St. John's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026



Welcome!

Out of a broken and divided world, all are welcomed into the whole body of Jesus Christ at St. John's. We trust in a God who loves all people, no matter their economic status, age, marital status, ethnicity, race, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, diversity of ability, or religious background. Together we join in sharing God's grace and serving through love, experiencing the transforming love of our Savior.

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St. John's offers online worship opportunities by streaming services at www.Facebook.com/StJohnsBeaufort. Generally the earlier of our two Sunday services and other special services are streamed. You may join live or watch on Facebook or YouTube at a later time.

Personal Listening Devices and Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning*** **ACS 949**





GREETING

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

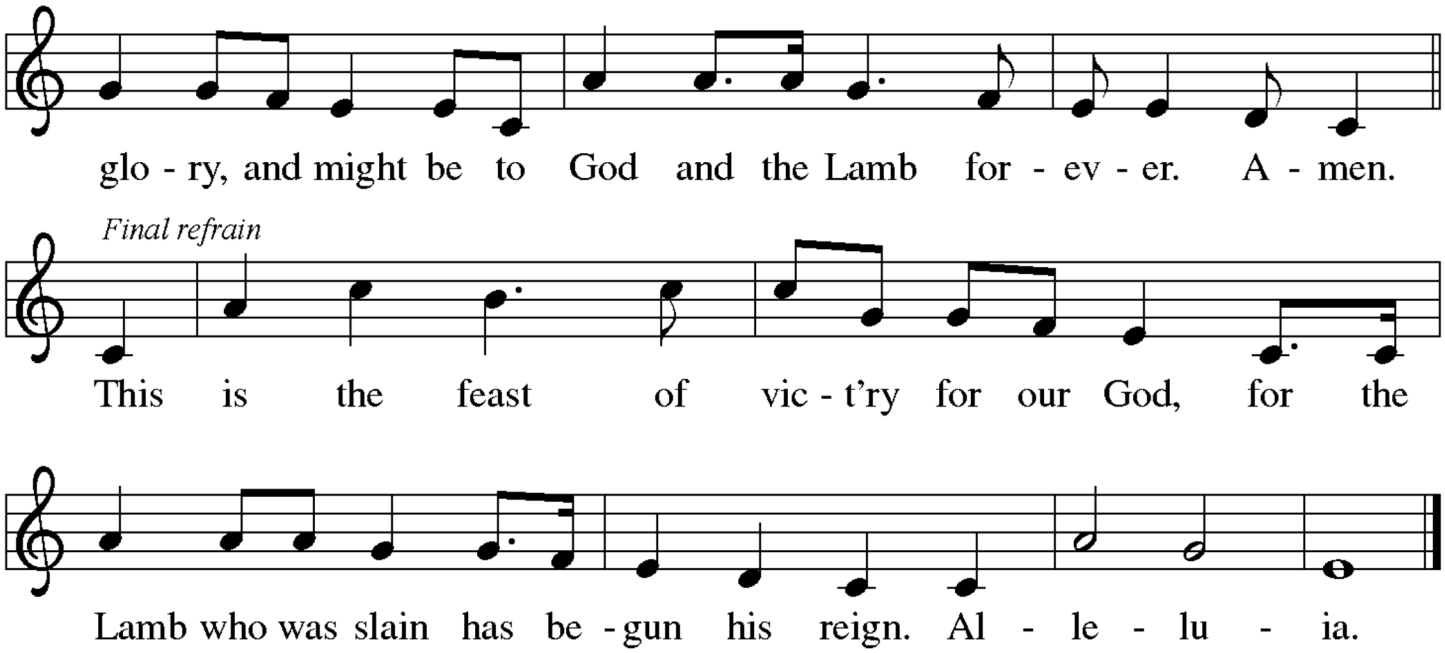
And also with you.

KYRIE


Refrain
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING **Amos 5: 18-24**

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM **Psalm 70**

read responsively

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver 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.
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 quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

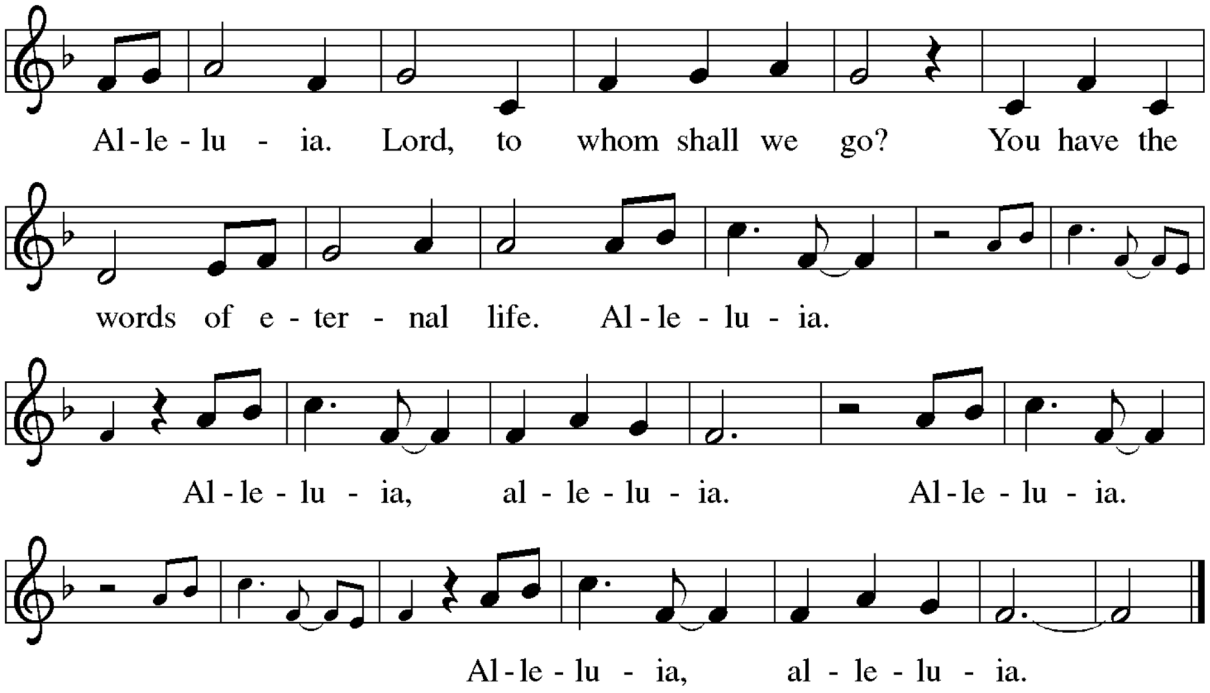
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Matthew 22: 1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON


1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,
Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.
roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,
This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

APOSTLES 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. Ame

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Each petition ends: God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

PEACE

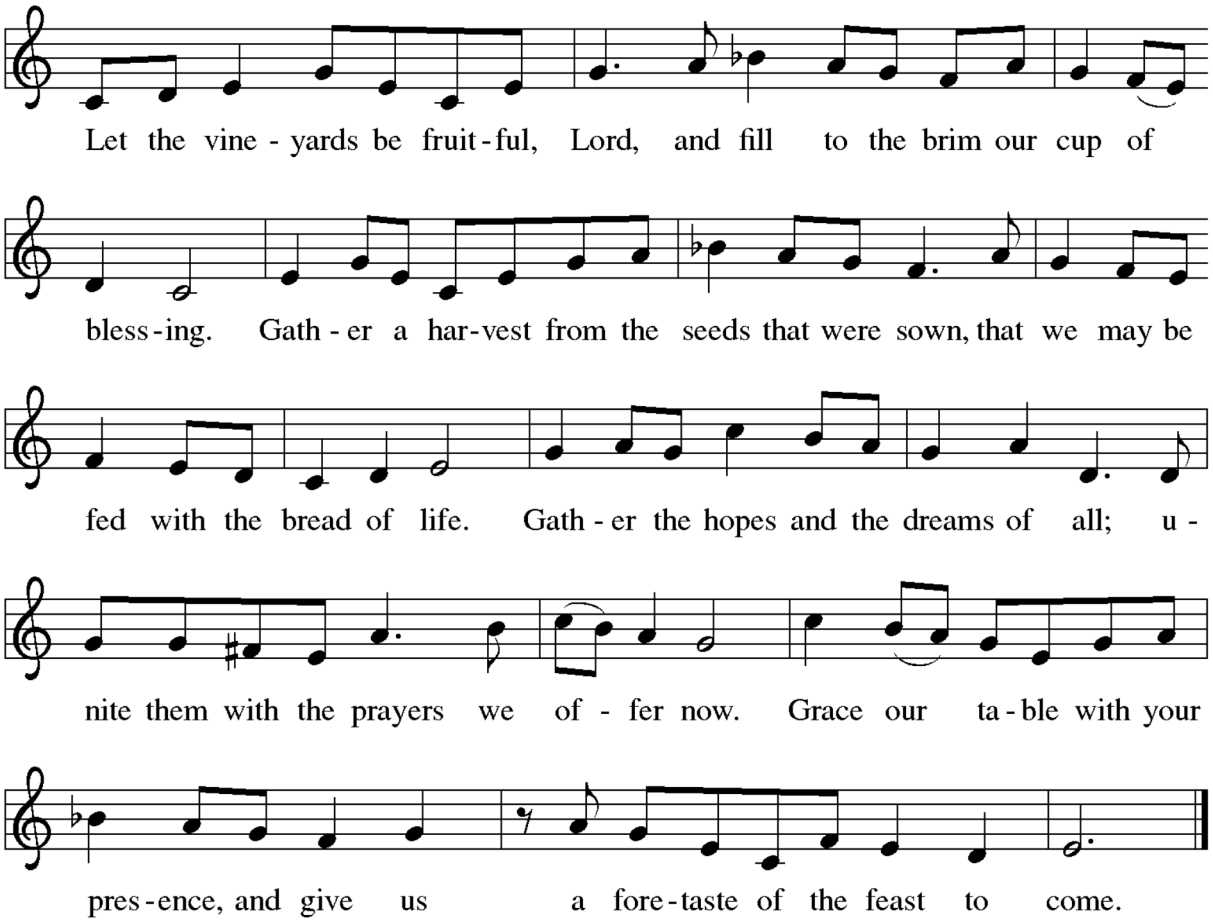
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

As church together we are dependent on one another to meet the financial needs of the congregation. We are grateful to all who generously support the mission we are called to share. In addition to giving during the passing of offering plates in worship, options for giving include

+ *mailing checks to the church office*
+ *using your personal bank's online bill payment system to set up a recurring gift*
+ *using St. John's online giving system to make one time and recurring gifts, using either a bank draft or a credit card. To access this online giving system, you can scan this QR code with your phone or tablet camera, or navigate to* ***www.SJBft.org/GiveToStJohns*** *on any browser*

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray

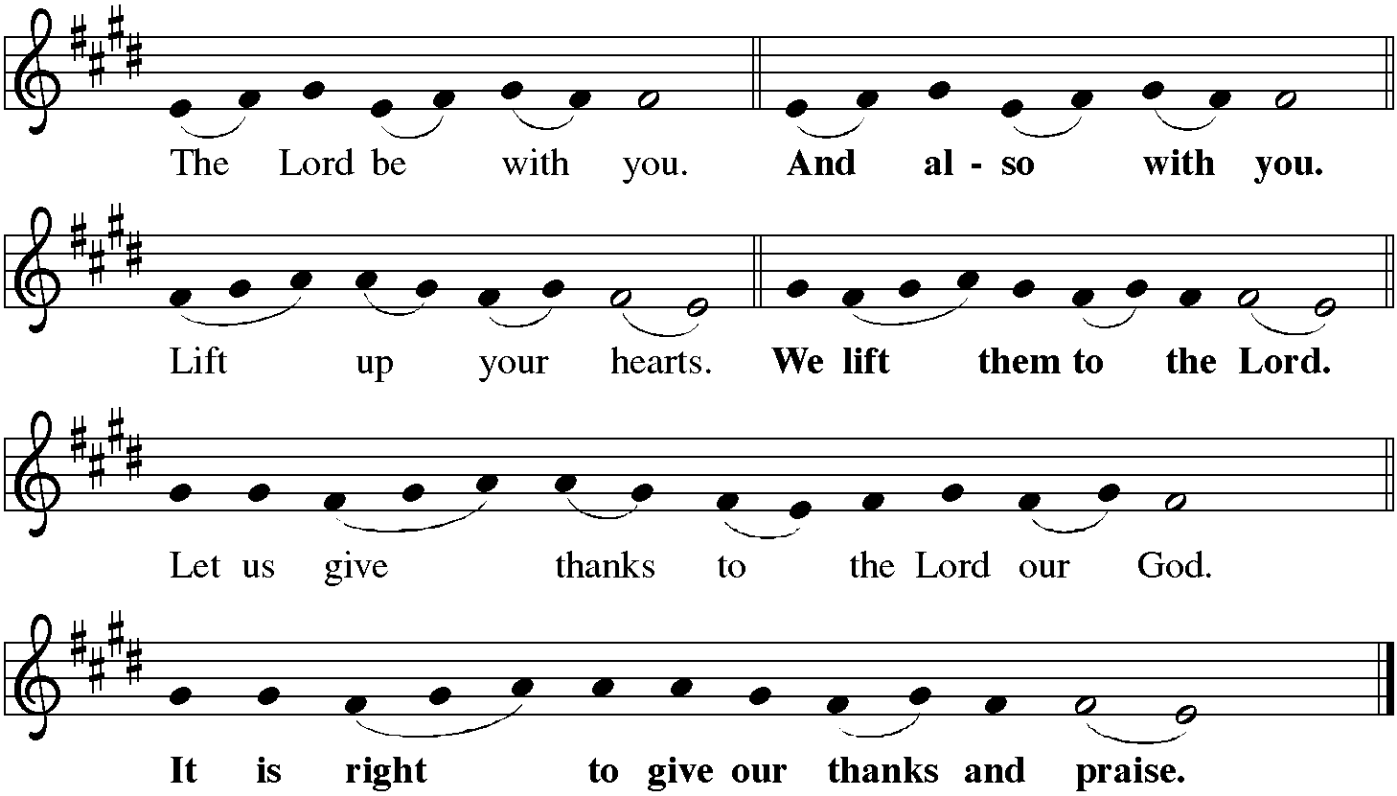
Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the Lord are invited to share in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine with his own body and blood, to gift us with grace, mercy, forgiveness, community, and new life.

Because all are not able to gather in person, we also celebrate Holy Communion together in streaming worship. Households unable to gather in person may prepare bread and wine, taking them together as a community gathered, even while distanced. Any kind of bread or cracker and any kind of wine or juice may be used.

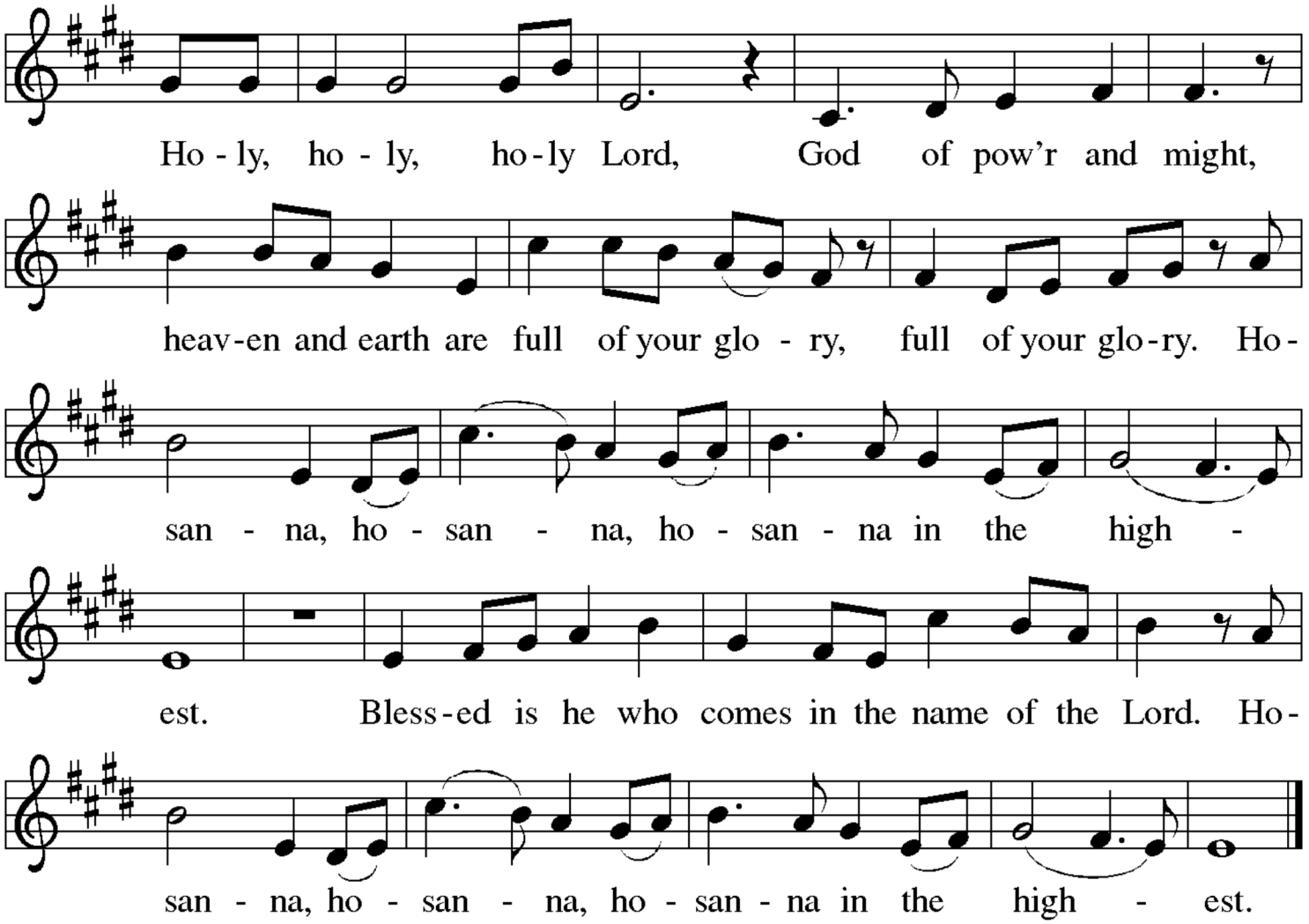
Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms at your heart.



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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

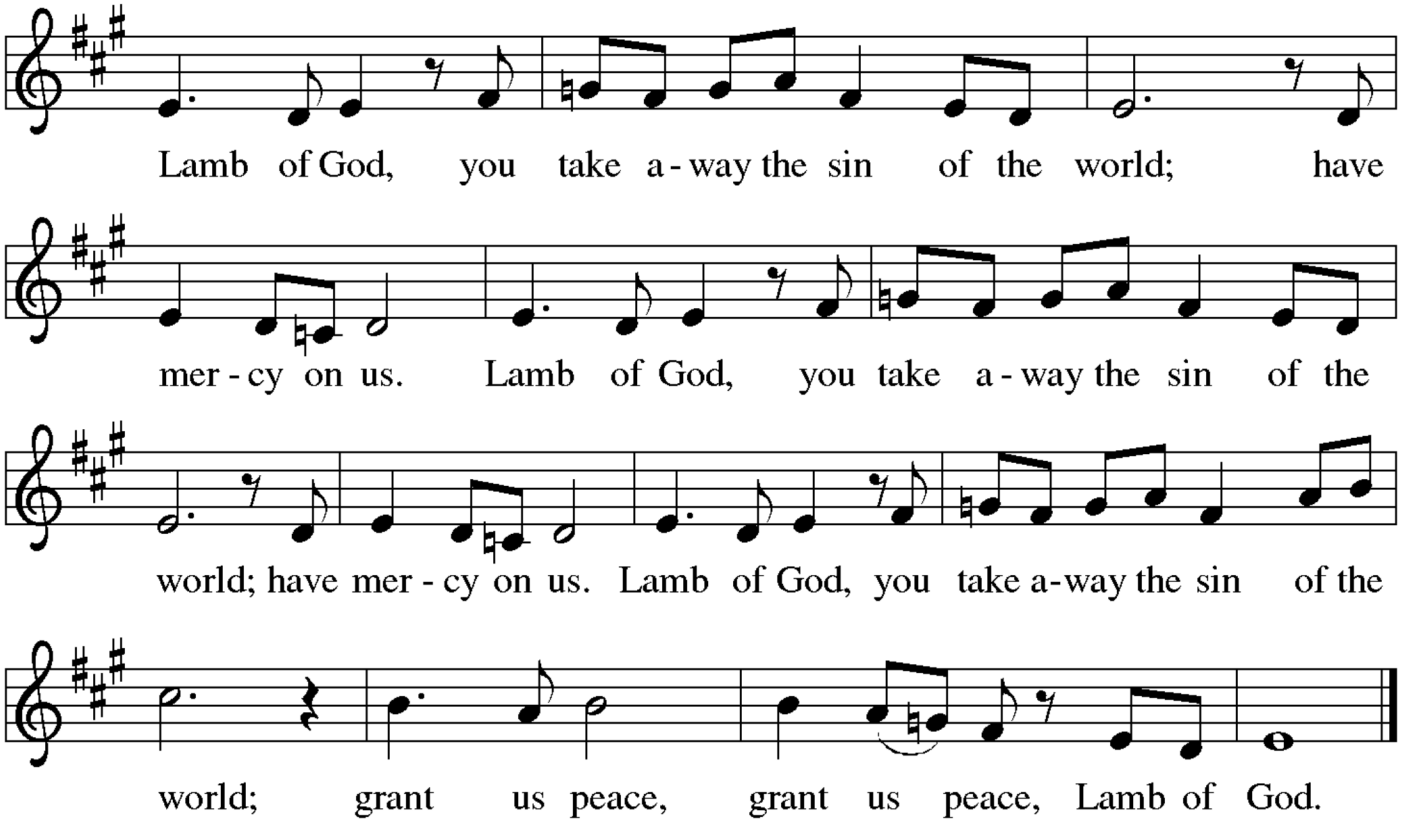
LORD'S PRAYER

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, 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG



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BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,
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.**

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN ***Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*** **ELW 441**
on the following page


1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has
heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the
new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless-ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

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8:15 AM Service	Today November 8	Next week November 15
Reader	Renee Park	Doug Morton
Communion Assistant	Ludovic Lopez	Fred Park
Ushers	Sarah Anderson Tammy Verheyden	Theresa Blackburn Sona Lyttle
Acolyte	Molly Ferguson	Zachary Baskwell
Sound	Tim Bockelman	Kris Cianci
Camera	Theresa Blackburn	Curt Cianci
Hosting	Dorinda Selby	Dorinda Selby
10:30 AM Service		
Reader	Jenny Stoddard	Perry Dukes
Communion Assistant	Brenda Colwell	Susan Heim
Ushers	Jim and Pat Palmer	Jim and Brenda Colwell
Sound	Larry Barone	Perry Dukes
Altar Team	Rhoda Moore and Melinda Ellis	

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Mission Statement:
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Core Values:
We hear the Good News of God's Love in worship and scripture.
All are welcome and valued, with no exceptions.
We serve and help our neighbors, community, and those who are in need.
We love, care for, nourish, and support one another.
We are boldly generous with time, talents, space, and resources.

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The Altar flowers are given by the Moore and Ellis families
to the Glory of God
and in memory of their father, Wilson Moore.

The flowers were arranged by Claria Gorgen.

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