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A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS



New Members Sunday

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8th, 2026

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1245 New Hampshire St. Lawrence, KS 66044

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**
*"(ELW p. 123)" is liturgy (front of the hymnal); "**ELW 123**" is hymn (back of hymnal)*

PRELUDE
Deep River arr. Robert W. Thygerson

** Please note your presence in the attendance pad, then pass to your neighbor.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Bethany Christiansen

✢ GATHERING ✢

GENEROSITY LITANY AND FORGIVENESS
P: We gather as God's beloved people, grateful for the blessings God has entrusted to our care.
C: We love and give from the abundance God first gave us.

P: God calls us beyond divided loyalties and invites us to live with open hands and trusting hearts. **C: Our lives and our resources belong to the Lord.**
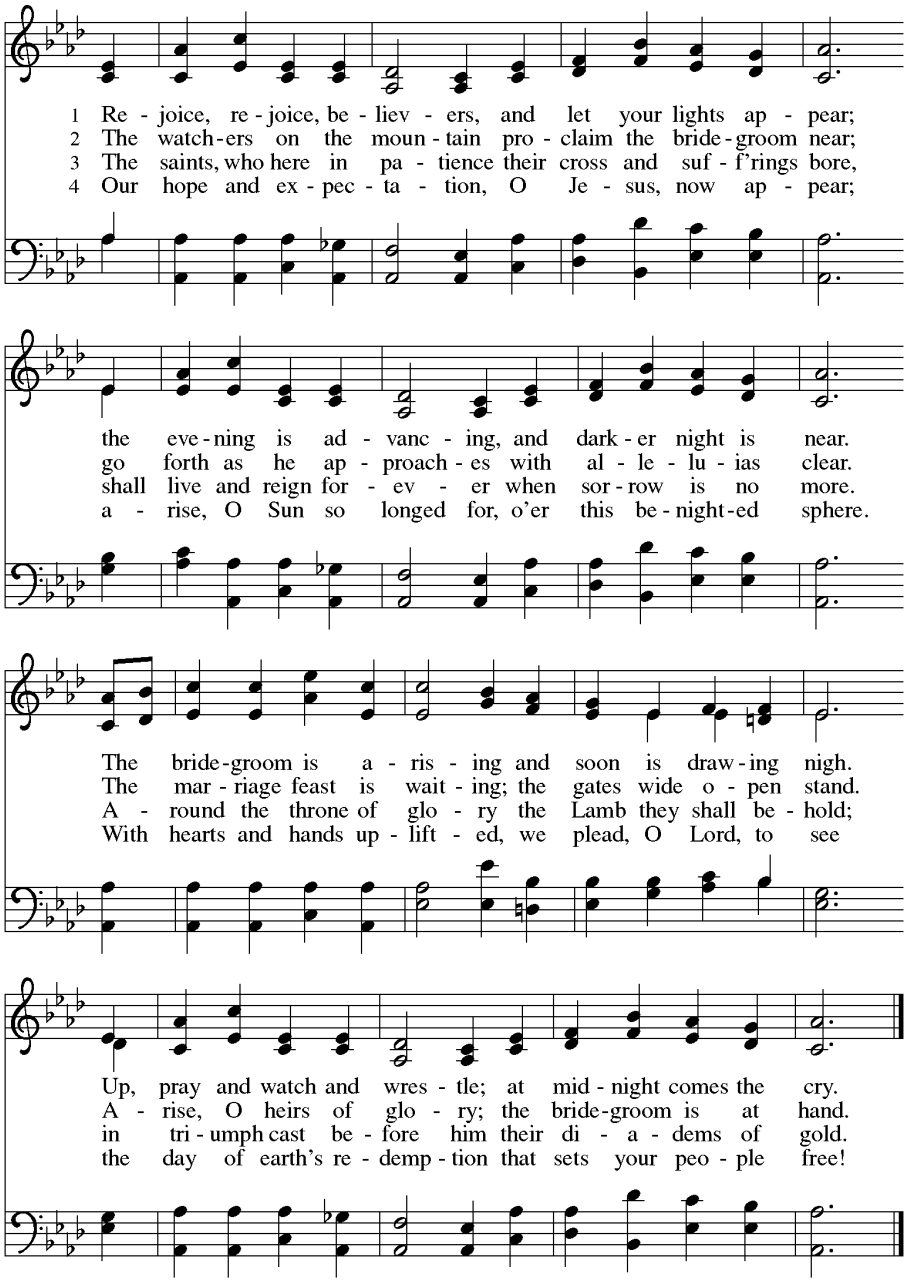
P: Whether our gifts are large or small, whether we share from deep reserves or from daily sacrifice, every gift matters.
C: Together, we share God's abundance with joy and thanksgiving.

P: In this congregation, we walk with young families seeking guidance, with seniors offering wisdom, and with all who long for hope and Christ-centered community. **C: We are one body in Christ, united in faith and purpose.**

P: As we look to the year ahead and the ministry God places before us, we step forward in faith, ready to listen, share, and serve.
C: Lord, lead us to live generously as witnesses to your grace.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✢ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers** **ELW 244**

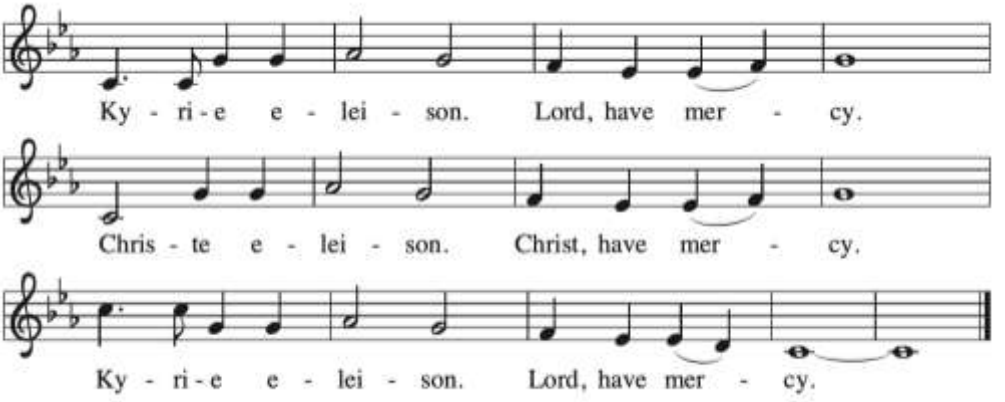


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Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune
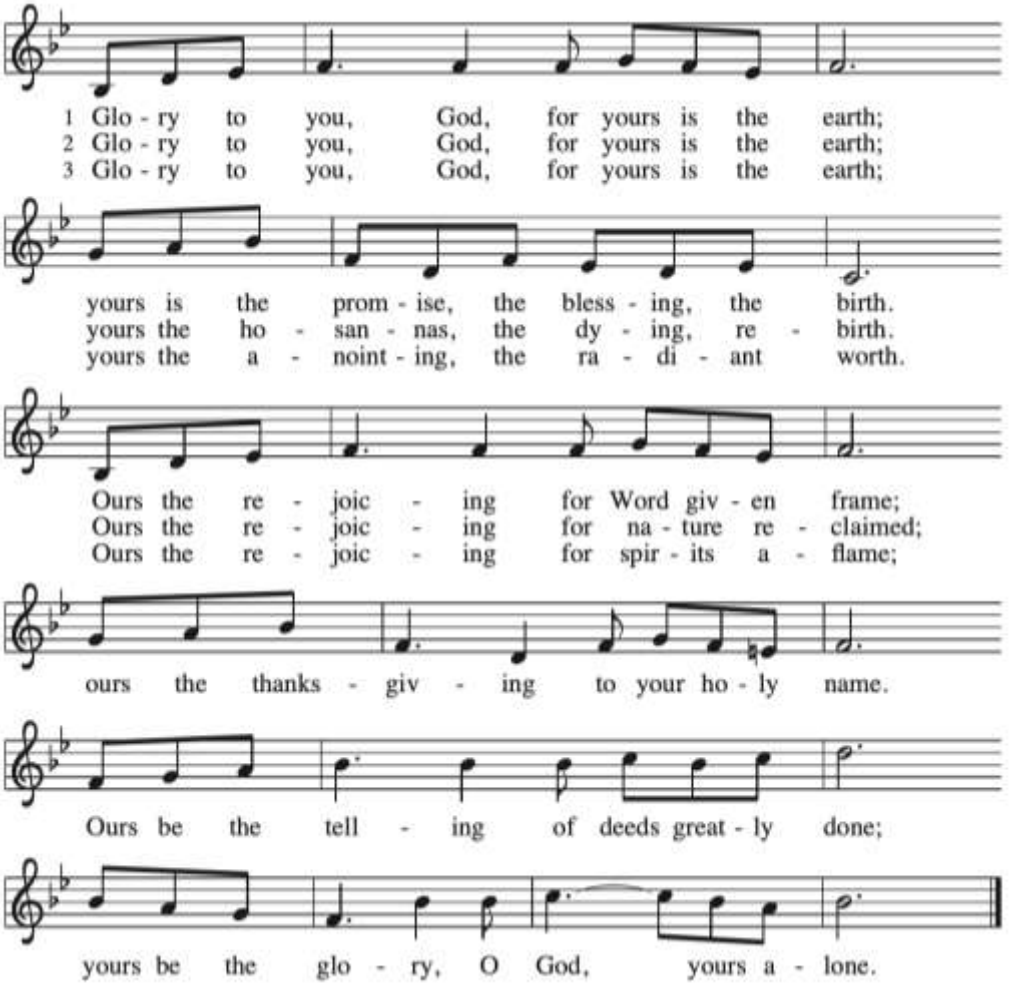
GREETING

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 (ACS p. 31)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

☩ THE WORD ☩

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

L: A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
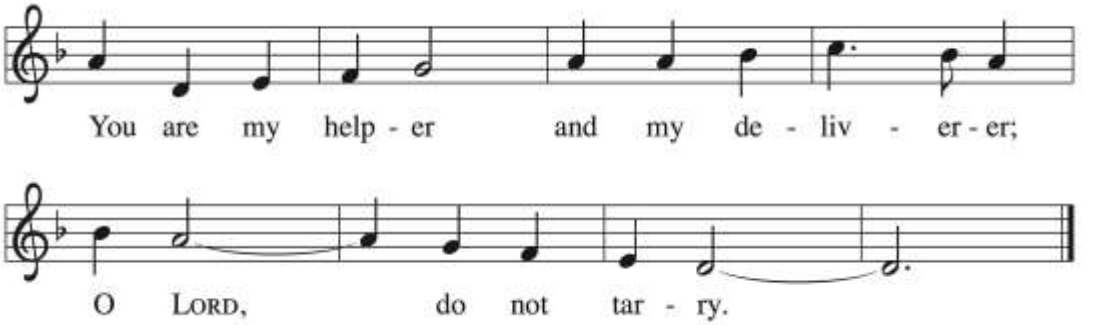
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen."

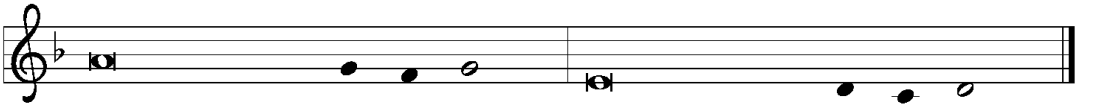
The Nursery is available (ages 0-4 only, please) after the Children's Message.

PSALM: Psalm 70

Refrain: *(1st time played by organ only, 2nd time: cantor, 3rd time: congregation)*



Tone:



[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R

[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

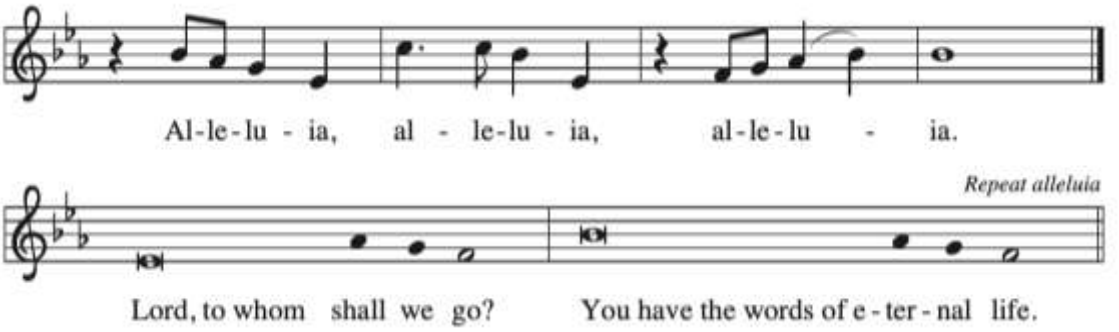
L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those
who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to
you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For
the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with
the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will
be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise)* (ACS p. 33)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

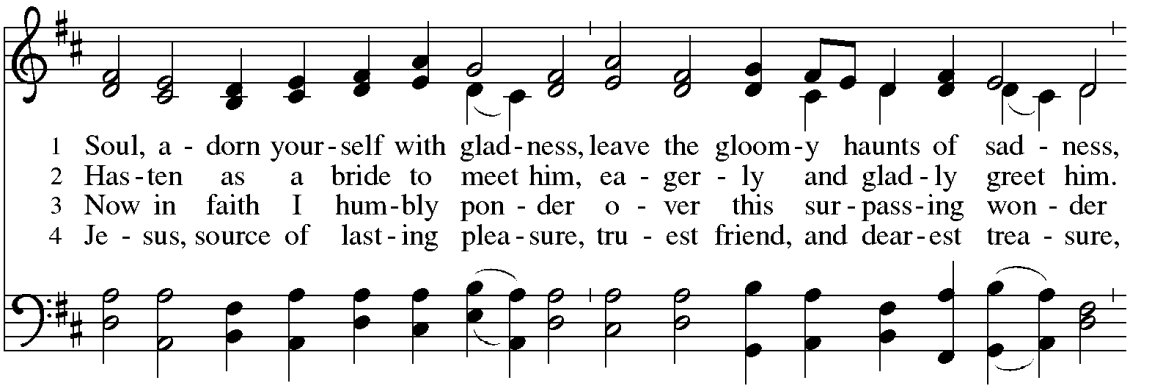
P: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
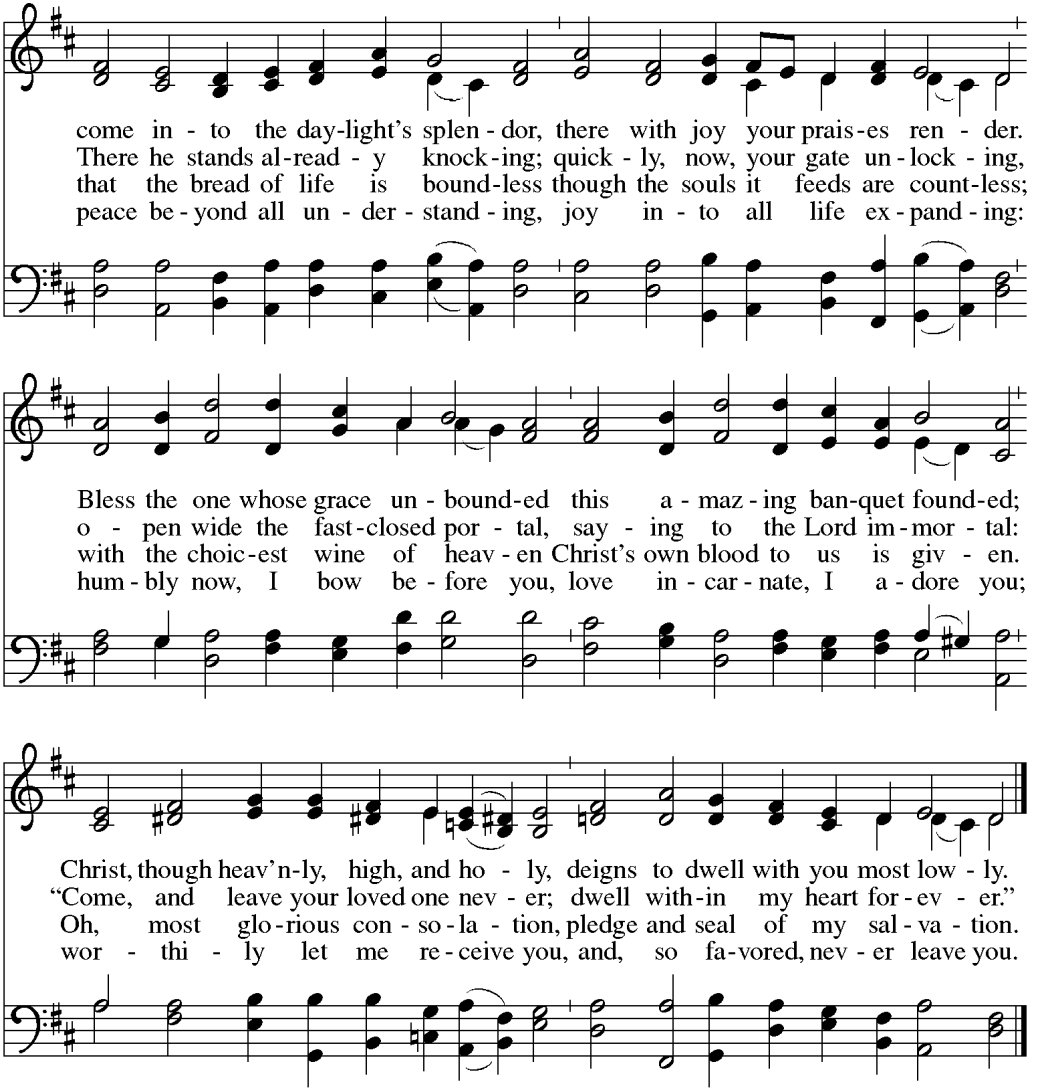
P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like
this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for
you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the
door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated)*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise)*
Soul, Adorn with Gladness ELW 488





Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gifts these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we are receiving into the life, ministry, and mission of this congregation.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?
New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.
C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

… God, in your mercy.
C: Receive our prayer.

P: … in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated after passing of the peace)

Important Note on the Passing of Peace: *In the spirit of love and care we ask everyone to be mindful of one another's comfort as we pass the peace.*

If you prefer not to shake hands or hug, please simply hold up a peace sign or wear a red bracelet or sticker. We will honor these signals when used, by sharing verbal and visual greetings without touch. Otherwise, you can safely assume that a handshake is welcome.

Green = contact is okay *Yellow = cautious, please ask* *Red = no contact today*

✢ THE MEAL ✢

CHORAL OFFERING

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying by Phillip Nicolai

OFFERING PRAYER *(Please rise)*

No checkbook? Scan the QR box to give online!
Or use the Vanco app on your phone. Cash or check offerings may be placed in the offering plates at the back when entering, or during the passing of the peace.

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 206)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.
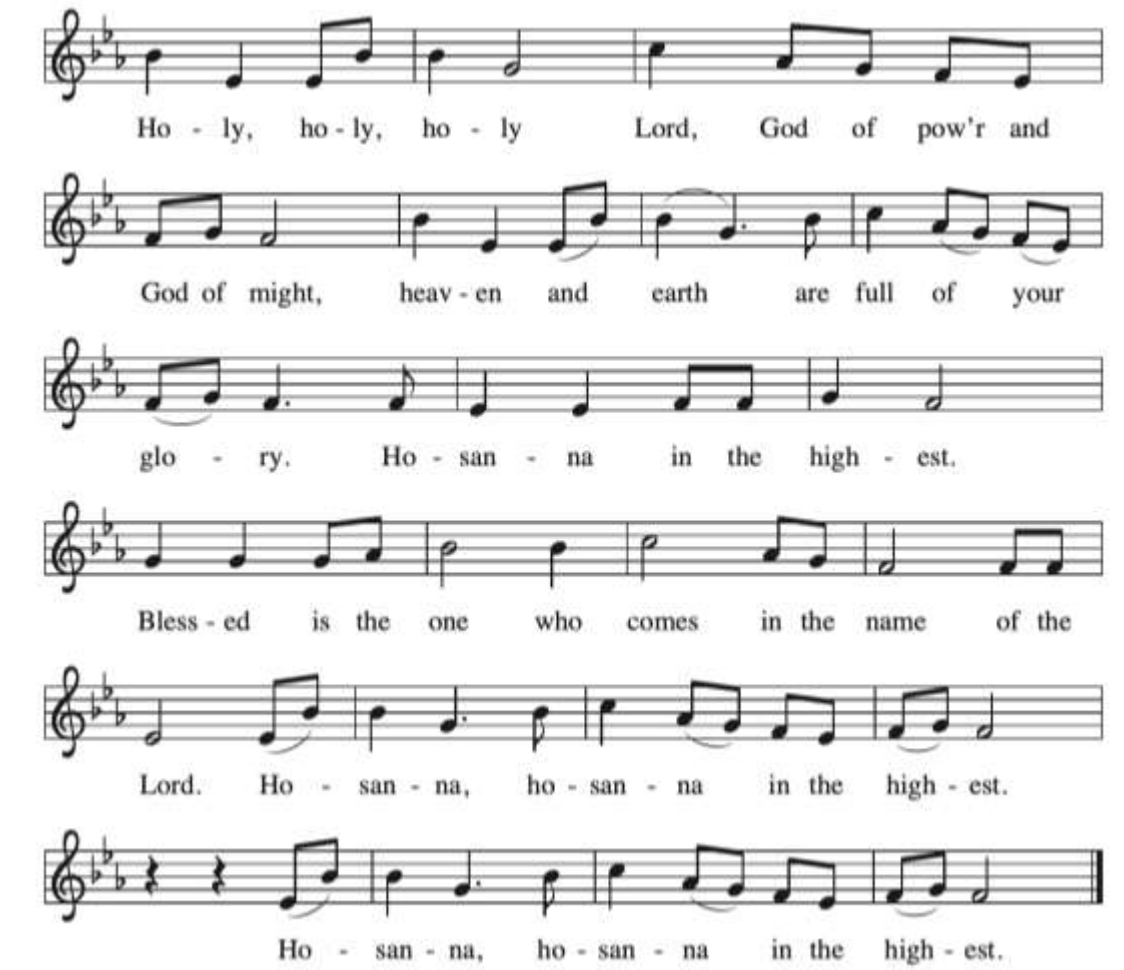
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right…

…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 26)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…

… Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
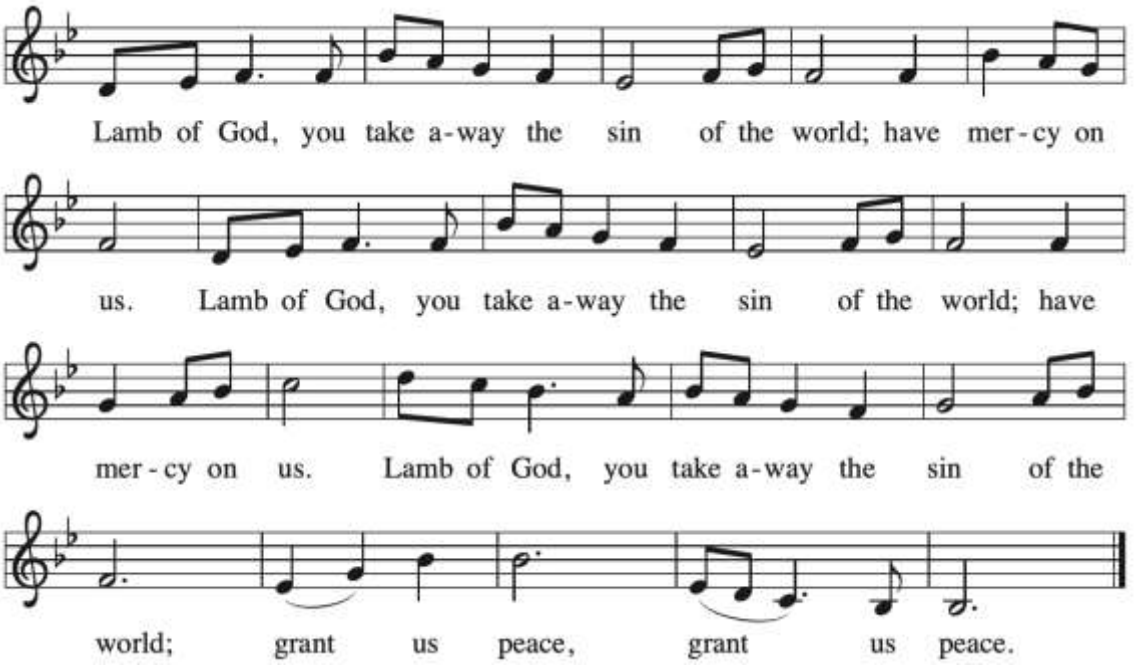
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)
P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.
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 *(Please be seated)*
P: Come…

- *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
- *ALL here are welcome to commune.*
- *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher's table or from pastor at the altar.*
- *Dip the wafer into one of the following:*
  - *Silver chalice (wine)*
  - *Ceramic chalice (grape juice)*
- *Take and eat, then return to your seat after communing.*
- *You may also go up to the altar from the side doors if you wish to kneel for prayer.*

LAMB OF GOD (ACS p. 40)



(Please rise)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✢ SENDING ✢

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN **Soon and Very Soon** **ELW 439**

(this hymn can be found in the red hymnal)

DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique by Léon Boëllmann

*** Please join us in the Gathering Space after the service to celebrate and welcome our new members with a special cake reception ***





Livestreaming: Dave Elson
Acolyte/Crucifer: Piper Mock, Sophia Olson-Kelly-Ramirez
Lector: Emily Fetsch
Altar Care: Deb Boatright, Kirsten Elson, Brenda Kappelman
ASL: Sunnie Planthold
Ushers: Mandy Sponholtz, Alita Cooper, Bethany Christiansen, Mark Stayton
Cantor: Jim Cooper
Assisting Minister: Kirsten Elson
Children's Message: Sunnie Planthold
Nursery: Harley Donovan

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM: November 15, 2026
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

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