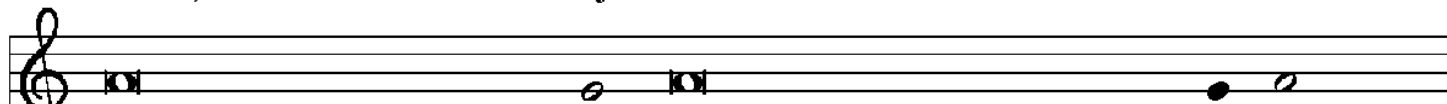
Lord, have mer - cy.




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



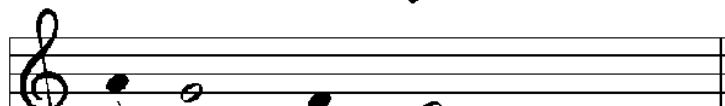
Lord, have mer - cy.



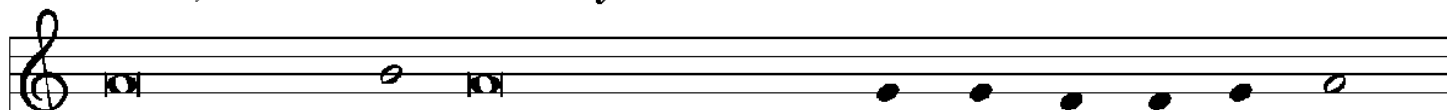
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## Hymn of Praise:

*Refrain*    Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

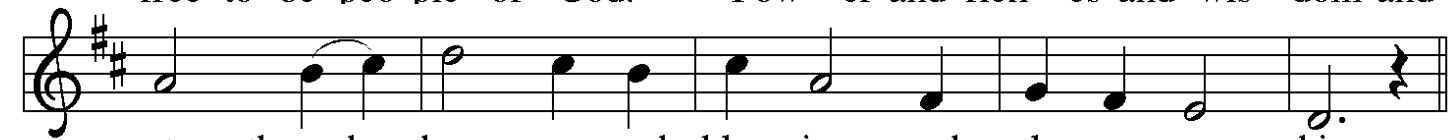
All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and




might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Choir:** “Psalm 146”

**Children’s Sermon**

## WORD

The 1st lesson is a reading from 1 Kings, the 17th chapter.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146. (Read Responsively)**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

**The 2nd lesson is a reading from Hebrews, the 9th chapter.**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

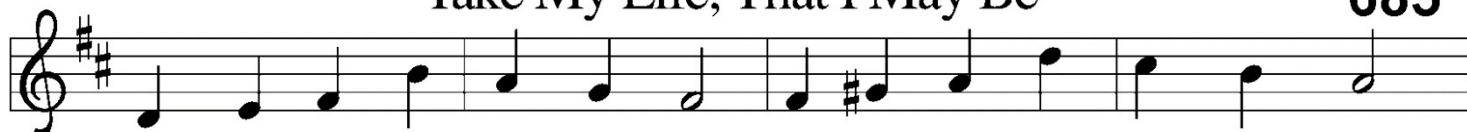
As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day:

Take My Life, That I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

**\* Apostle’s Creed – Please stand. 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.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:** The congregation’s response to “Merciful, God,” is “**receive our prayer**”

**MEAL**

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God’s people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God’s love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

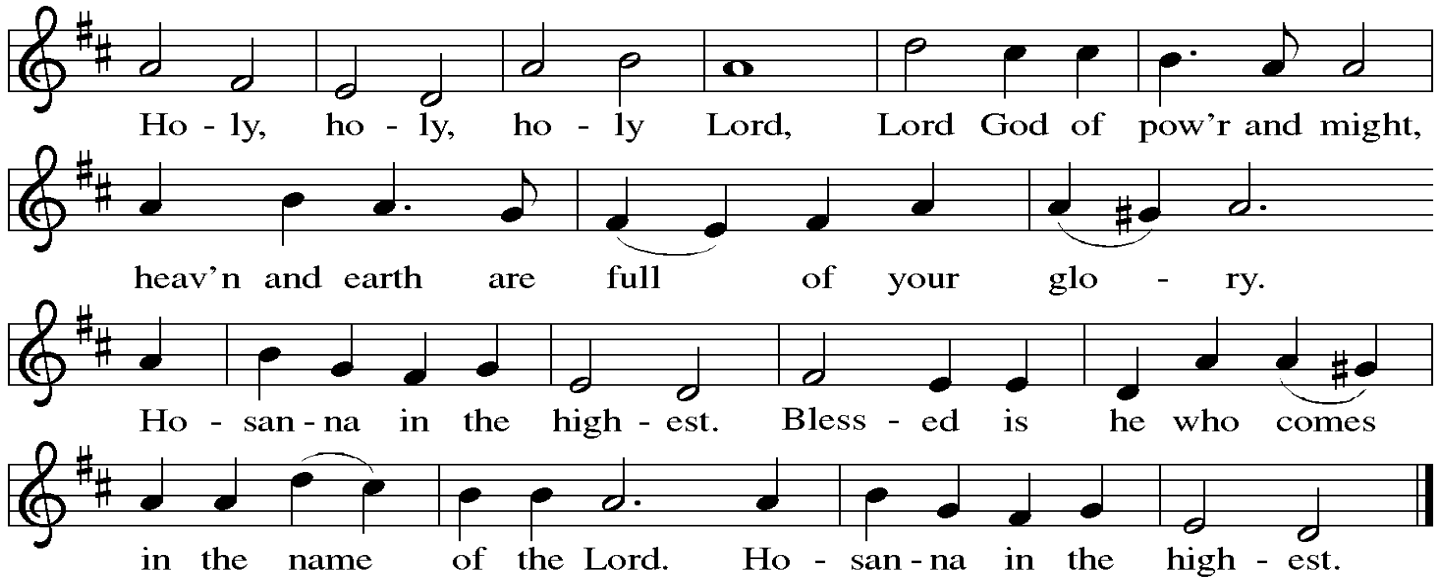
**\*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### \*Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \* Words of Institution – Eucharist Prayer

#### \*The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

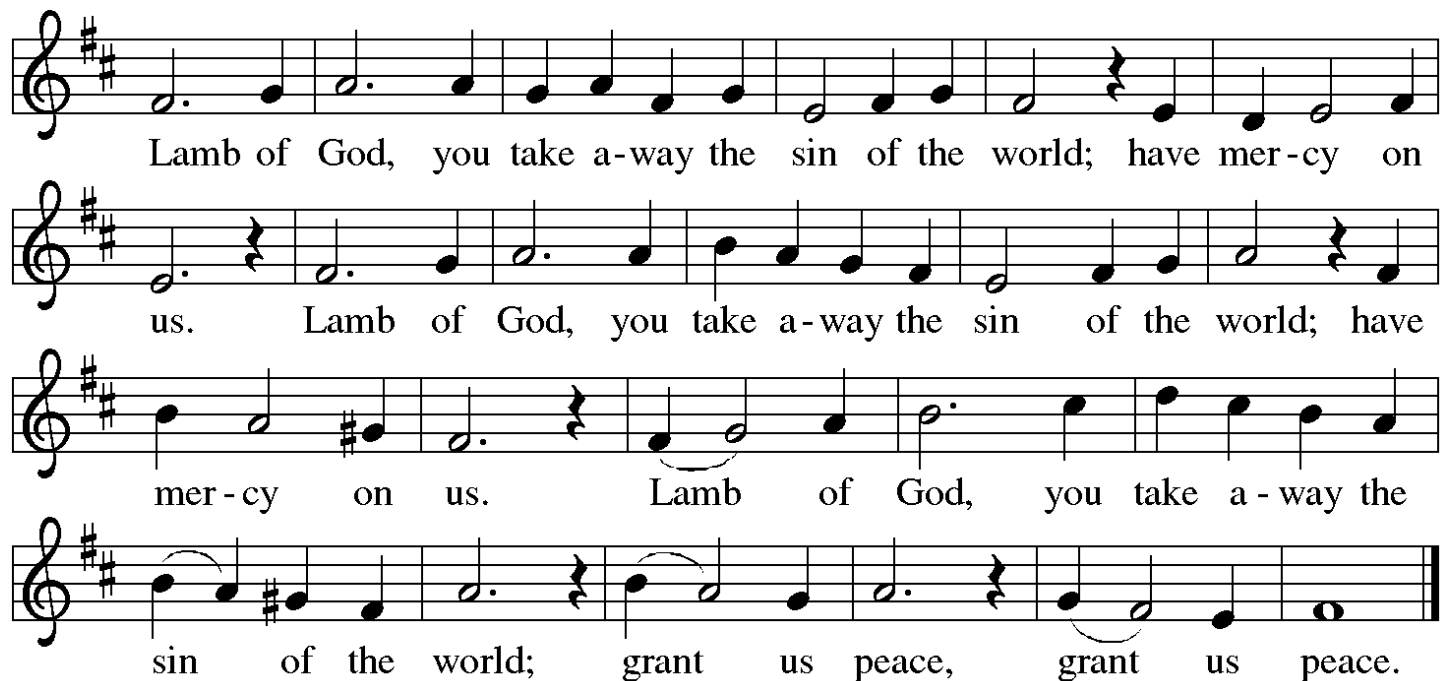
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

Distribution of the Elements



## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

\*Blessing after the Meal

Pastor David Viles

**\*(544 verse 1) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.**

### **\*Prayer after Communion:**

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer: 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.**

## **SENDING**

**\*Blessing: (Please Stand)**

Pastor David

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

# Soon and Very Soon

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1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Presiding Minister	Pastor David Viles
Organist / Keyboard	Kathy Meller
Song Leader	Dan Tschirgi
Acolyte	Madeline Stubinger
Audio / Video Technician	Roger Pennell
Reader	Marie Scheperle
Council	Kent Nelson
Greeters	Audrey Bunch & Gary Elliott
Altar Flowers	Marie Scheperle

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kay Pascoe thanks** the generous and kind persons who made last Sunday a special day!

**STARS** will meet on Wednesday with lunch at 11:30 with a menu of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring a side dish of vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Our program will be a 60-minute film about America's Lost Landscape, The Tallgrass Prairie produced by the National Park Service. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Rose Strobel at 573-782-4553 or 573-694-3634 by Monday evening,

**Our Thankoffering service** will be next Sunday, November 17. Women of the church will help with the church service on that day.

**Thankofferings** will be received during the Thankoffering Worship Service, led by members of St. Paul's WELCA, on November 17. These offerings benefit the ministries of the church wide organization of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which provides resources for on-line Bible studies and devotions, study grants, scholarships for regional and church wide conventions, and so much more. Your support is appreciated!

**The Bell Choir** will ring bells next Sunday, November 17. We will perform We Gather Together. If anyone would like to practice today after church, Kathy will be available. Thanks so much.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** We will have our annual Thanksgiving Eve service on November 27, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a non-communion service on the night before Thanksgiving and no service on the day of Thanksgiving. Please come out and enjoy fellowship with one another as we praise God for the abundance of blessings we have received. This year's Thanksgiving Day envelope is designated to go to the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Hymn History** – Andrae Edward Crouch (d.2015), who wrote both words and music for “Soon and very soon” an upbeat song about death and the hereafter, was an American gospel singer and songwriter, record producer and pastor. He was consulted by many artists who wanted a ‘gospel sound’ to their music, such as Elvis Presley, Madonna, and Michael Jackson. He received an Oscar for his musical arrangements for the film, The Color Purple. He was described as ‘the father of modern gospel music’ for the way he combined traditional gospel with contemporary idioms.

Born in San Francisco on July 1, 1942, and raised in Los Angeles, Andraé Edward Crouch was the son of Benjamin and Catherine Crouch. He has recounted that he received the gift of music as a child. He began playing for the his parent’s church at the age of 11. He wrote his first gospel song at 14, and formed his first band, the COGICS, in 1960.

In 1965 he formed The Disciples, which lasted until 1979, and went on to win a total of nine Grammys, and numerous other awards. He wrote his first well-known song, "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power", at the age of 15.

After his parents died, Andrae and his twin sister Sandra took over the pastorate at the church his parents had led, New Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ in Pacoima, California. In January 3, 2015, he was admitted to the hospital following a heart attack. He died there five days later, at the age of 72. His twin sister and co-pastor Sandra Crouch issued the following statement: "Today my twin brother, womb-mate and best friend went home to be with the Lord. Please keep me, my family and our church family in your prayers. I tried to keep him here but God loved him best."

### **Schedule for Online Services:**

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill>

All services can be viewed at any time on our St. Paul’s website:

<http://www.stpaulslutheranlohman.org> just scroll down to the middle section and click on the service of your choice under “In Case You Missed It.” Below that is another section for current and past bulletins.

Pastor David