

November 15, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



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A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad that you are here
as part of worship!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church welcomes all!

We gather for worship called by God's Spirit from many places of compass and heart. We bring stories of where God has met and sustained us along the way. We bring questions and yearnings to see God's presence more fully in our world. We are brought together by a God who knows us as Creator, and who gathers us as only a Good Shepherd can—to lead us into what it means to be God's people here in this place.



As God's people, we are continually learning what it means to be truly encouraging and supportive to all. We are committed to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, social or economic status. To all we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us on this journey, as partners in the full life and ministry of Christ the Servant.

The Bible reminds us to "*remember the Sabbath day*". We remember that "*This is the Lord's day*", and as we gather to worship the God who deserves our praise, the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

We hope that you will feel at home!

We hope you feel Christ's welcome in our service, and hope to see you again soon.

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**** Stand as you are able.***

Introduction

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

PRELUDE, WORDS TO THE DAY, FINAL PRELUDE

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

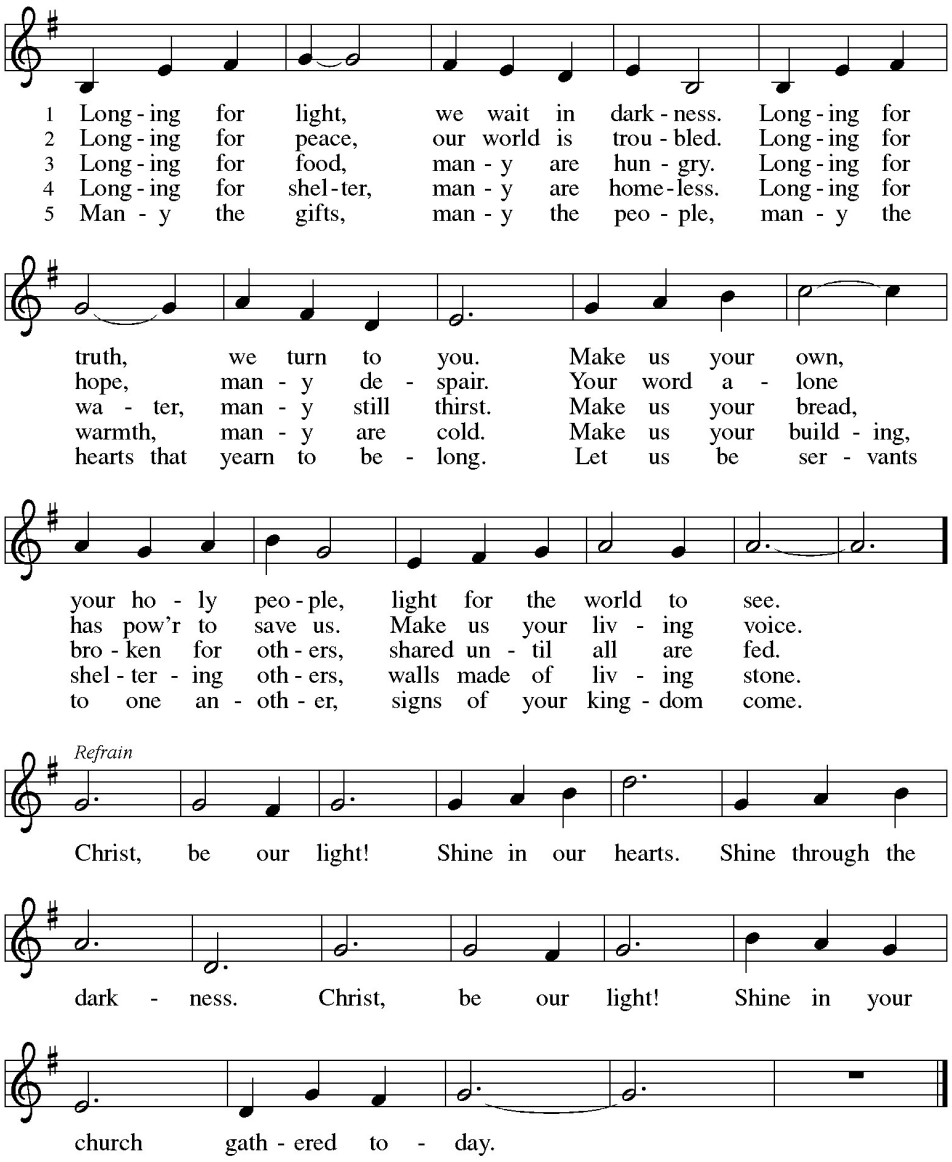
C **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation**
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.

C **Amen.**

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

*** GATHERING HYMN "Christ Be Our Light" (ELW 715)**

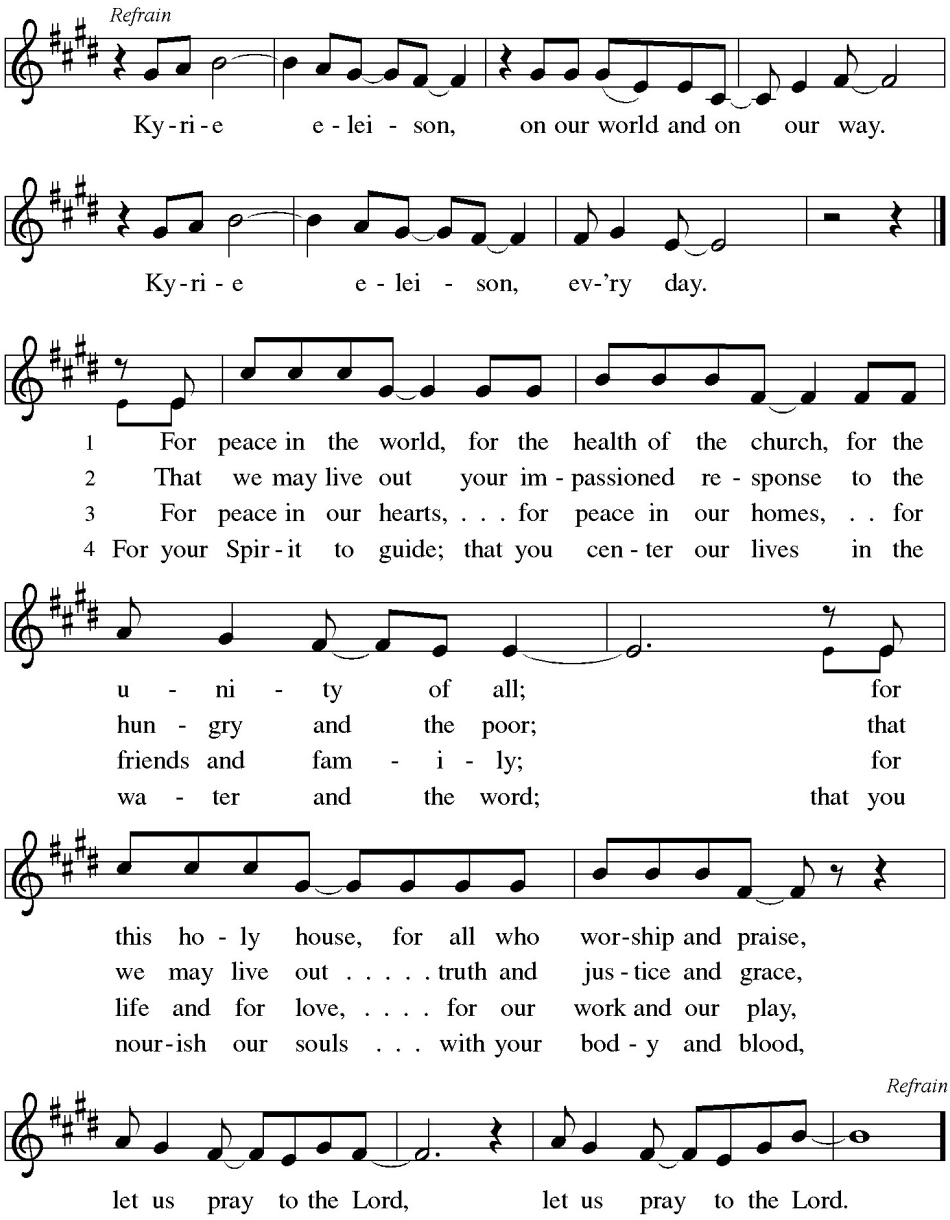


*** GREETING**

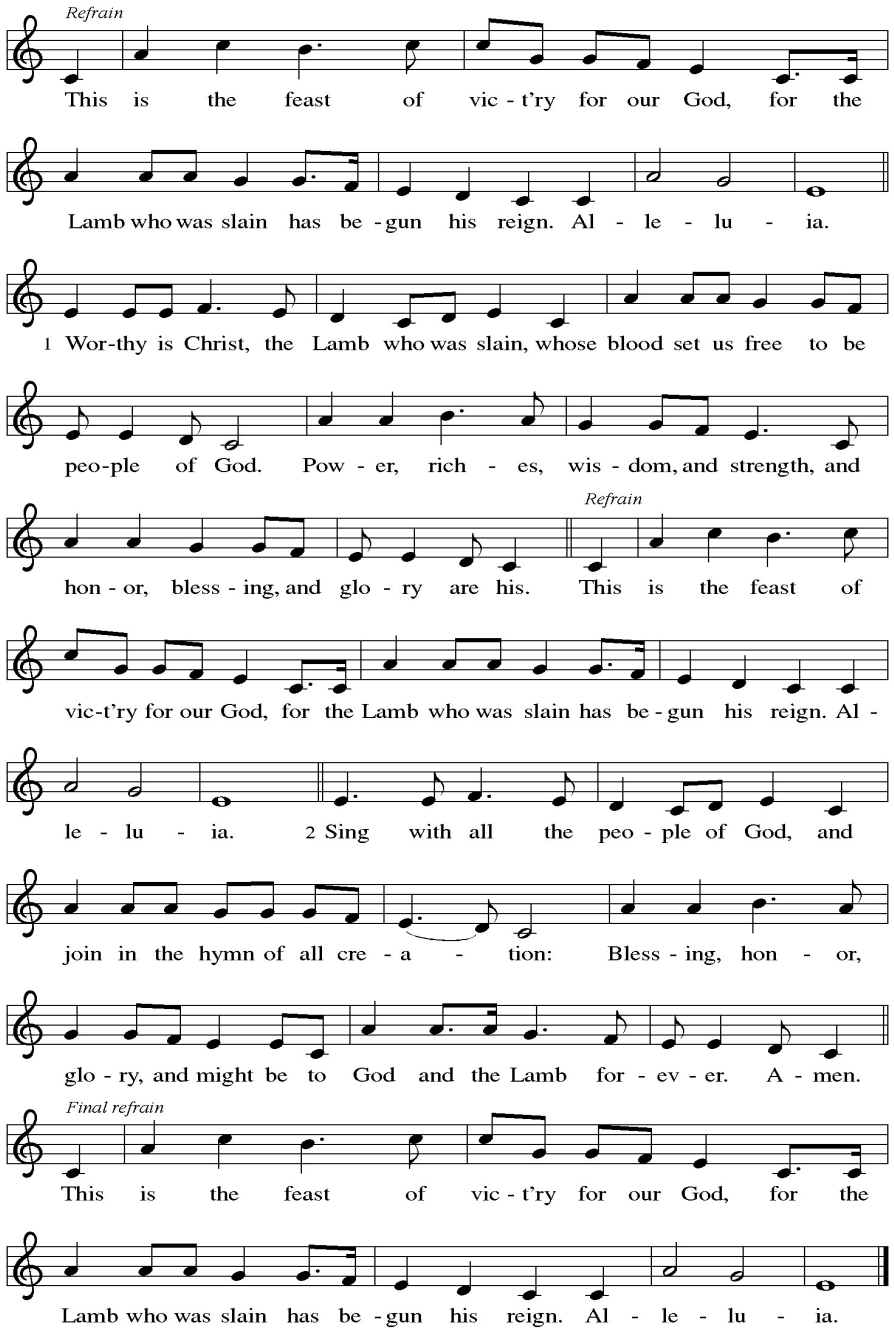
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE** **(Setting 8)**



* HYMN OF PRAISE (SETTING 8)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

℗ Let us Pray.

℄ **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

CHANCEL CHOIR "Thank You, Father" (David Eddleman)

Choir: To the Glory of God Alone. ℄ Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

Deborah was a prophet and judge who, with her general, Barak, led a victorious holy war against a stronger Canaanite force from the north.

[1] The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. [2] So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. [3] Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. [4] At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. [5] She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. [6] She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. [7] I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

Ⓐ Word of God, word of Life. ℄ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90: 1-8 , 9-11 & 12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
[5] you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
[7] For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

[8] **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12] **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

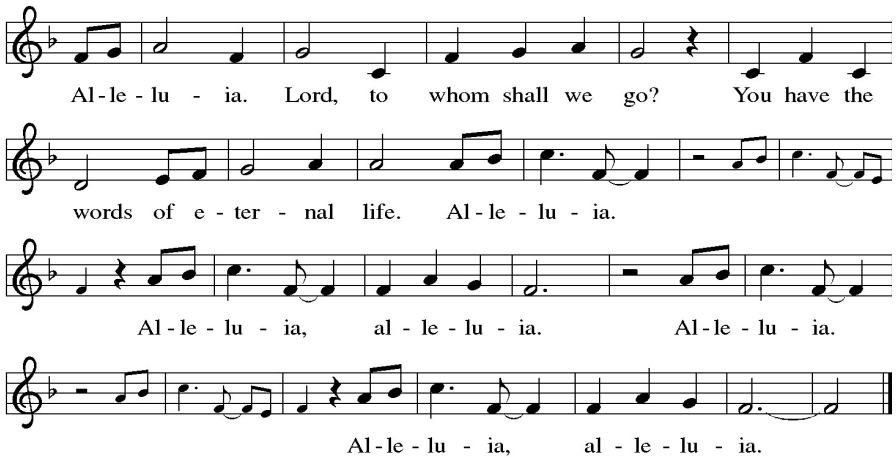
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let
us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we
may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

℗ Word of God, word of Life. **℣ Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 8)**



*** Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

℣ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

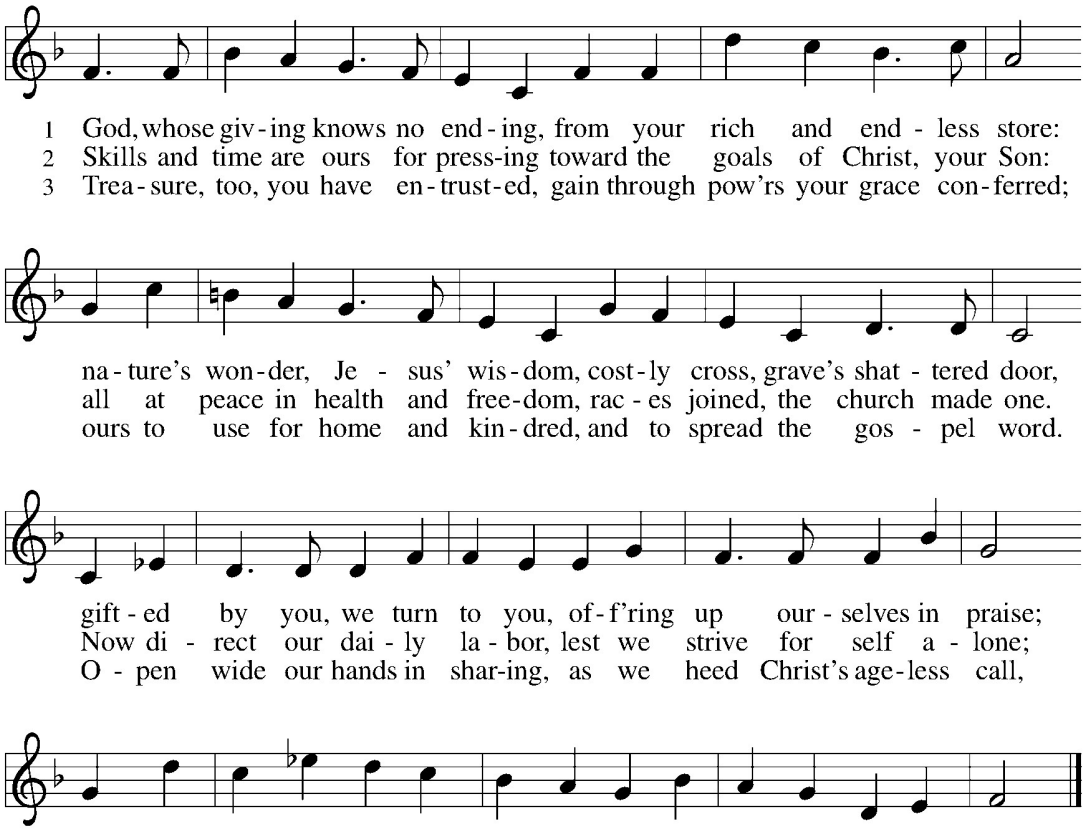
14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one
who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see,
I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have
made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and
I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did
not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own
with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken
away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

℟ This is the word of the Lord ℣ **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (ELW 678)**



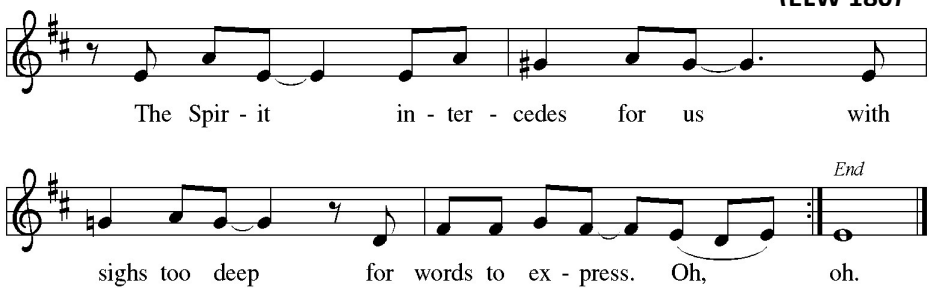
*** CREED**

C 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

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation

(ELW 180)



P You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C **Refrain.**

P In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,

C **Refrain.**

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

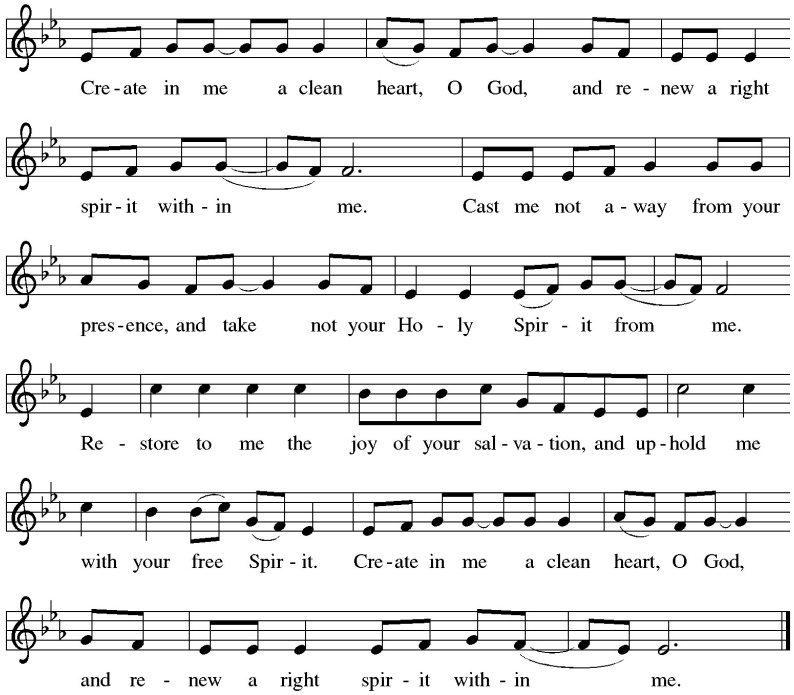
C **Amen.**

P The Peace of Christ Jesus be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The sharing of God's peace with each other.

OFFERING AND * OFFERTORY **(ELW 185)**



*** OFFERING PRAYER**

℣ **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.**
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

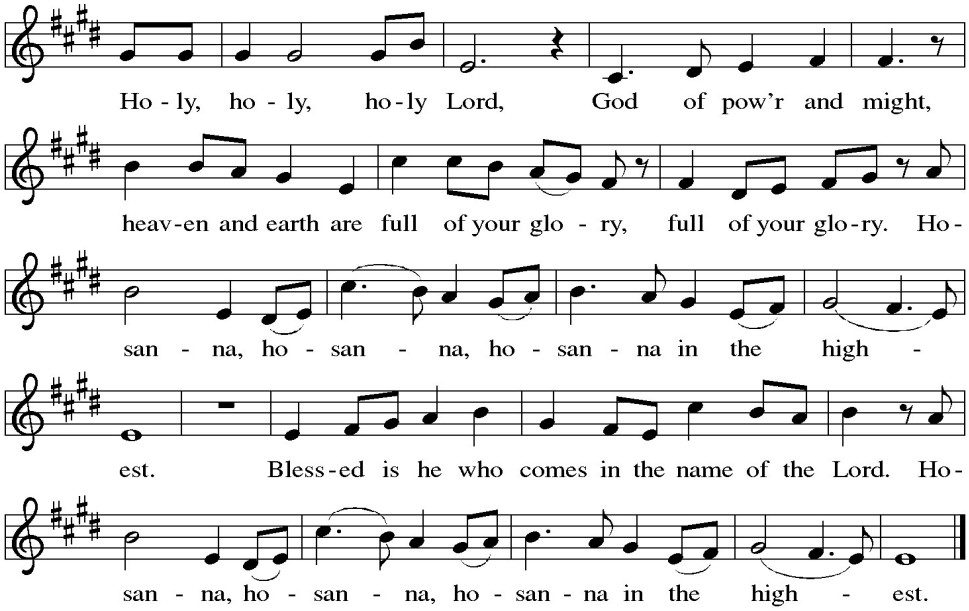
*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

℣ 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 our thanks and praise.**

*** PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** **(Setting 8)**



- **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and
suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in 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 for the 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

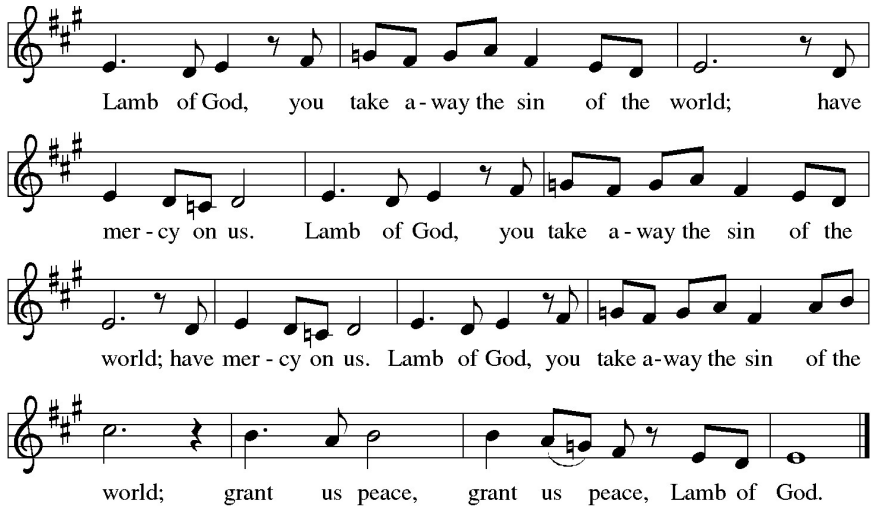
*** LORD'S PRAYER**

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD **(Setting 8)**



*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

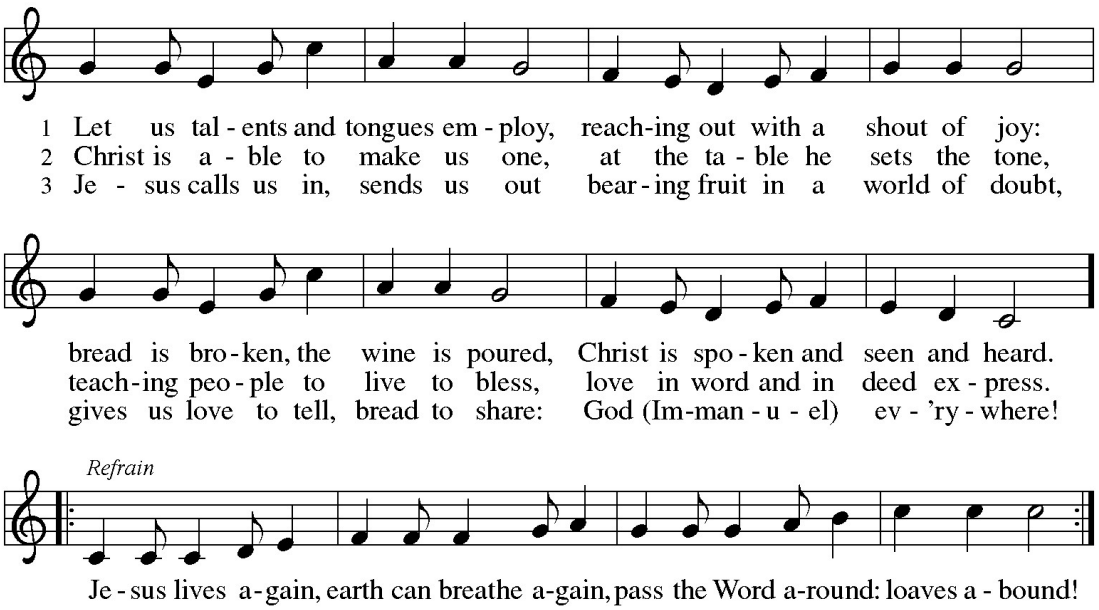
C **Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen**

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)

*** SENDING HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (ELW 674)**



***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Encourage one another. C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "This House"

Gatherings this Week:

Sunday November 15	9:00	**Choir**
	10:00	**Worship**
	11:15	**Executive Meeting**
Monday November 16	9:15	**Offering Counters**
	6:00	**Book Club**
	7:00	**Council Meeting**
Wednesday November 18	7:30	**Men's Text Study at 4-B's (a.m.)**
Sunday November 22	10:00	**Worship**

On November 22, folks from Toby's House will be here to explain their mission. A free-will offering will be collected. Please make checks payable to Toby's House or OSLC with Toby's House in the memo. Thank You

Town Pump has selected **FISH** to be part of the 25TH Anniversary of " HELP THOSE IN NEED" Challenge. They are matching donations up to $30,000.00 that FISH receives between Sept. 1st & Nov. 30th. If you're mailing, please mail by November 14th or drop it off at FISH between 9 and 11 o'clock by Nov. 30th. **Send your donation to FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls MT 59403**. *Thank you for your support in reaching our goal!

Thank you Jodie Tooley, LMA for leading worship today. We appreciate you!

CAN DO

Our Savior's will be finishing collecting food through Nov. 14, and will deliver to the school food pantries on Monday, Nov. 16, just before Thanksgiving. We will also donate money to the schools for food. Call Joyce Morgan at 406-590-7894 if you have questions. Thank you.

SERVING NOVEMBER 15

Usher: Nancy Traner
Greeter: Bonnie Knight
Reader: Kerrie Ramstead
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury/Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson/Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Ester Clark
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating: Jodie Tooley, LMA

SERVING NOVEMBER 22

Usher: Robin Sainsbury
Greeter: Amy Ford
Reader: Renee Lance
Altar Guild: Robin Sainsbury/Lilli Milton
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee
Offering Collector: Rich Hamill
Counters: Bob Dickenson/Clarice Flanagan
Pianist: Dean Jardee
Cantor: Ellen Forslund
Officiating : Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith