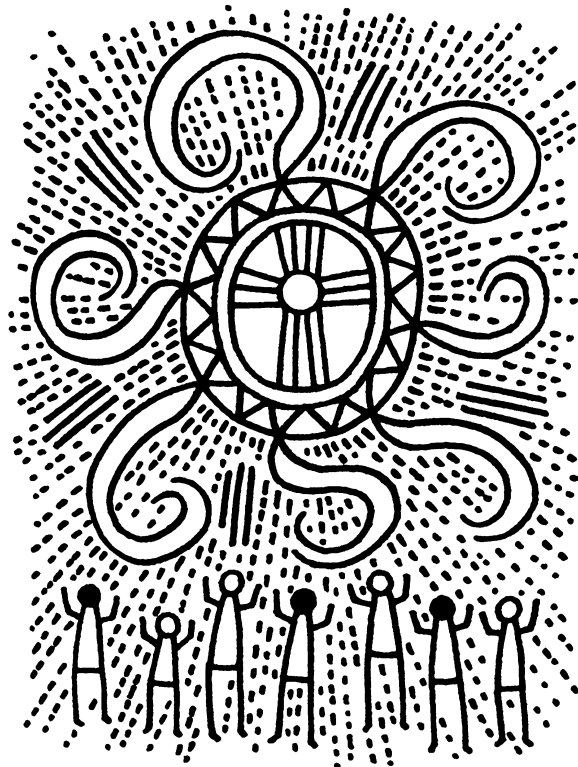


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2 THESSALONIANS 2:14



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE Chorale from Partita on "Duke Street" - Charles Callhan

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

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

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✙ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* (ELW 628)**



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST. North American traditional

***GREETING**

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *There is a Redeemer* - Keith Green

Congregation joins choir on refrain after verse 3

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son and

send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

FIRST READING: Haggai 1:15b—2:9

A reading from Haggai.

Haggai called on the exiles who had returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple. The rebuilt temple, however, pales in comparison with the first temple, built by Solomon. Haggai's message of encouragement and promise of future splendor gives hope to the people and to their leaders.

^{15b} In the second year of King Darius, ^{2:1} in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when

you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed [|] to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from [|] lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth [|] from your presence;
let your eyes be [|] fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit [|] me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- [|] ty in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what [|] others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways [|] of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your [|] well-worn path;
and my feet [|] do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will [|] answer me;
incline your ear to me and [|] hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous [|] lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who [|] rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple [|] of your eye;
hide me under the shadow [|] of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked [|] who assault me,
from my deadly enemies [|] who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

Repeat alleluia

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

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

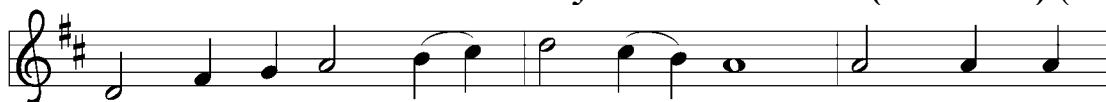
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

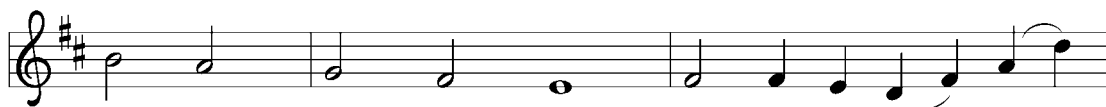
SERMON Rev. Julia Brown

***Please stand as you are able for the final verse**

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* (ELW 619) (vs. 1, 2, 5-8)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***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** (Please respond)

P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

***PEACE**

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

***OFFERTORY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love,
we give thanks to you that you illumine our way
through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

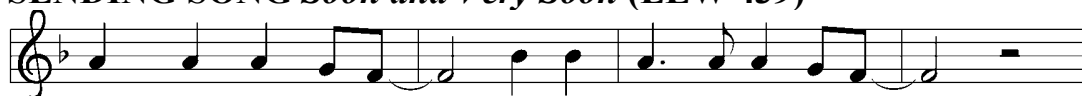
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)**



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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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

***EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER**

***POSTLUDE** *Sortie on "Duke Street" - Lani Smith*

SERVING TODAY

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OrganistMary-Jo Bedsworth
Head Usher Martie Veilleux
Acolyte Aaron Shreiner
Lector..... Martie Veilleux
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Attendance last Sunday.....43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown by email jlouisebrown@msn.com or phone 703-434-9220.

Prayer requests for the following: *William Brindle, Patricia Yetter, Kaitlyn Dovey, Norm Kuykendall, Phil Johnson, Nancy Deardorff, Susie Bingaman, Patsy Wildeson, Glenn Wildeson, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Charles Carl, Marty Wenger, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

Ina Shreiner will be turning 90 on November 15th. Let's shower her with birthday cards!

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

- November 10 - Council 7pm
- 11 - Christian Ed 7pm
- 13 - Choir 7pm
- 15 - Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7pm

Fellowship Lunch on November 20 at 12:00: You are invited to join members of Solomon's UCC for lunch! Every month on the fourth Thursday (third Thursday in November and December) at noon we go out for a fellowship lunch at a locally owned restaurant. Please RSVP by the Sunday before so that reservations can be made. If you'd like to suggest a restaurant, please do so! This announcement will be updated accordingly when we have chosen where to gather and dine.

Weekends of Wonder: Weekends of Wonder is a children's Christian education program offered by Solomon's UCC. On the second Saturday of every month, children ages 3 years and older can join Solomon's from 9:30 AM until noon for stories, songs, and activities designed to teach about God and God's love. Meanwhile, our hope is that guardians are enjoying a well-deserved sabbath! For more information and to download the registration form, visit <https://www.mysolomonsucc.org/childrens-ministry.html>. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Julia to get connected.**

Community Thanksgiving Dinner - We are invited to join in a Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held this year at the New Franklin Assembly of God November 23rd at 5:00 along with Solomons UCC. If you recall, it was held here at Solomons in the SFC last year with Pastor Mike as the speaker. Everyone is encouraged to bring a Main dish and/or Side dish. Beverages will be provided, or you may bring your own. A signup sheet is on the table in the SS room. Please indicate how many plan to attend. Any questions, see Wayne or Pastor Julia.

Congregational Meeting Sunday November 16: The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on November 16. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve a 2026 operating budget and to elect members to the congregation council. A proposed budget will be sent to all member households and is available in the office. Please review the budget before the meeting. You may contact council president Ron Coldsmith with any questions.

Communion will be served on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in addition to all church holidays.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is November 15th. Menu: roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, and water. **Price:** Adults \$15.00, Children (5-11) \$7.00, Under 5 – Free. **Serving time** is 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

The 35th annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination will take place on Saturday, December 6. This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later than 9:00 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. For further information please contact Bonney Coldsmith.

Choir rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. The choir continues to look for additional voices to help lead our worship services. Experience is not necessary!

During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door.

SpiritTrust Lutheran has discount cards for sale, \$5 each good through August 2026. If interested, they can be purchased from Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Becky Pecha, and Frances Reichard.

Power Pack Meals: We are once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2025-2026 school year. Please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Our gathering hymn this morning, "Jerusalem, My Happy Home," dates back to 1553, although the author is anonymous. Several different sources have been found for this text, but it would seem that it may be by Francis Baker, a Roman Catholic priest, who based the text on a meditation by Augustine on the hoped for peace of Jerusalem, the holy city of heaven, where all will be peace and joy. Like many "old fashioned" texts, it owes its present popularity to the delightful early American folk tune, *Land of Rest*. (Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins, Austin C. Lovelace, pg. 55).

Our hymn of the day this morning, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" is an English Christian Easter hymn written by Samuel Medley (1738-1799). Published in 1775, the hymn was written specifically for Easter Sunday, although the hymn does not appear in the Easter section of our current hymnal. Medley had been a sailor in the Royal Navy who had been injured, with his leg almost needing amputation. He converted to Christianity after reading a sermon by Isaac Watts. Medley wrote "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" in 1775 while he was a minister at a Baptist church in Liverpool. It was first published in George Whitefield's *Psalms and Hymns* hymnal in the same year with seven verses. Medley later self-published it in 1800 in the London edition of his *Hymns* hymnal. It is set to the "Duke Street" hymn tune. By the beginning of the 20th century, the hymn was in common use in both Great Britain and America, easily known by the oft-repeated "He lives!" You will notice that today's prelude and postlude are both based on the tune, "Duke Street." (Wikipedia)

2025 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Order deadline for **red, white, or marble (pink & white)** poinsettias is November 9, 2025. Cost is \$8.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot (4-7 blooms)

*The Christmas Poinsettias in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
have been donated by:*

(name)

Red _____ White _____ Marble _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total Poinsettias ordered _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th *after the evening service*.
Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.