

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

C = Congregation L = Leader ELW = Red Hymnal

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ, Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who was, and is, and is to come.
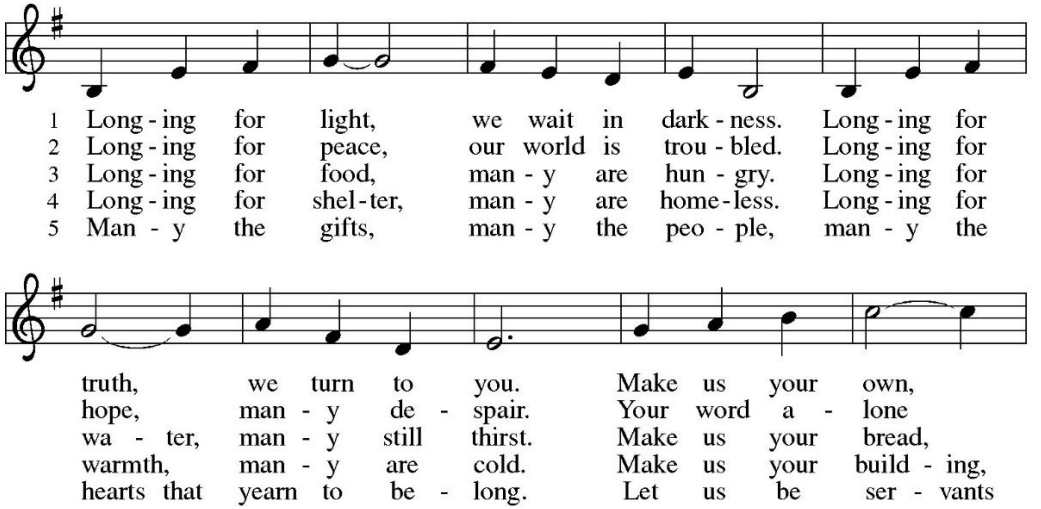
C: Amen

L: We have gathered this day to praise God and witness our faith in Christ Jesus, the firstborn of the dead and the living, and ruler over all creation.
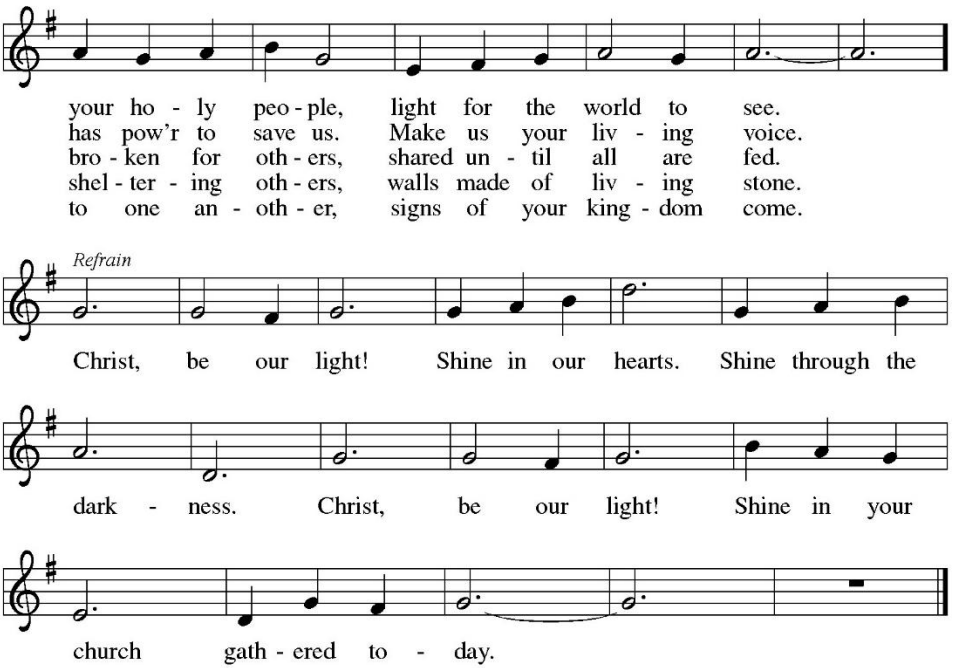
C: It is Jesus we honor as we celebrate the life and death of the saints, believing as they do in the promise of eternal life through him. We give thanks for their lives and we commit them to God and our lives to the one eternal God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

L: Our brothers and sisters who have gone before witness to the life of faith in Christ Jesus and the promise of life to come. Let us join them in praise to God Almighty.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Be Our Light*, ELW 422



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

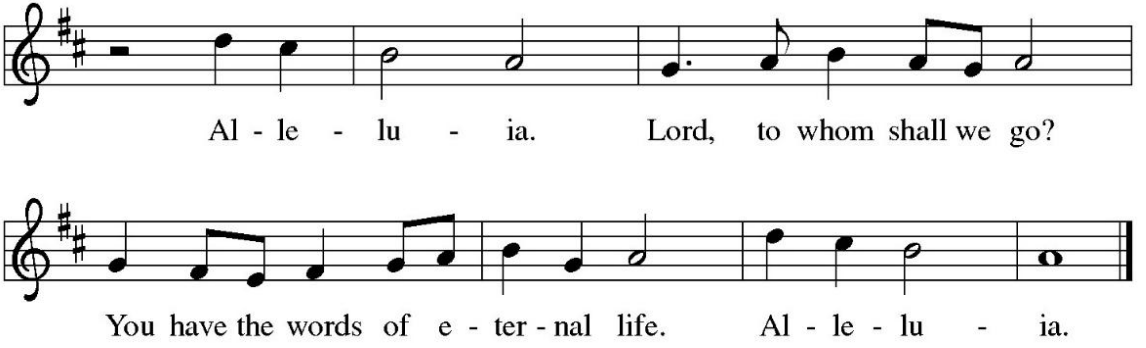
14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

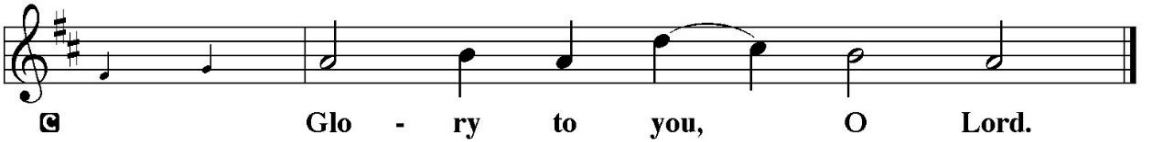
L: Word of God, Word of Life:
C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

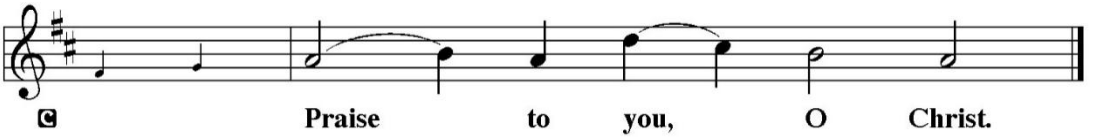
L: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



Jesus said to the disciples: [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.
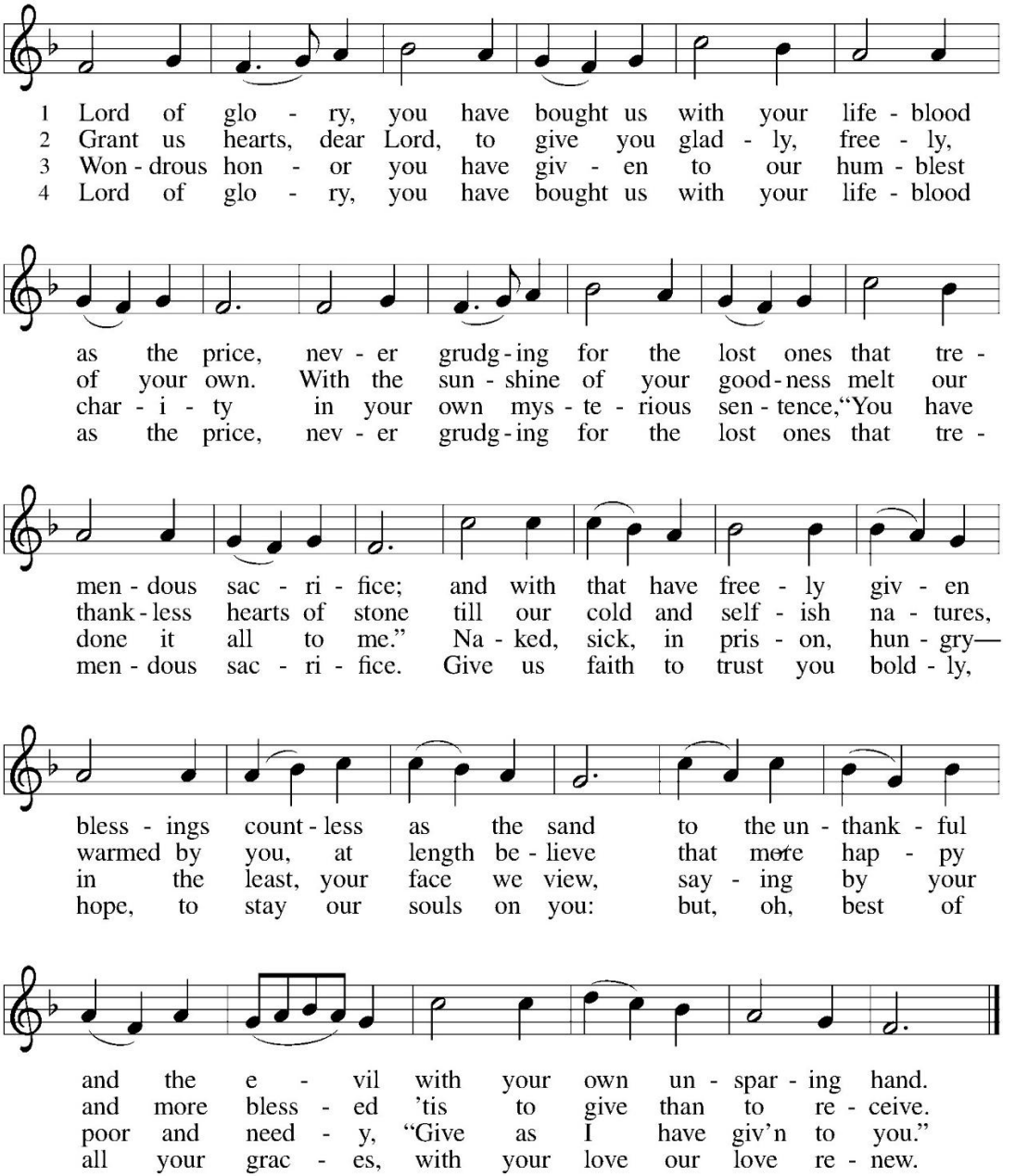
At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them
and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents
made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off
and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [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.' "

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Reverend Bethany Ketchem

SONG OF THE DAY *Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us,* ELW 707



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers…

Each petition ends with:

L: hear our prayer,

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

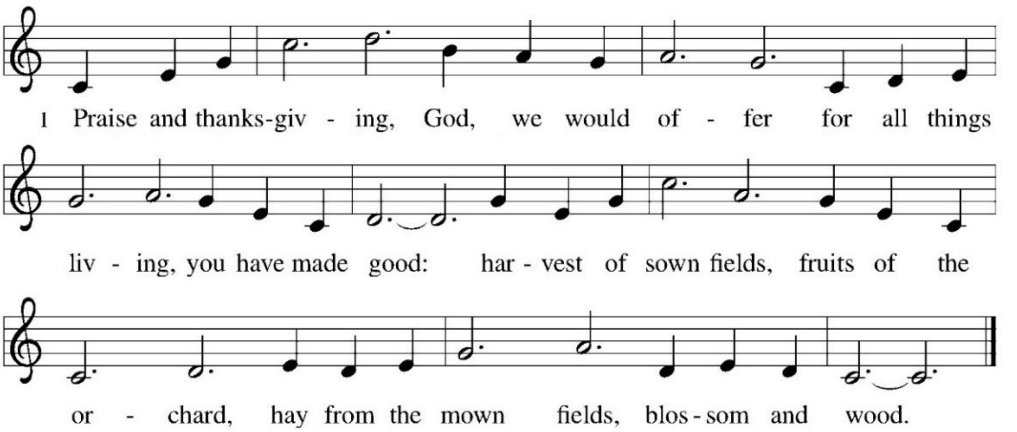
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING *Benedictus* by Brian Lewis

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Choir



OFFERING RESPONSE *Praise and Thanksgiving,* ELW 689

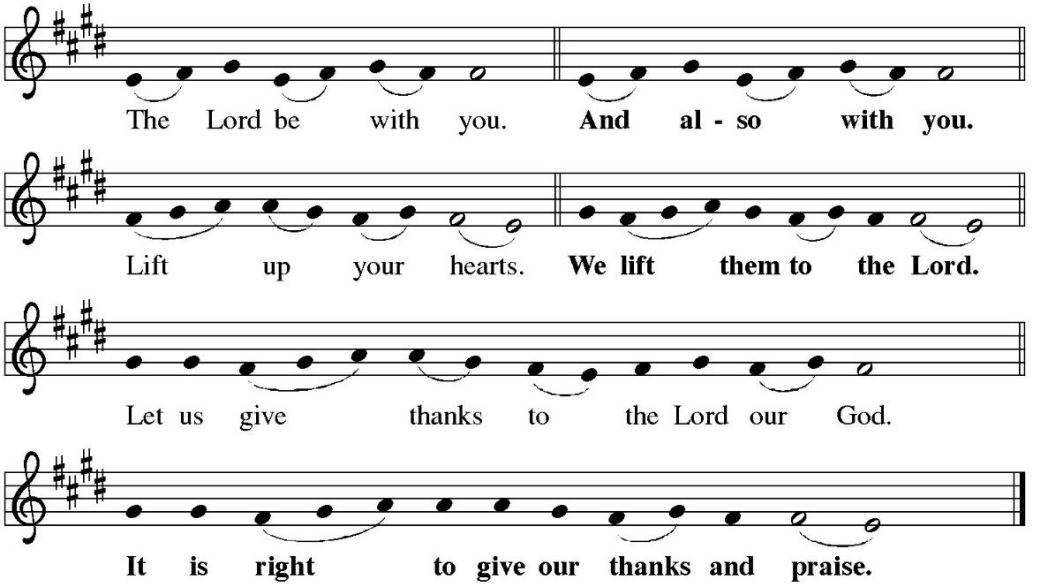


OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

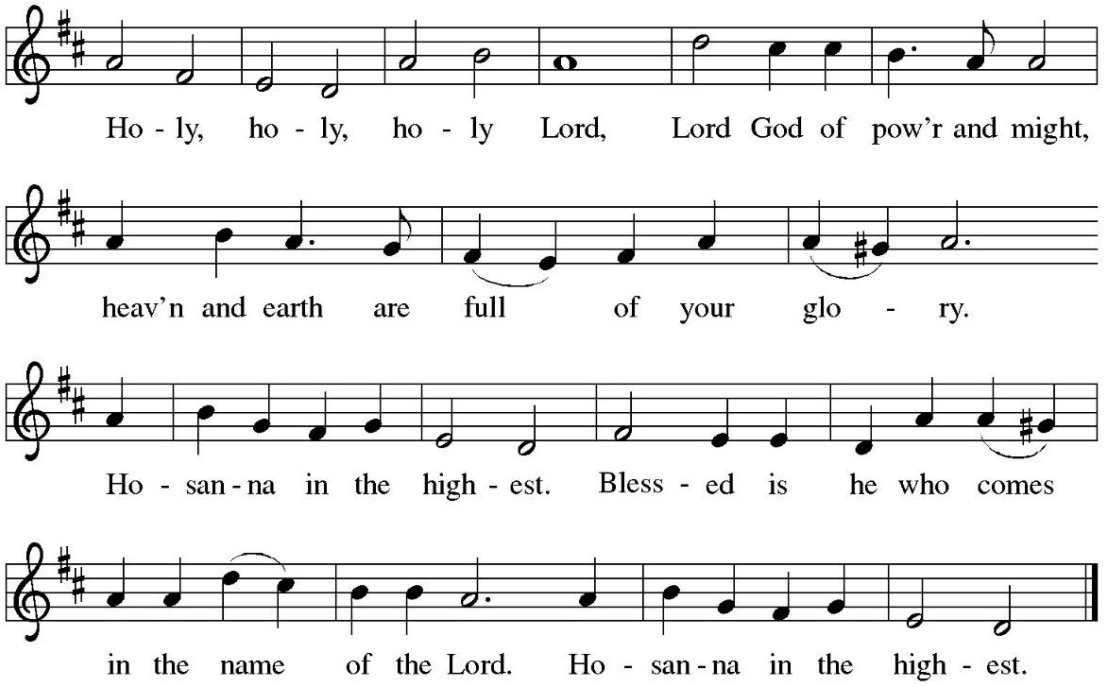
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: It is indeed right...
...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY HOLY



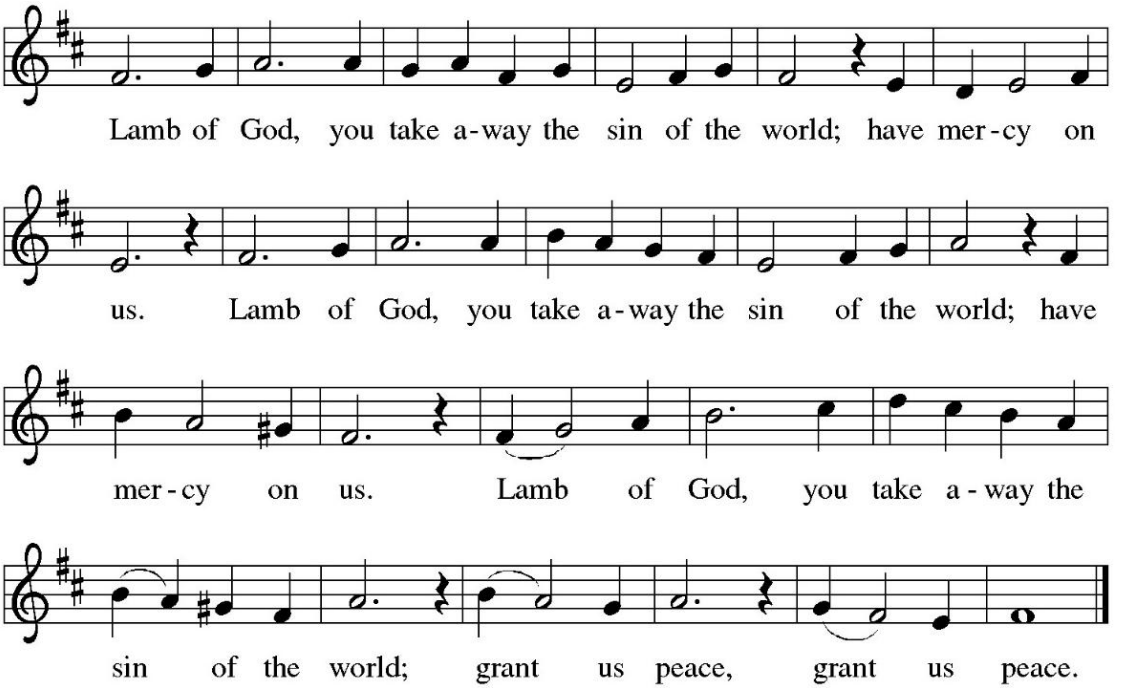
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

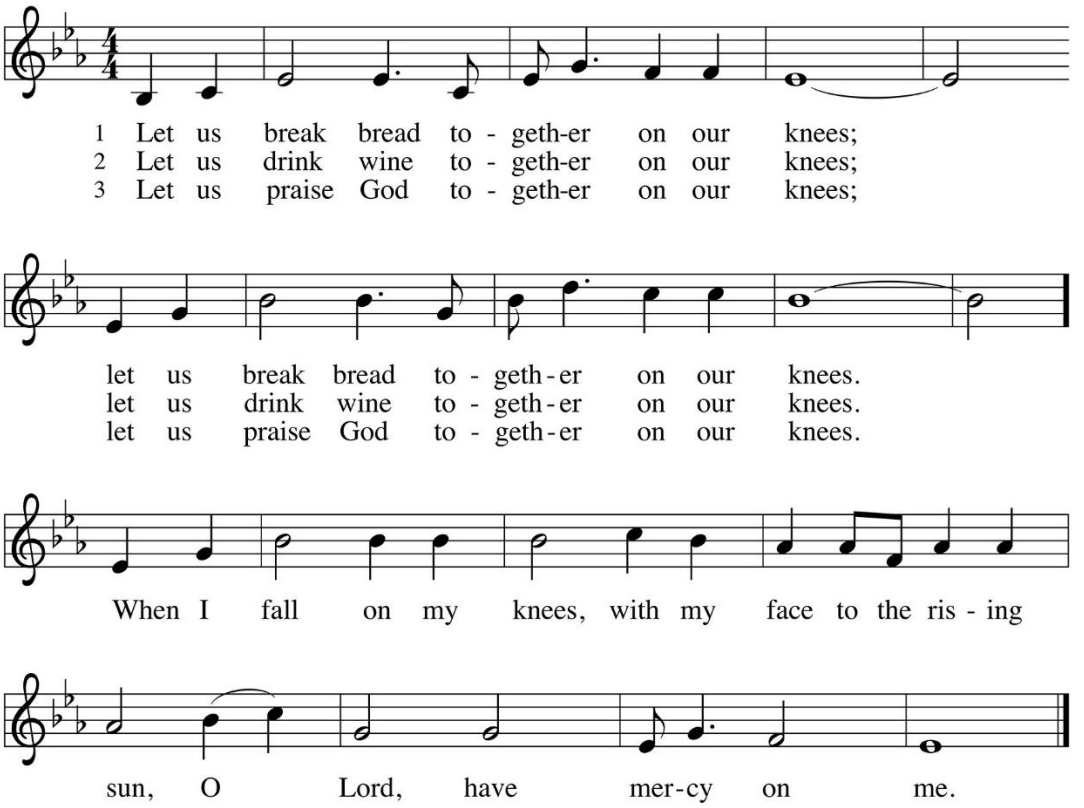
COMMUNION

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.



COMMUNION SONG *Let Us Break Bread Together,* ELW 471



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

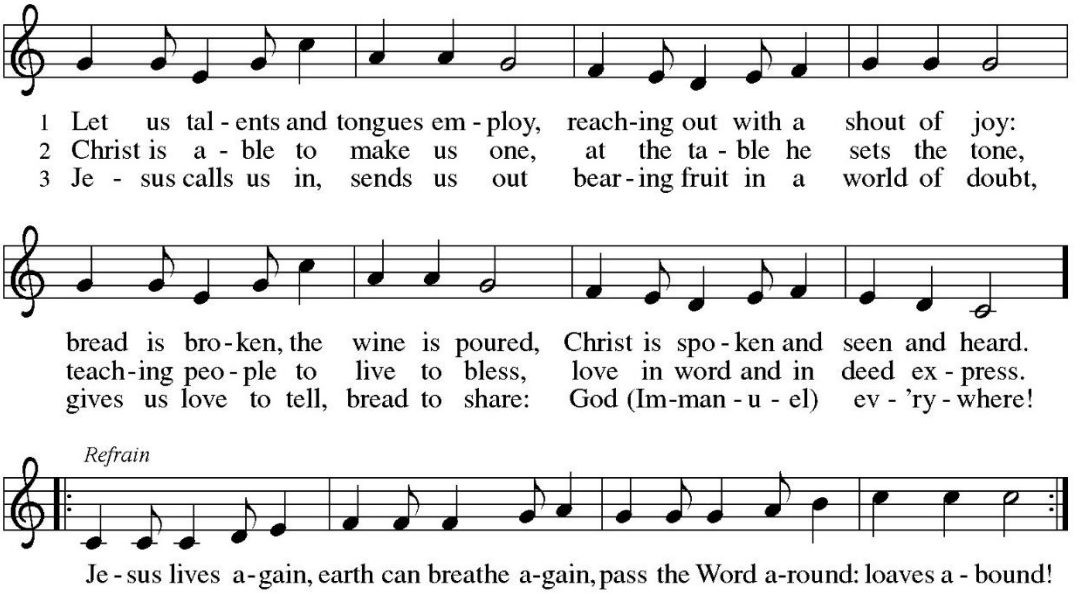
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

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

C. Amen

SENDING SONG *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,* ELW 674



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Pascal on November 24th. 1757 Conway Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be on Saturday, November 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Join us if you can.

Gift Cards - stop by the table today to see what is available to purchase and order. Let us help you with your Christmas shopping. There are a variety of brands to choose from and a percentage of sales comes back to our church. Thank you for your support.

A Day of Holy Closure & Celebration, November 21st
From: Arlington Hills Lutheran Church:
In gratitude to God for the blessings we have shared, we cordially invite you to join us as we celebrated 117 years of faith, family and honor the legacy of our congregation.
Church doors open: 9:00 am, Service of Holy Closure: 10:00am: Invite your family and friends to share in this special service featuring guest clergy and special music. Guest Preacher Bishop Justin Grimm. 1115 Greenbrier Street, St Paul MN

In case you need more craft fair events, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church's Craft Show & Bake Sale is on November 28th, 9:00am-3:00pm. 1669 Arcae St. N.

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sherry and Jeff Pasket for their continued care.
- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her continued treatment.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.
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Participants in Today's Service	
Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Accompanist	Natalia Peterson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Darleen Klemm

Lessons for next Sunday, November 22:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25:31-46
Next week's lector: Janelle Wong

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