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CHILDREN'S SABBATH
OCTOBER 25, 2009

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Liebested from Tristan and Isolde*.....Richard Wagner

OPENING HYMN: O GOD OF LOVLINESS

O God of loveliness, O Lord of Heaven above,
How worthy to possess my heart's devoted love.
So sweet Thy countenance, so gracious to behold
That one, one only glance to me were bliss untold.

Thou art blest Three in One, yet undivided still,
Thou art the One alone, whose love my heart can fill.
The heav'ns and earth below were fashioned by Thy Word,
How amiable art Thou, my ever dearest Lord.

To think Thou art my God—O thought forever blest!
My heart has overflowed with joy within my breast.
My soul so full of bliss, is plunged as in a sea,
Deep in the sweet abyss of holy charity.

O Loveliness supreme, and Beauty infinite,
O ever flowing Stream and Ocean of delight,
O Life by which I live, my truest Life above,
To Thee alone I give my undivided love.

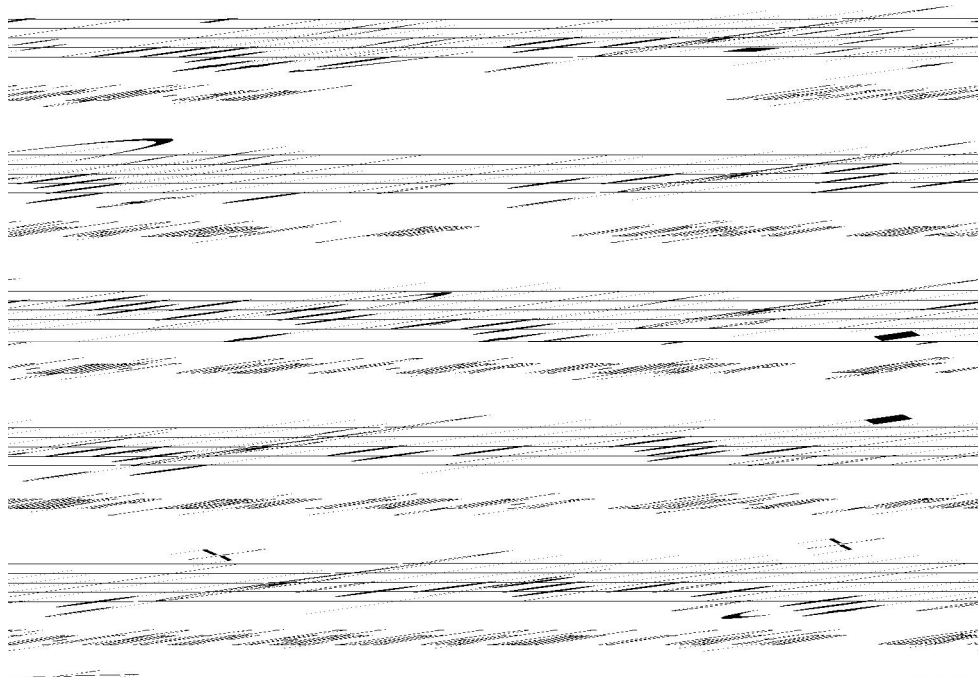
OPENING ACCLAMATION *Remain Standing*

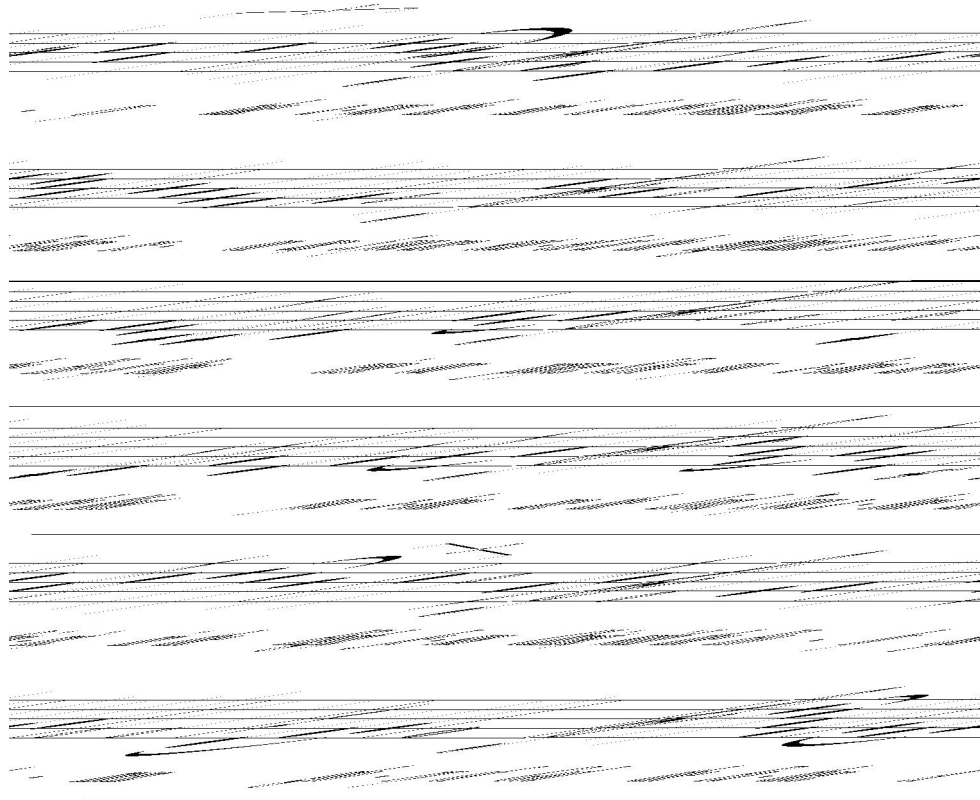
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S280)





LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR EVANGELISM

Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. By your Holy Spirit, give us compassion, purpose and energy to invite into your Church those who do not yet know the transforming power of your love. We ask this through Him who has brought us from darkness to light, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 34:1-8, 19-22 BENEDICAM DOMINUM

I will bless the LORD at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *

let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *

and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *

and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *

happy are they who trust in him!

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *

but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *

not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *

and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *

and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: Praise, My Soul The King Of Heaven #410 *(Please stand)*

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52 *(Remain Standing & Face the Gospel Book)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON - *The assembly is seated.*

A period of silence follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED - *All stand with the ministers.*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CONFESSION OF SIN (*Please kneel as you are able*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, listen to your children praying."

For the Church, that we live out our calling to be the body of Christ who came as the Prince of Peace, preaching good news to the poor, and welcoming all the children in his loving embrace, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For our nation, that we keep all children safe from poverty, harm, and hate, and that our leaders have the courage to champion the cause of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For our world, that we free the children who bear scars seen and unseen from warfare, crushing poverty, and discrimination to live joyful lives of justice, safety, and love, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For the children in our lives—source of joy, sign of hope, embodiment of love, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For the children who know the sorrow of violence, the hopelessness of poverty, and the hurt of racism, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For all who have died, especially the children whose lives of promise were cut short by the effects of poverty, violence, and hatred, we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

For all of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Ralph, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Lee, David, Maryann, Bob, Therese, Sandy, Laura, Matt, Greg, Andy, Connie, Shane, Ed, Taylor, Ann, Sue, Lisa, Patti, Kim, Sherry, Jeanie, David, Robin, Carol Ann, Mary Jane, Jerome Michael, Justin, Rusty & Specialist Robert Price we pray to the Lord: Lord, listen to your children praying.

Leader and People:

God of all mercy,

We confess that we have failed to live our lives as ones made in your image,

We have not loved each other as sisters and brothers,

We have not welcomed all children and so welcomed you,
We have left stumbling blocks in the way of too many children.
Forgive us our sins,
As a woman searching for a cherished coin,
As a father welcoming a beloved child home,
And uphold us by your Spirit
That we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you,
Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Priest stands alone, and says: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY—*The Assembly may be seated.*

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY: PRAISE GOD

Please stand and sing Hymn #380, verse 3 only, as the people's treasure is presented.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

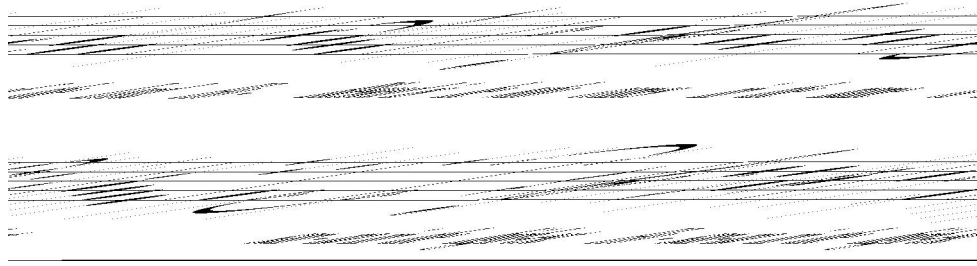
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (S125)





The People Kneel. The Presider Continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

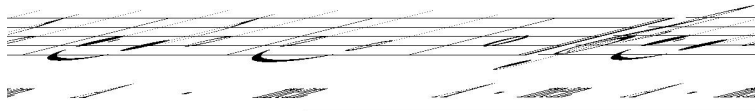
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

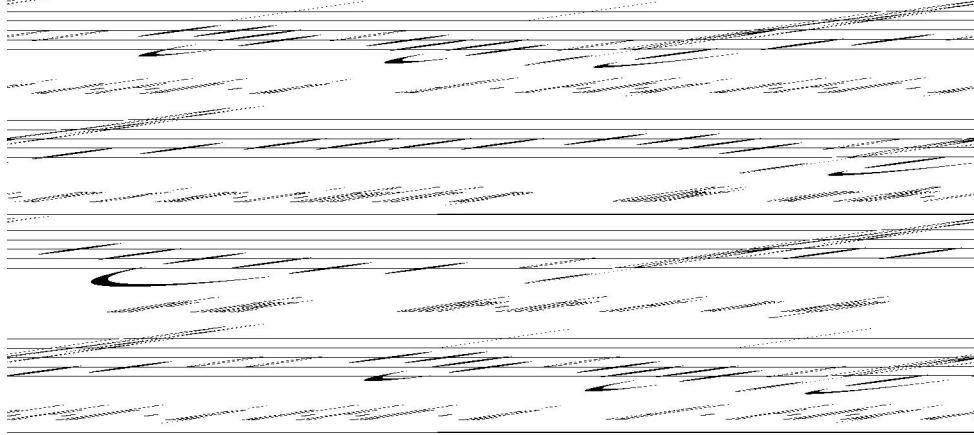
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSEVER (S154)



A period of silence is kept.

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table. Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

This song is located in the pew rack. Please join in sing verses 1, 2, refrain and 3.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: Come Labor On #541

A MOMENT OF SILENCE Following the hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer and reflection.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....R. Frankenberger & Johann Kittel

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher or someone seated near you.

STAY HEALTHY! "SIGN OF PEACE" AND HOLY COMMUNION CONSIDERATIONS: It's probably not a bad idea for all of us to take additional steps to help avoid the flu and colds during the peak flu and cold season. Look for the "hand sanitation stations" near the entrances of the church and consider washing your hands on the way in and out. In addition, consider offering other "Signs of Peace" rather than the traditional handshake. A hand to one another's arm or elbow or shoulder, or a smile and wave and exchange of the words "the peace of the Lord be with you," communicates the same, genuine offer. Further, remember that an option for receiving from the Cup includes what is called the option of "Intinction." To "intinct," simply accept the Bread and carefully dip the tip of the Bread into the Cup. God bless us all with health now and always!

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Ralph, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Lee, David, Maryann, Bob, Therese, Sandy, Laura, Matt, Greg, Andy, Connie, Shane, The Shultz Family, Ed, Taylor, Ann, Sue, Lisa, Patti, Kim, Sherry, Jeanie, David, Robin & Specialist Robert Price*

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN PRAYER. A single-stem Red Rose in Vase will be ordered in loving memory of the faithful departed and brought forward during Mass at the time of a public remembrance of each of our departed loved ones on All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1st. Each order of the Red Rose in Vase may be taken immediately following Holy Eucharist. To place your order for participation in this remembrance and commemoration of all the faithful departed please complete the Red Rose in Vase order form inserted into this week's bulletin and submit it with payment in the Sunday Offering Plate no later than October 25th! Proceeds will benefit The Prince of Peace Memorial Fund. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS!!!**

UTO—UNITED THANK OFFERING is a special way to show gratitude for the blessings in your life. Do you have a blue box? The UTO Fall ingathering will take place in November, but more information about UTO will be coming in next Sunday's Bulletin!

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO? One person, each person can make a big difference in the life of our Prince of Peace Church Family. One person, each person - faithful, active and committed to caring for Prince of Church and our fellow members and our mission and ministry work can be the difference between our parish barely or merely surviving or growing into our potential. I need to ask you to please resolve anew to be faithful to the Apostle's teaching, the breaking of the Bread and the prayers and to consistently give of yourself and your treasure for our own good and the good of all the Church. Please look for my letter and the vestry's letter that will be arriving to each household very soon and accept our invitation to you to join us in the annual renewal of our commitment to give of ourselves this coming year in such a way that truly serves the Church and Christian Mission and appropriately honors our Maker and God.

THE ECW meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH / PROJECT WARM GREETING FROM THE POP YOUTH This morning we are observing the National Children's Sabbath. This year we would like to fill the Giving Tree with hats, gloves, scarves, etc. in order to help local children & families in need. Thanks for wearing your favorite cold weather accessory today and for donating items to the Giving Tree. Please join us for a light reception following the service.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION The Church Office is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9—2 & Friday from 10—2.

WARNING ABOUT HAND SANITIZER AND YOUNG CHILDREN There is a story going around on the internet about the danger of hand sanitizers to children. As most of these products contain alcohol, it is wise to be cautious with their use. They can be dangerous when ingested and young children in particular should not have access to these products without adult supervision. An article posted at Kidshealth.org states "Keep hand sanitizers around, but out of reach of little ones since the alcohol in them can be dangerous to young kids if ingested." An article about the internet story in the Seattle Times concludes "...small children should always be supervised with the gel, which should be dispensed by an adult. Bottles should be labeled with a "Mr. Yuk" sticker, available from the poison center, and stored out of the reach of children." (thanks to The Rev. Anne Kitch, Canon for Formation in the Christian Faith Diocese of Bethlehem).

GIVING TREE Please help us to fill the Giving Tree with cold weather accessories, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, etc for local children and families in need.

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS NEXT WEEKEND Daylight savings time ends early Sunday morning, November 1—Remember to turn your clock back on Saturday before you go to bed!!

MINISTERS

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| Celebrant | The Reverend John Major |
| Lector / Intercessor | Youth |
| Eucharistic Minister | Youth |
| Acolytes | Youth |
| Ushers / Oblationers | Jessica & Andrew Martin |
| Altar Guild | Sandy Sheehan, Megan Palmer, Grace Goeringer |
| Vestry Counter | Dan Plashinski |