CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
ZIONSVILLE



25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**

Setting 3

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers during the offering.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the worship service or utilizes our nursery, we hope you will feel welcome and comfortable.

Livestream Notice

Today's service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE **His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet** **Keith**

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

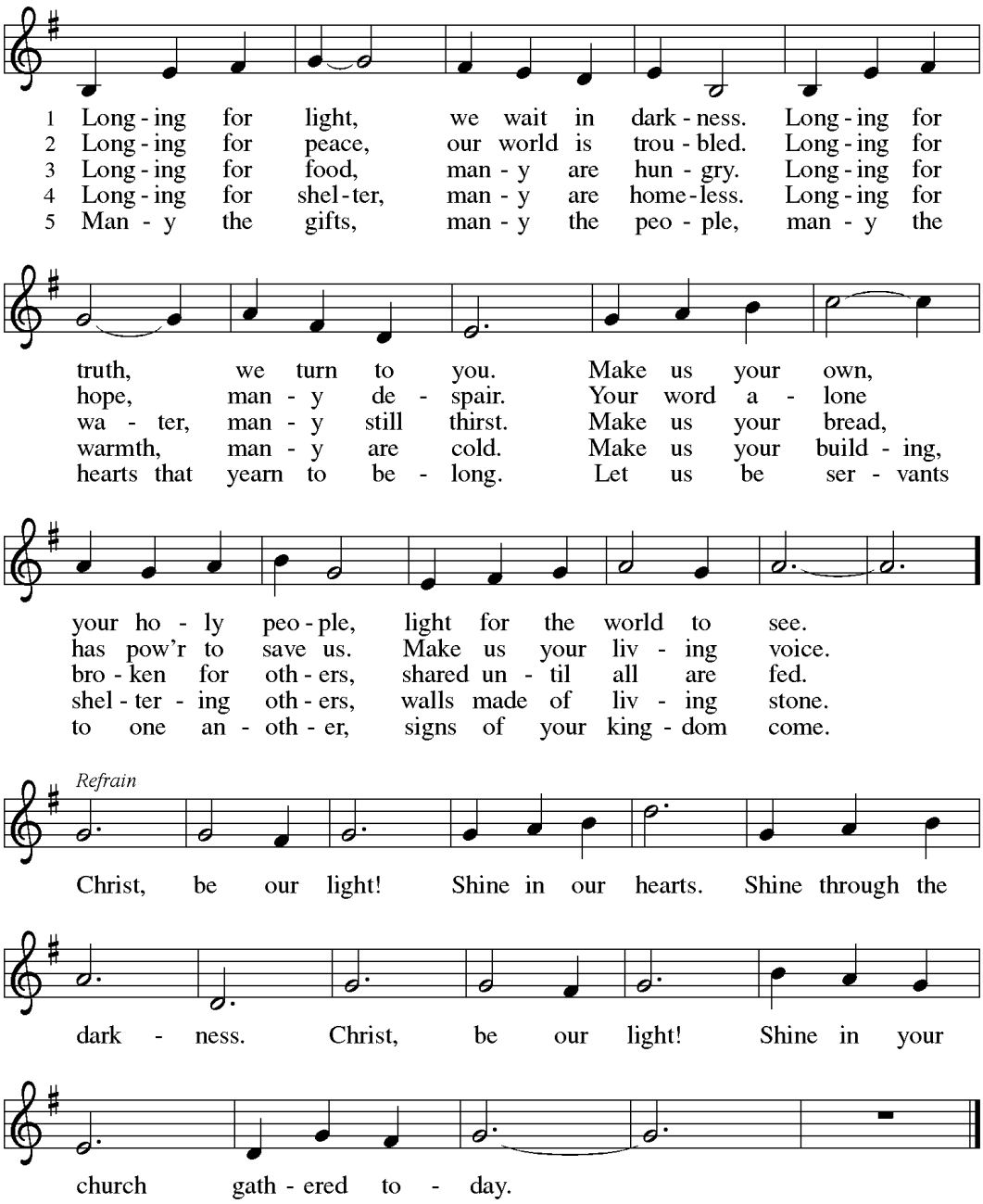
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection as we come before God with our own individual sins before confessing our corporate sins.

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.
Amen.

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

GATHERING SONG **Christ, Be our Light** **ELW 715**

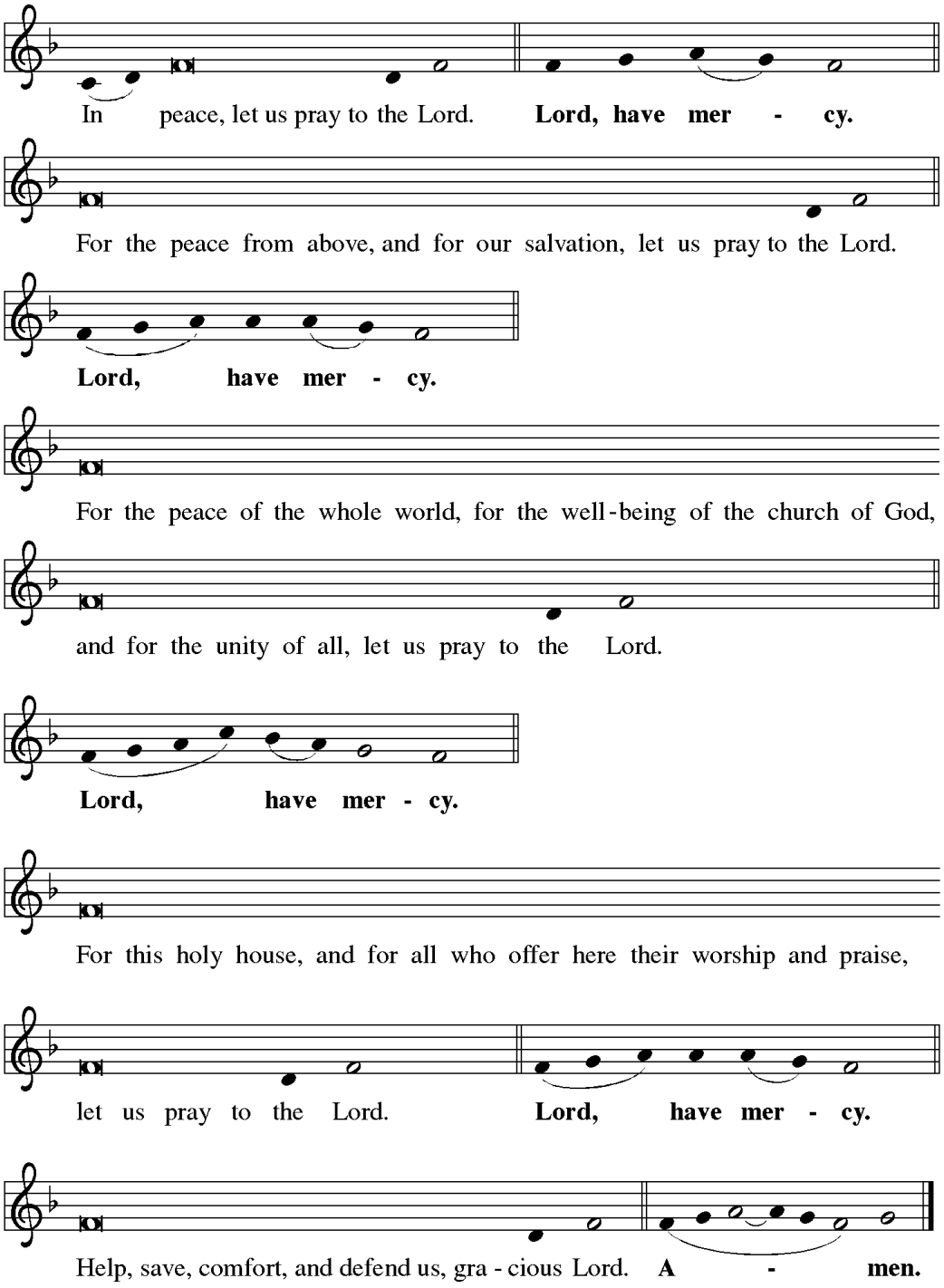


GREETING

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.

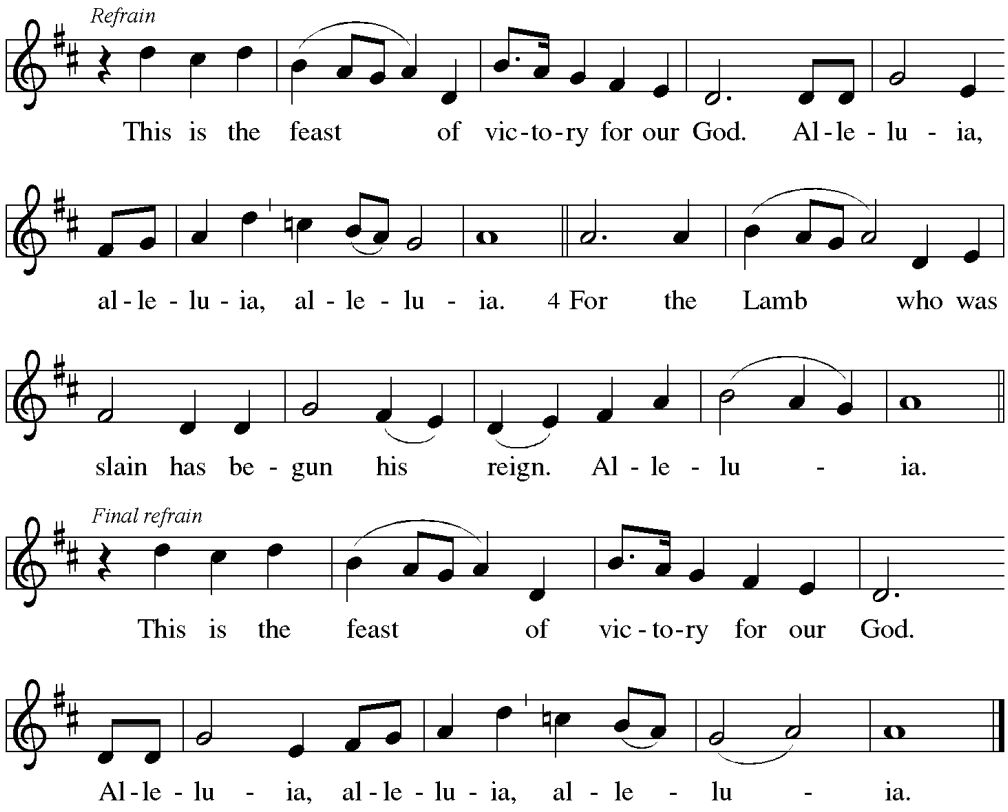
KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

Please be seated.

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

L A reading from Zephaniah.

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.

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."
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.

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.
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,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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.
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.

PSALM 90:1-12

L Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
**C Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**
L You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
**C For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**
L you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
L For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
C Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
L When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
C 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.
L Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
C So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L Word of God, Word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30
P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Angie Eugenio**

SERMON **Pastor Lecia Beck**

Please stand as you are able after the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **O Christ the Same** **WOV 778**



Please be seated.

BLESSING OF HATS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AM Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
A brief silence.

AM 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.

AM 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.

AM 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 hear our prayer.

AM 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 especially for **John, Judy, Bob, Jim, DeEtta, Nathan, Lorie, Barb, Jo Anne, Algis, Dalia, Marla, Hannah, Ray, Janice, Charlotte,** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

AM Bless all who serve in congregational leadership. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

AM 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, including Rita Tarks. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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

Please stand as you are able.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Share the peace with people around you through a handshake, a bow, a wave or another way to convey peace and reconciliation as this ritual intends.

Please be seated.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS
God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or by scanning the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our Financial Secretary for more information at giving@clczionsville.org.

OFFERING **Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending** **arr. Hobby**



Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY SONG **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



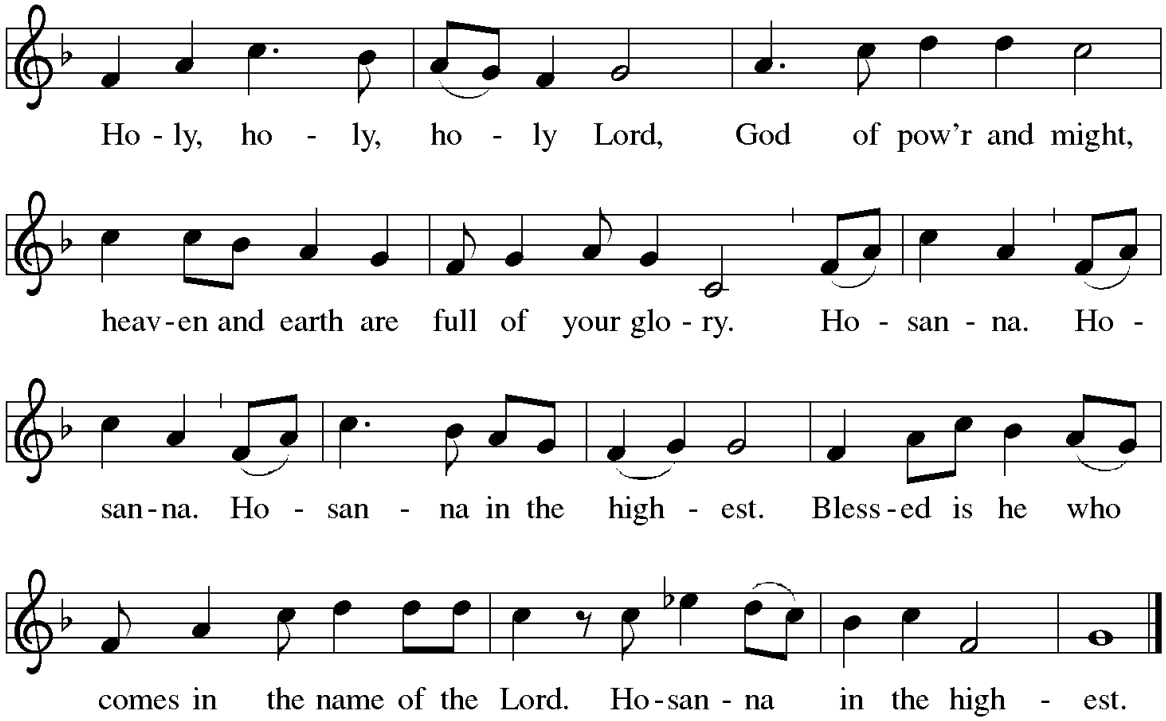
OFFERING PRAYER
AM Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

+MEAL+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
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, 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
P Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

P 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,
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 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.

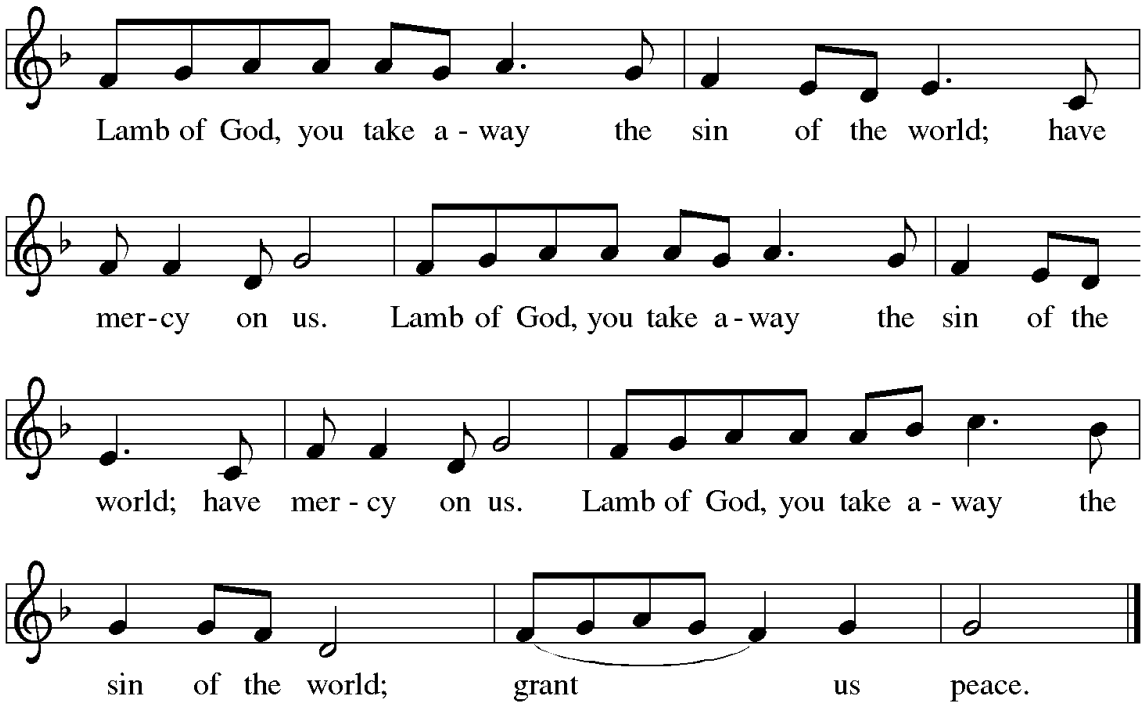
LORD'S PRAYER
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the 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.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION
*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion, don't hesitate to ask. The elements will be brought to you. You will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words "**the body of Christ, given for you.**" Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, "**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**"*

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able for the blessing.

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 **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** **ELW 632**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Sing Aloud, to God, Our Strength** **Hughes**

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~In celebration of Autumn family birthdays~

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Preacher & Presider:	Pastor Lecia Beck
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Assisting Minister:	Bob Russell
Lector:	Mary Steinke
Communion Assistants:	Andi Hardesty, Gene Naucas
Greeter:	Brian Hardesty
Usher:	Roger Burrus
Nursery:	Chris Emsley
Hospitality:	Gretchen Jeffers, Julia Hill
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