Stewardship Sunday

November 15, 2026



ELW SETTING 6

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE "Holy God We Praise Your Name" Flor Peeters

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.

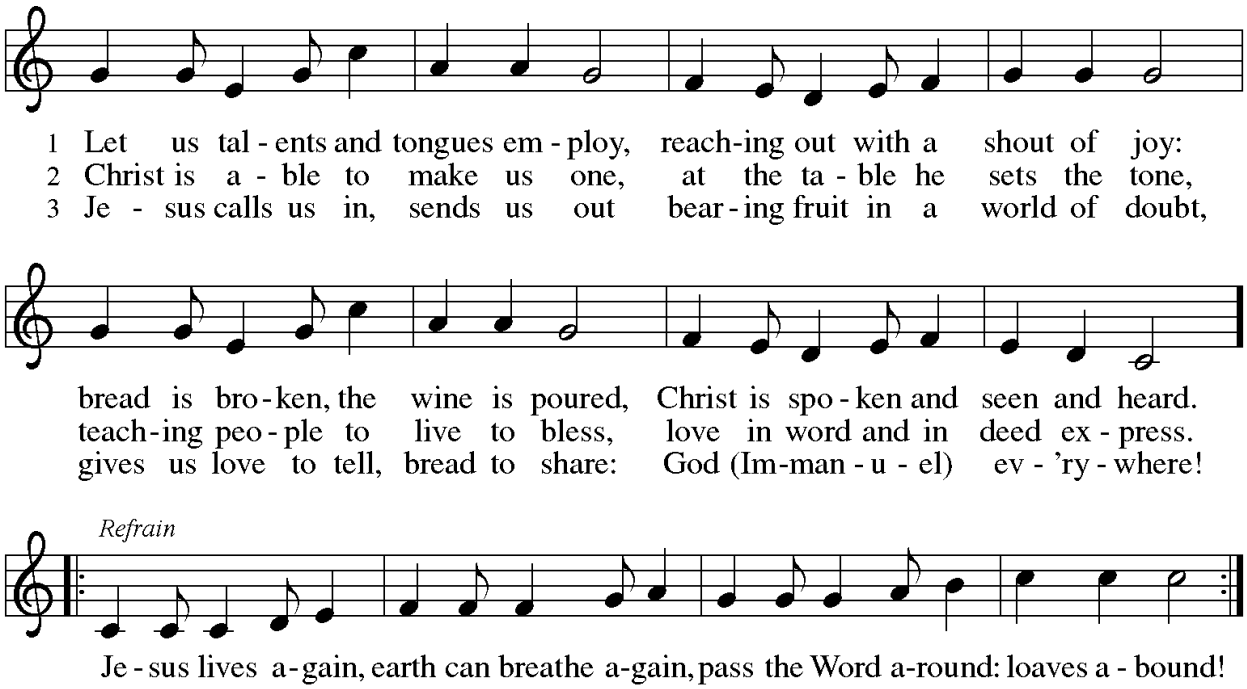
P Holy God,

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.
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 HYMN "Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ" ELW 674



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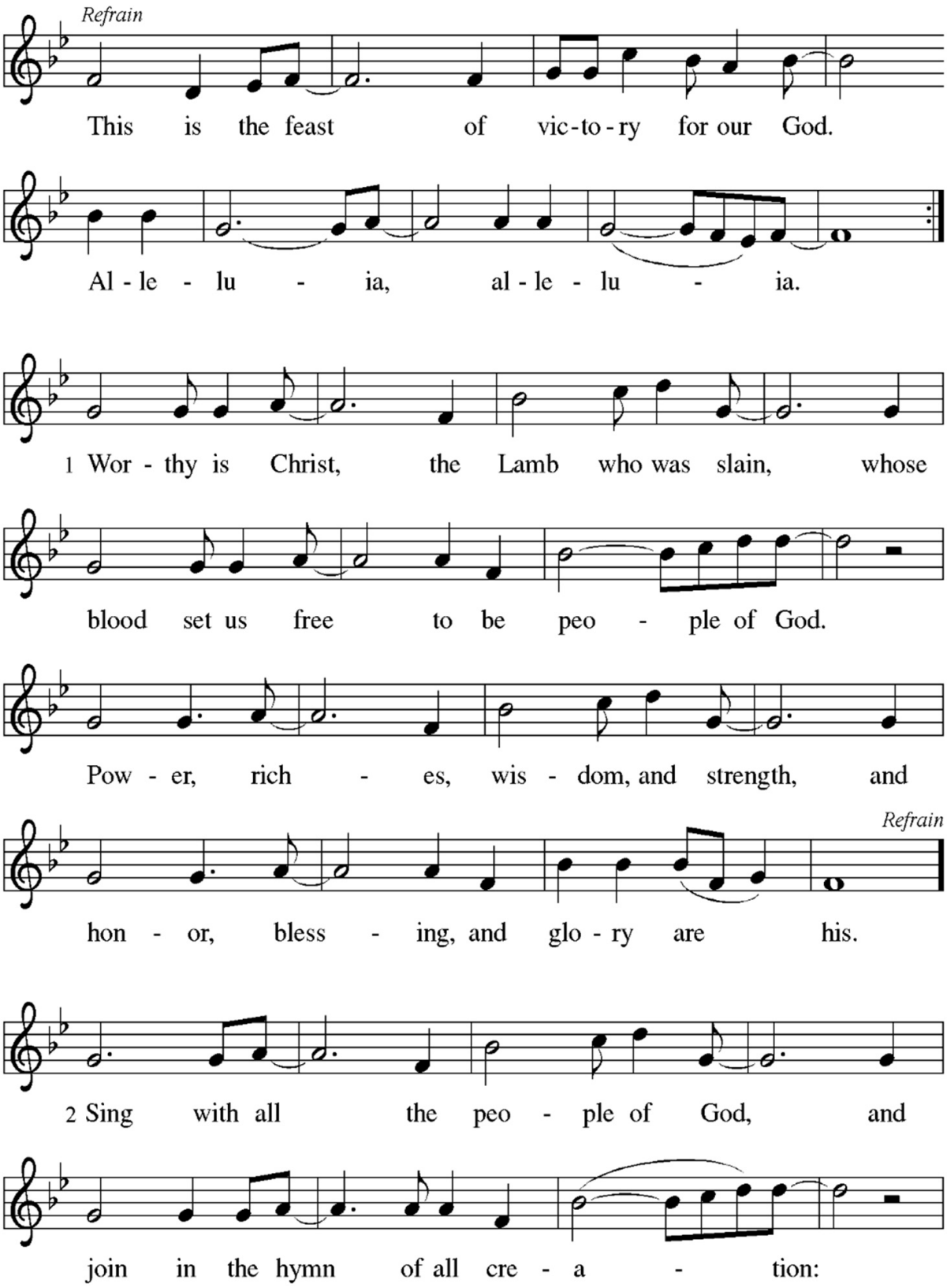
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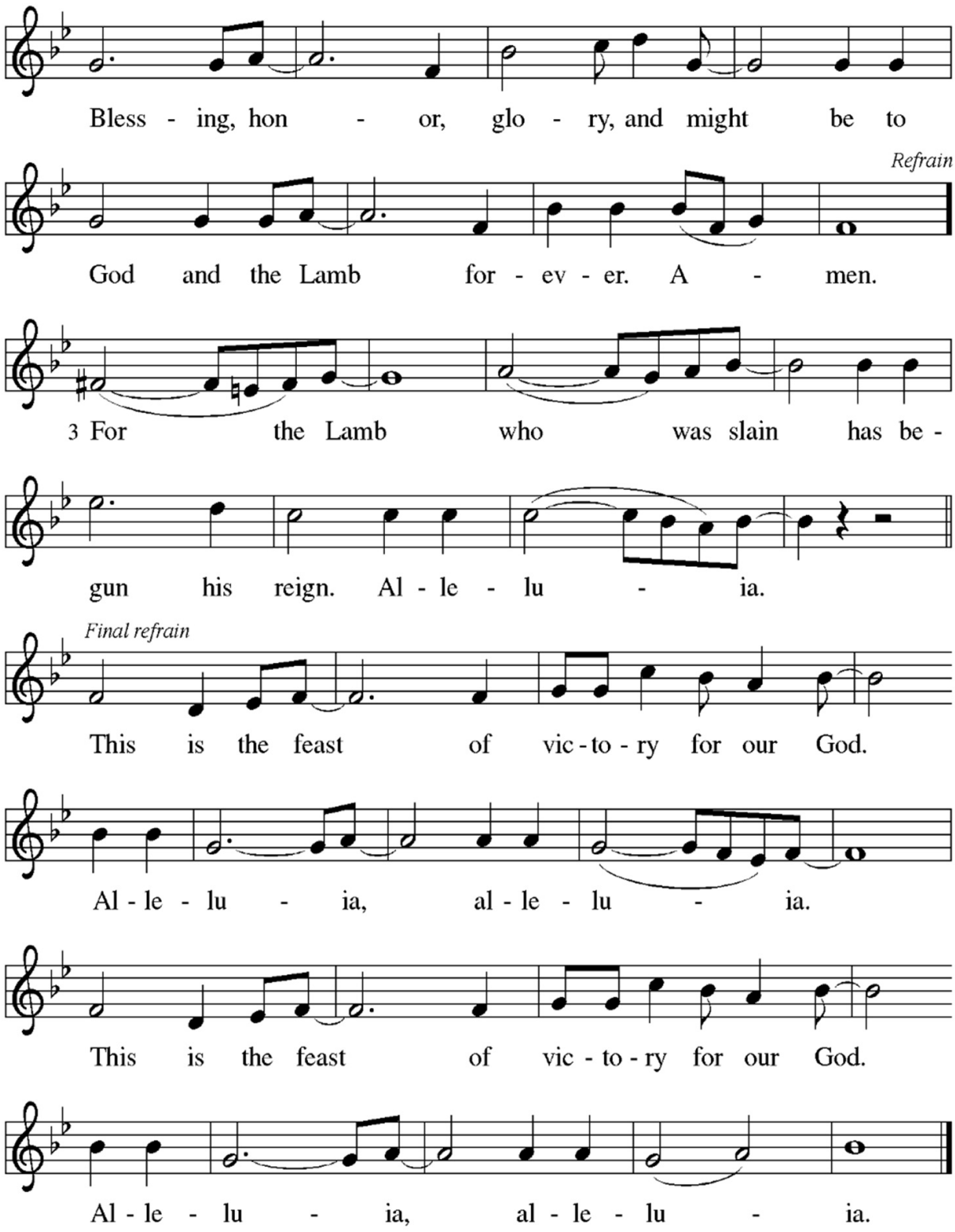
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE




Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

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.

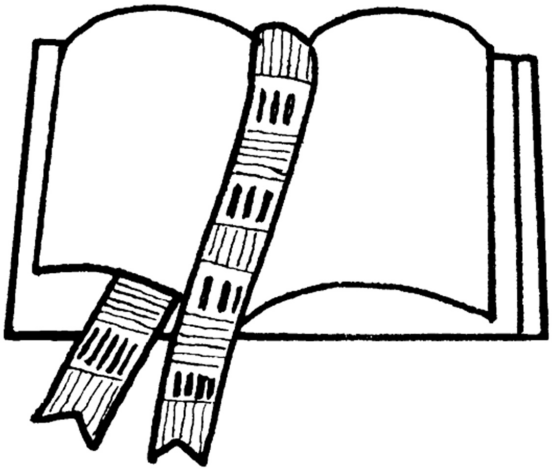
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,"The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit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

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



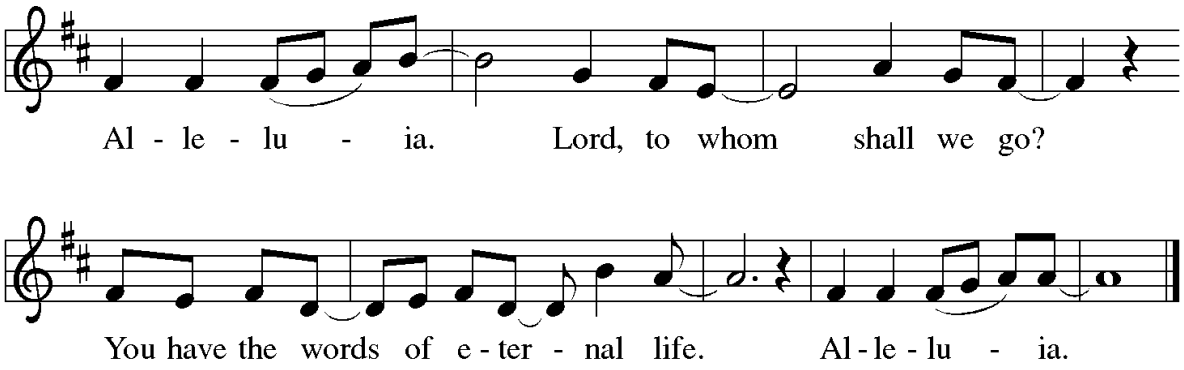
SECOND READING **Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [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.' "

A The Gospel of the Lord.
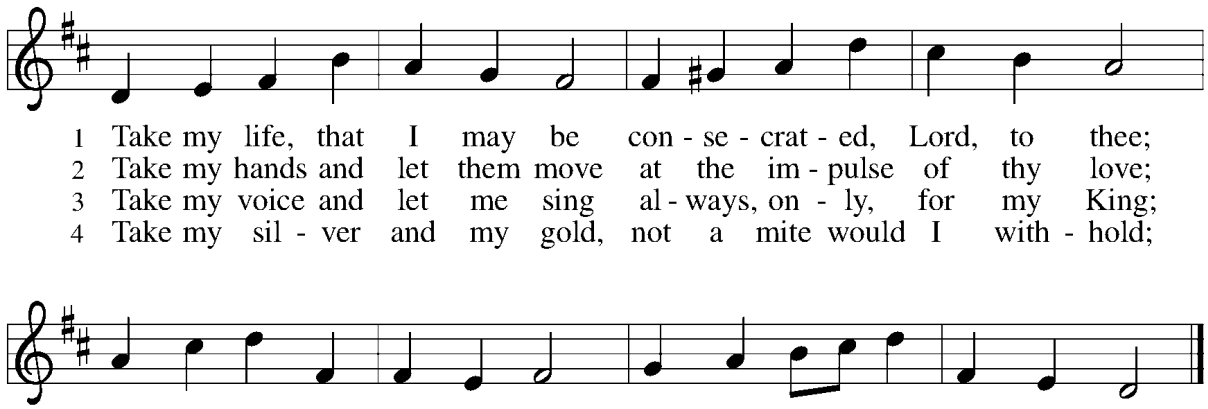
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON **Pastor Tim Linstrom**

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.
Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A 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.

A 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. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke), and **Nicholas Gawor** (friend of the Weglarz's). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Chris Miller, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Paul Stortz** (uncle of Kelly Wittich), **Sharon Currier** (sister of Eileen Weglarz), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Grace Nelson,** (granddaughter of Jeanne & Barry), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencls), **Sheryl Hartman** (cousin of Daaron Dohler), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney** (friends of the Weglarzs), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita and Reggie Spears** (relative & friends of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

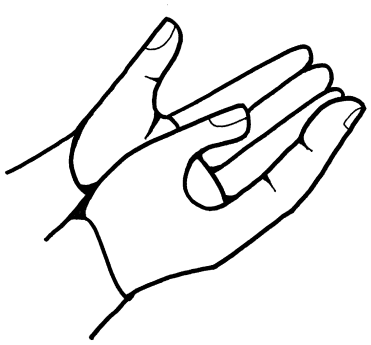
C **hear our prayer.**

A 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 **hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**



Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Be the Light of Christ" Wes Cameron
Adult Choir

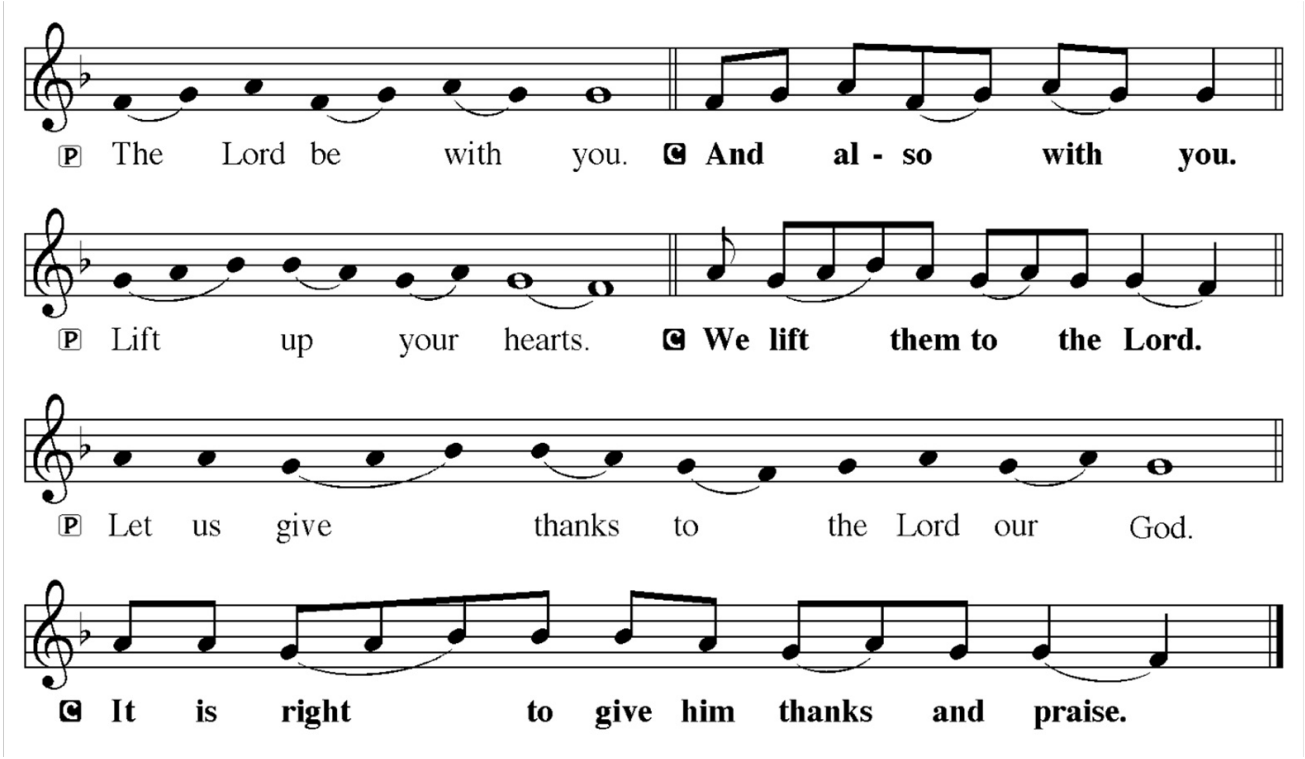
Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

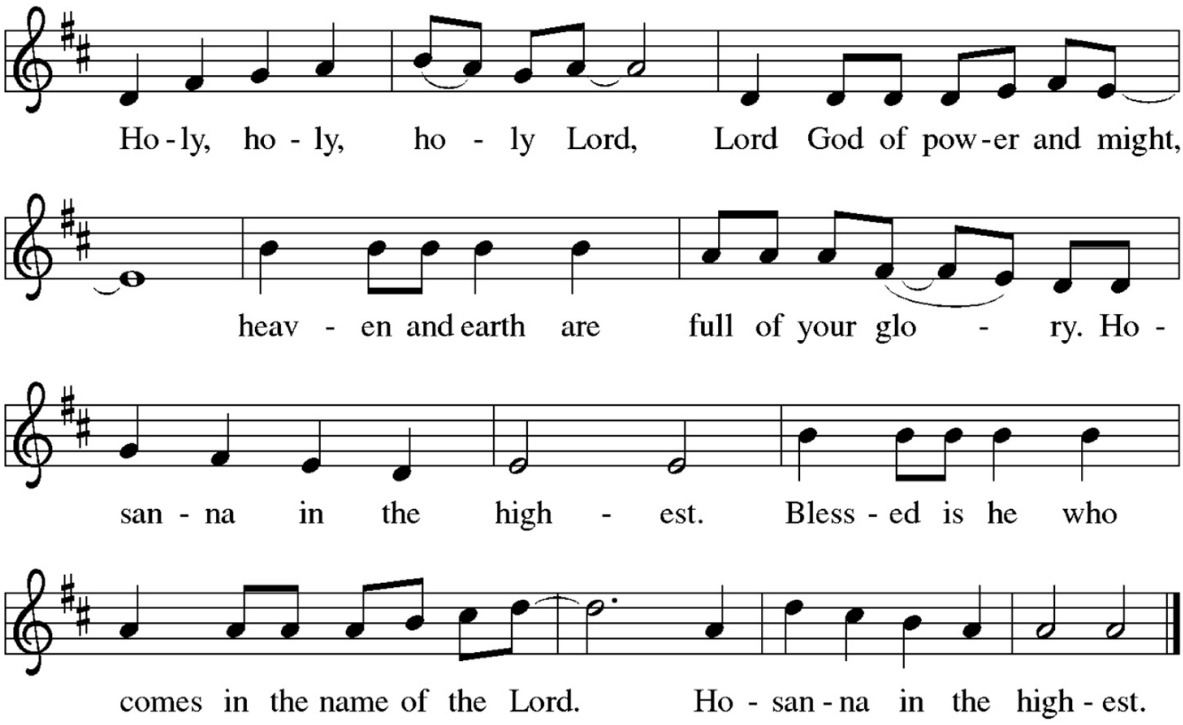
A Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Let us pray together as our Lord 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.

Please be seated

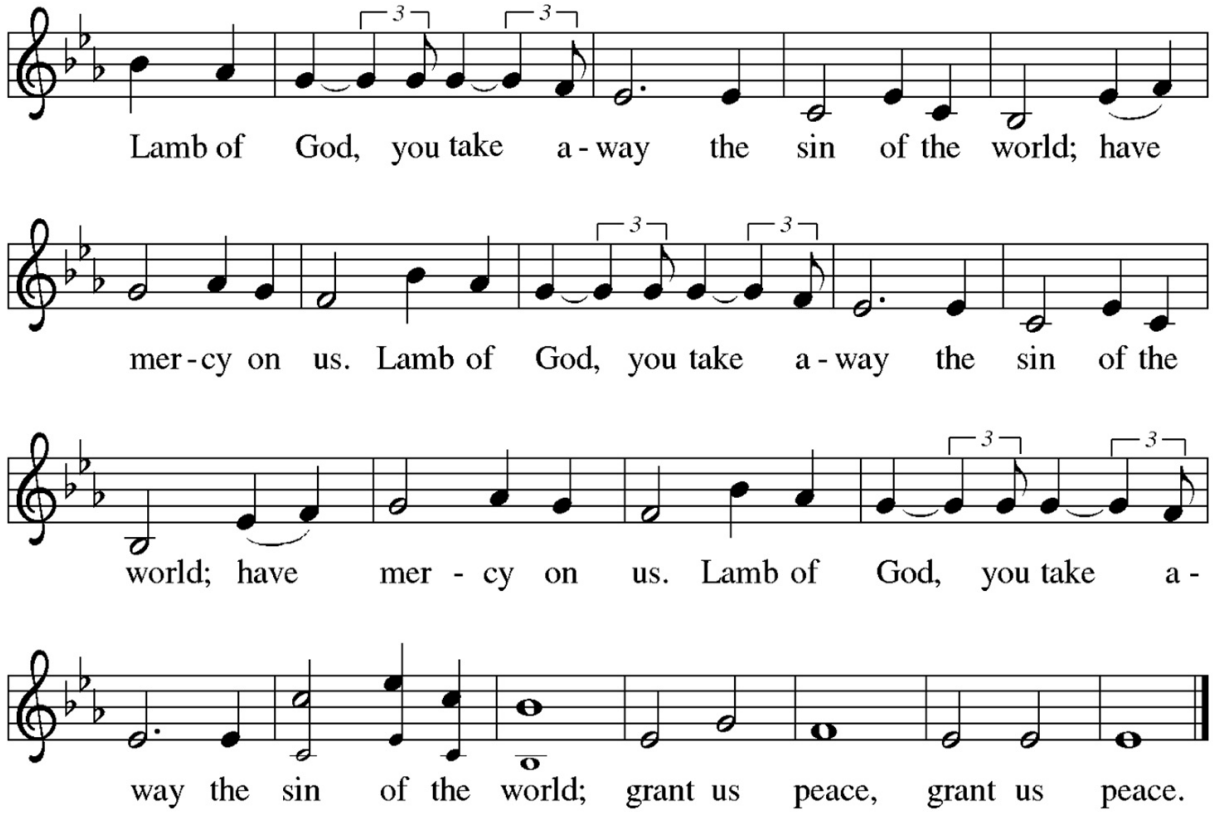
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

C **Amen.**



COMMUNION CANTICLE

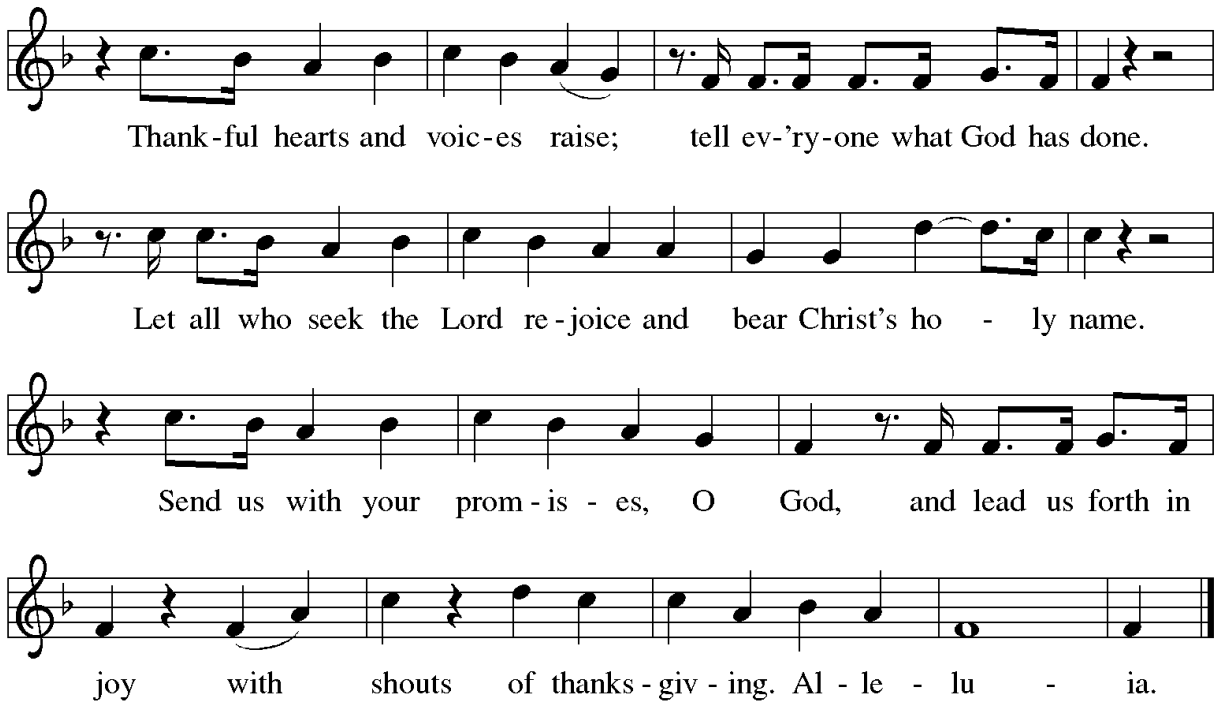


Please stand after all have been communed

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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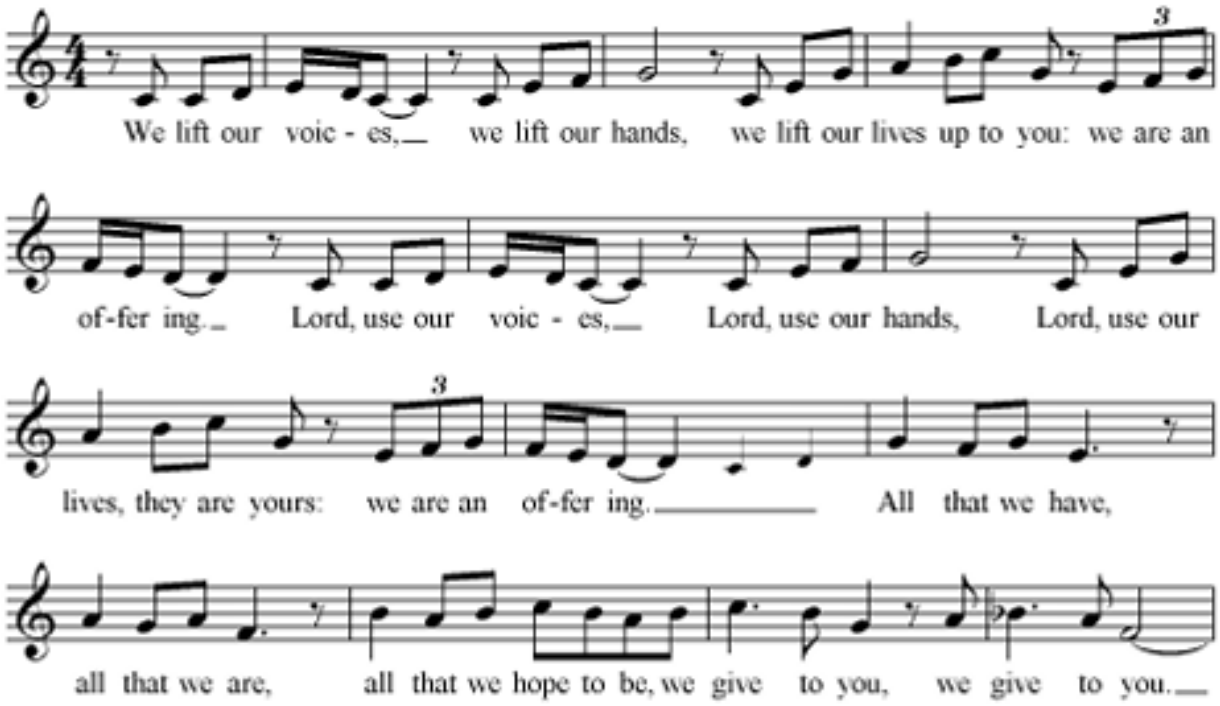
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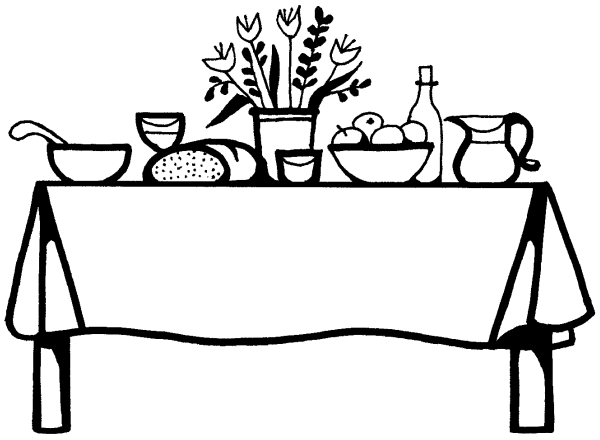
P The holy Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C Amen.

TIME OF COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT HYMN "We Are An Offering" ELW 692





STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY — Today, Sunday, November 15th is Stewardship Sunday. Please join us for the celebration luncheon immediately following worship.

Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Labellarte's in honor of Olivia's first birthday.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE — November 26, 9:30am
We have a lot to be thankful for. Let us worship together to praise God for all the wonderful blessings. Invite family and friends to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."

HANGING OF THE GREENS — November 30th After our 9:30 worship service, we will be preparing the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons by putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. This will be a fun event for your whole family to enjoy and participate in. Mark your calendar and join us as we all work together to make our worship space festive and beautiful for the holidays.

ANGEL TREE — One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with children in need. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. These children have come to be called our "angels".We strive to provide each child with an age-appropriate toy, an article of warm clothing (like a shirt, pants, sweatsuit etc.) and a new or gently used book. At this time we do not have the wish list from Lutheran Day Nursery. We will share an update via the weekly email and bulletin when that is available. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport 773-844-7542 karikdavenport@yahoo.com

COOL PANTRY — COOL will focus on donations for Veterans during the month of November. Toothbrushes, washcloths, paper towels and shampoo are a few of the items that are needed. There is a specific contribution box in the gathering space marked Veterans with an extended list of needs. Thank you for your participation!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We will be taken a couple of weeks to celebrate Thanksgiving and then resuming on December 3rd for an Advent-oriented study in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and from each other, so don't miss this opportunity to grow in understanding and faith. And we always close our time together in prayer.

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS — The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.

LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

WITHOUT EXCEPTION,

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WELCOMES YOU TODAY!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes
all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate
the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;
We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;
We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;
We welcome all people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression;
We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;
We welcome all regardless of socioeconomic status;
We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;
We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;
We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday November 15	8:30 am	Choir
	Stewardship Committment Sunday	
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday November 17	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Choir
Thursday November 19	9:30 am	Prayer Group
Sunday November 22	8:30 am	Choir
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bell Choir

Pastor	Rev. Timothy Linstrom
Office Manager	Ciara Crews
Youth Choir Director:	Bill Vaananen,
Adult Choir Director and Organist	Karen M. Jirsa
Children's Ministry Director	Jennifer Williams
Assistant Minister	Jan Schwanke
Ushers	Corey Kalas
Greeters	Brian & Jack Burseth, Jerry Mason
Communion Deacons	Mike Pedersen, Trudy Bettiker
Live Streaming	Daaron Dohler
Church Office Summer Hours:	Monday— Friday 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
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