

November 14-15, 2026

Pentecost 25

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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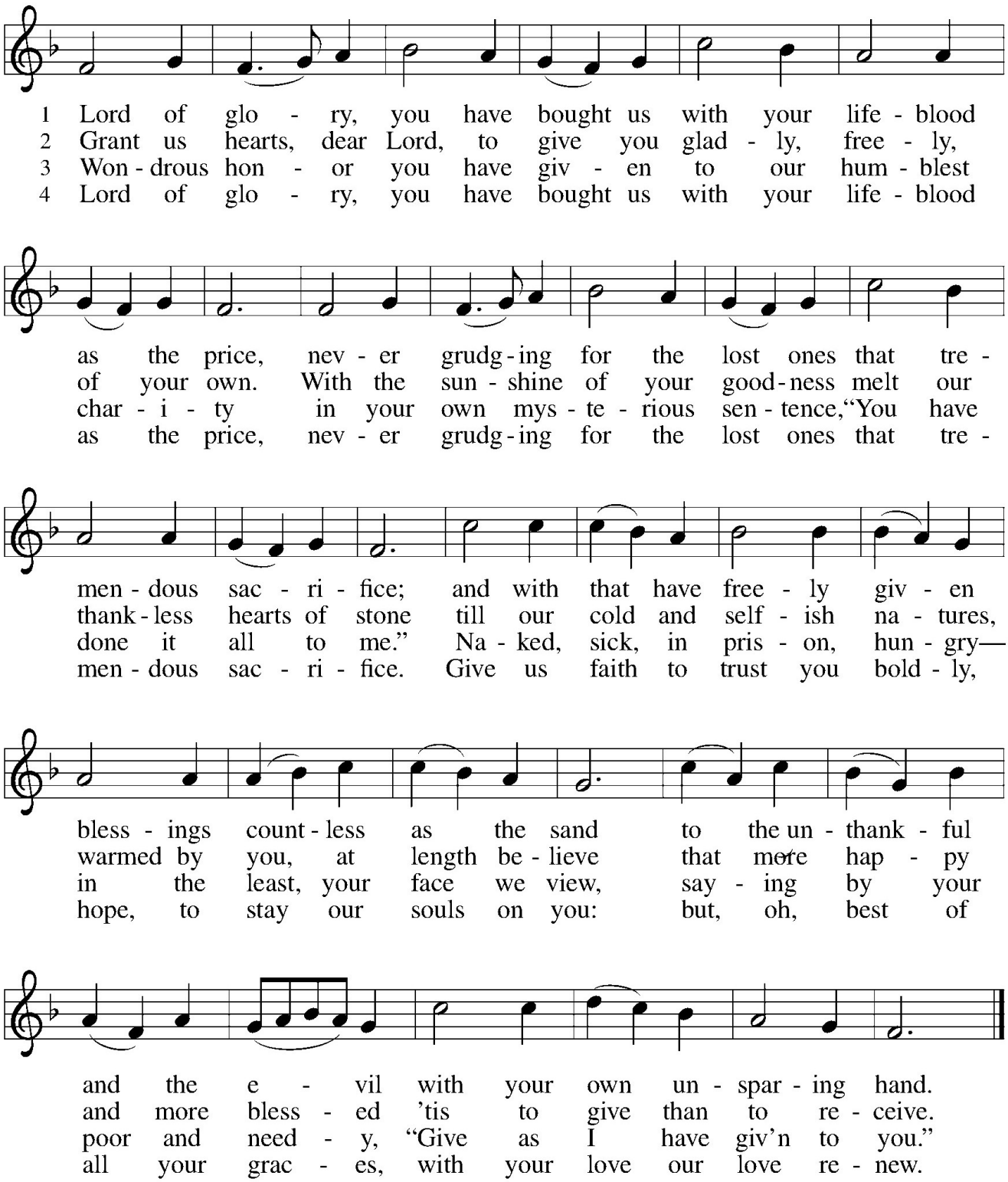
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

*HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #707

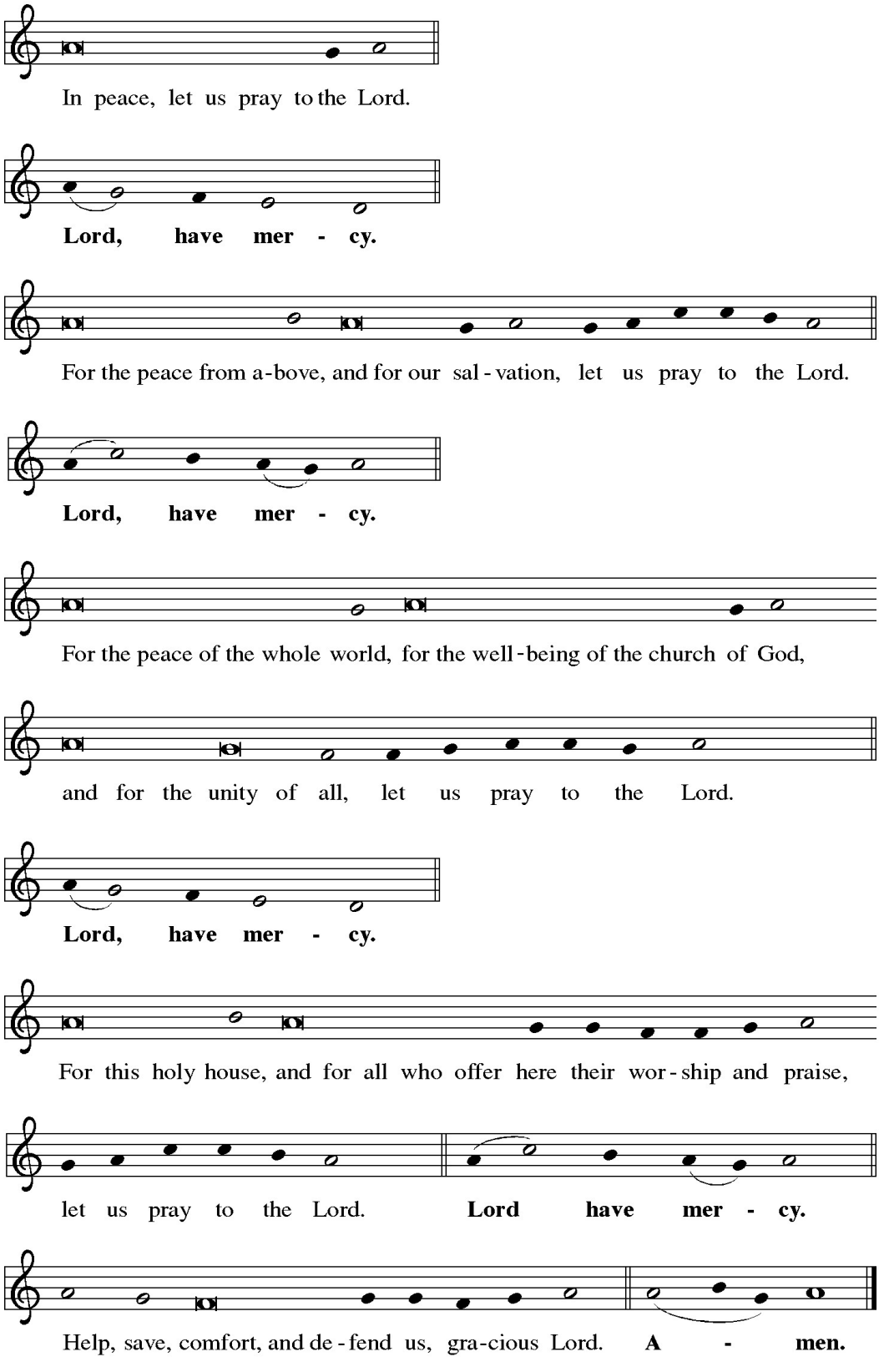


Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***GREETING** page 147 (in front of the hymnal)
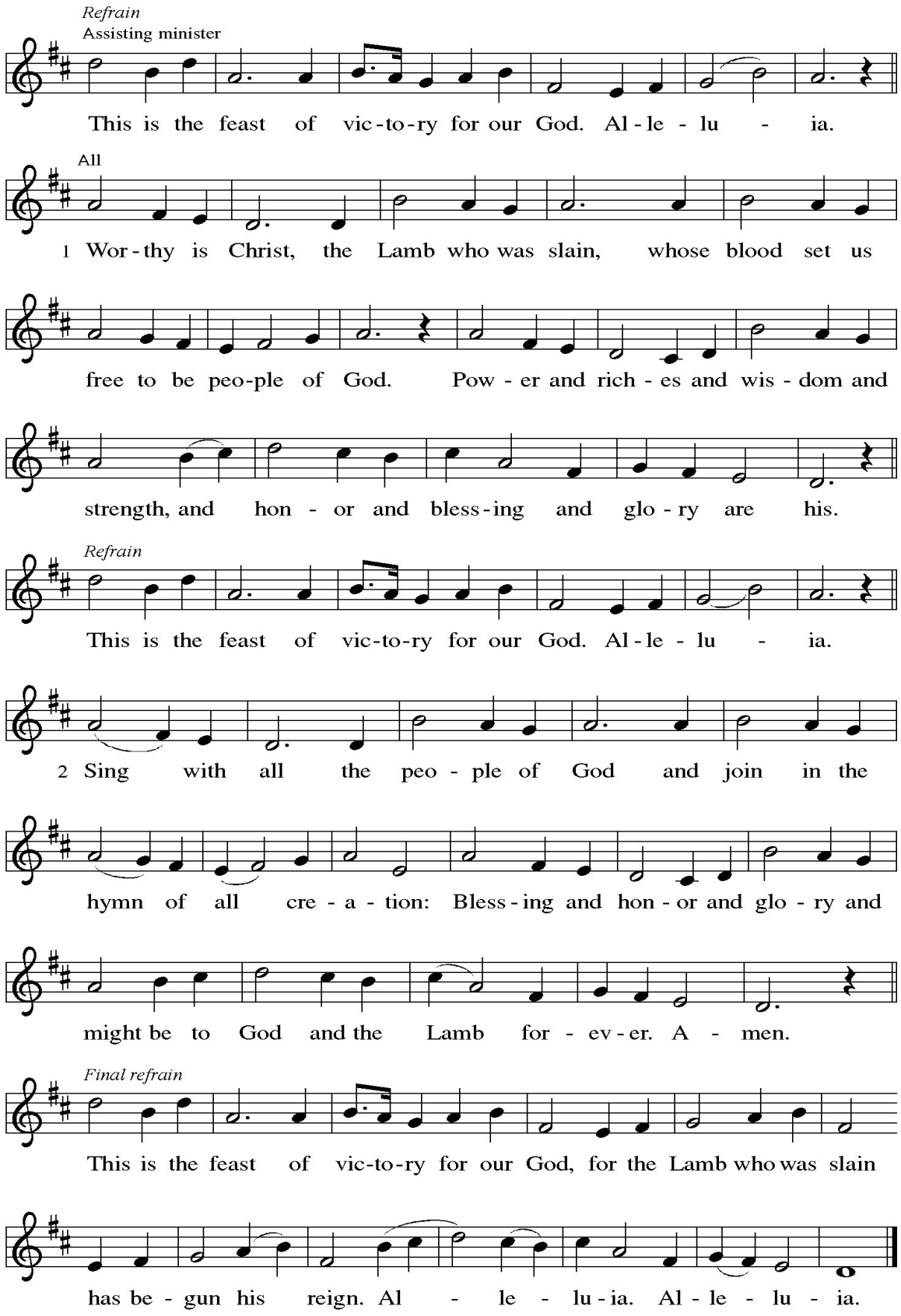
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE** page 147 (in front of the hymnal)



*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

page 149 (in front of the hymnal)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Senior Choir 10:30 AM
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

As the anthem is sung please use this time for prayer and meditation. As the music concludes we ask you to continue in silence. No applause please!

READING Joshua 3: 1-5, 10; 4:1-11

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, [2]"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." [3]So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. [4]Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" [5]And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth…[10]When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

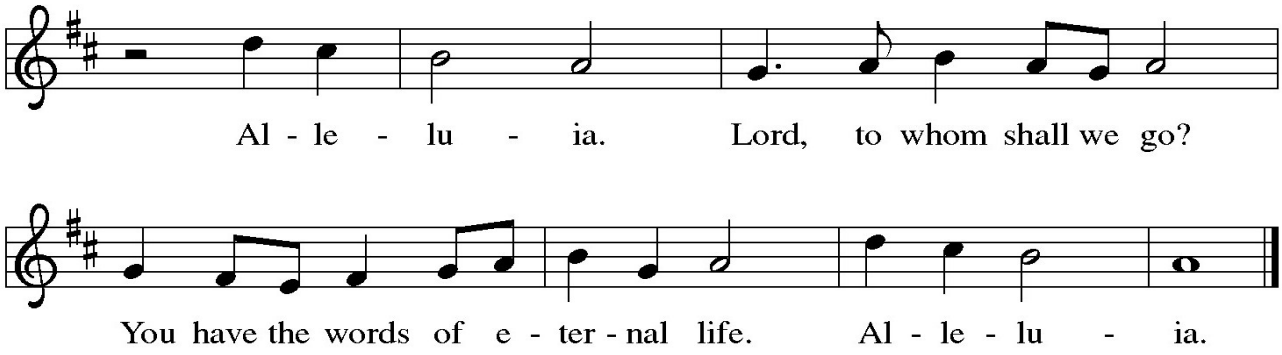
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. [2]He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. [3]And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." [4]And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" [5]Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. [6]The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. [7]But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. [8]When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." [9]But God said to Jonah, "Is it

right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." [10]Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. [11]And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 151 (in front of the hymnal)



***GOSPEL** Matthew 25: 14-30

The Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
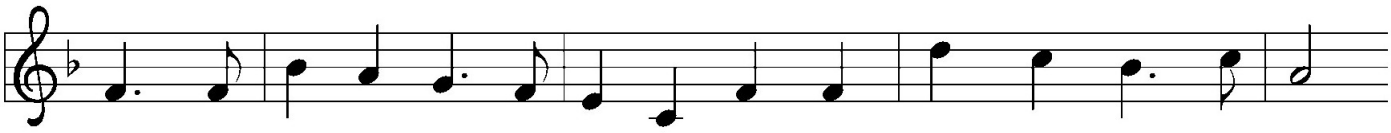
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14]"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16]the one who had received the five talents 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.’
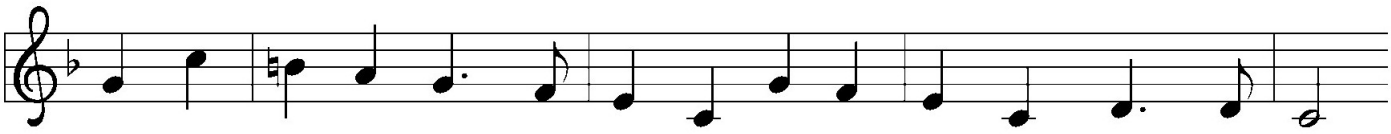
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
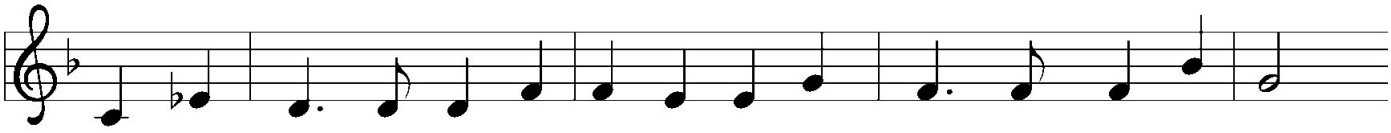
***HYMN** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" **#678**
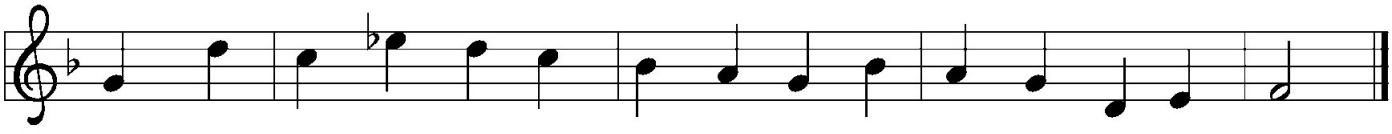


1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim-ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006
Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

*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.

*PRAYERS

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

*(After a brief silence…The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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. Accompany those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Bobbie and Errol. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

Guide your servants as we pray for them to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Maci and Camden as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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,
hear our prayer.

P: 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.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

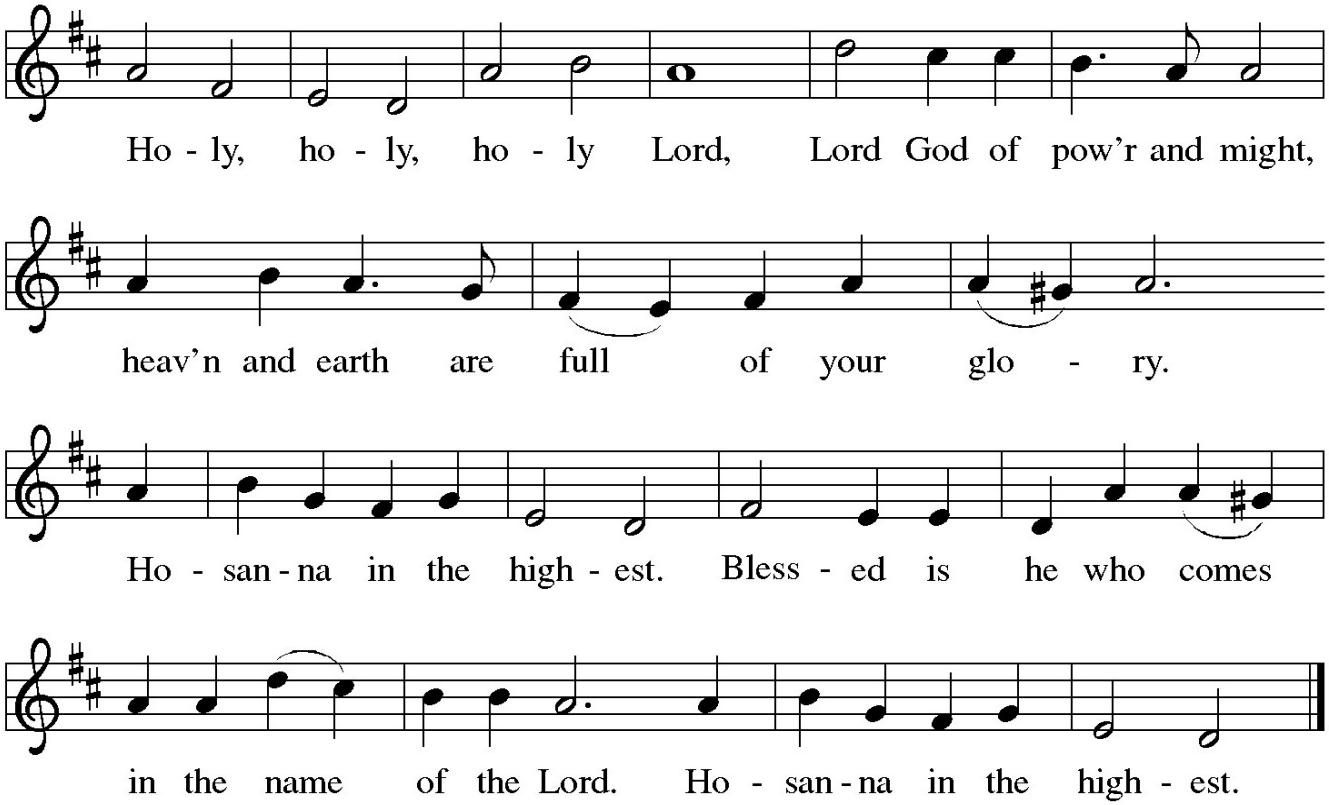
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our 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:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

*LORD'S PRAYER page 154 *(in front of hymnal)*

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, as 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.

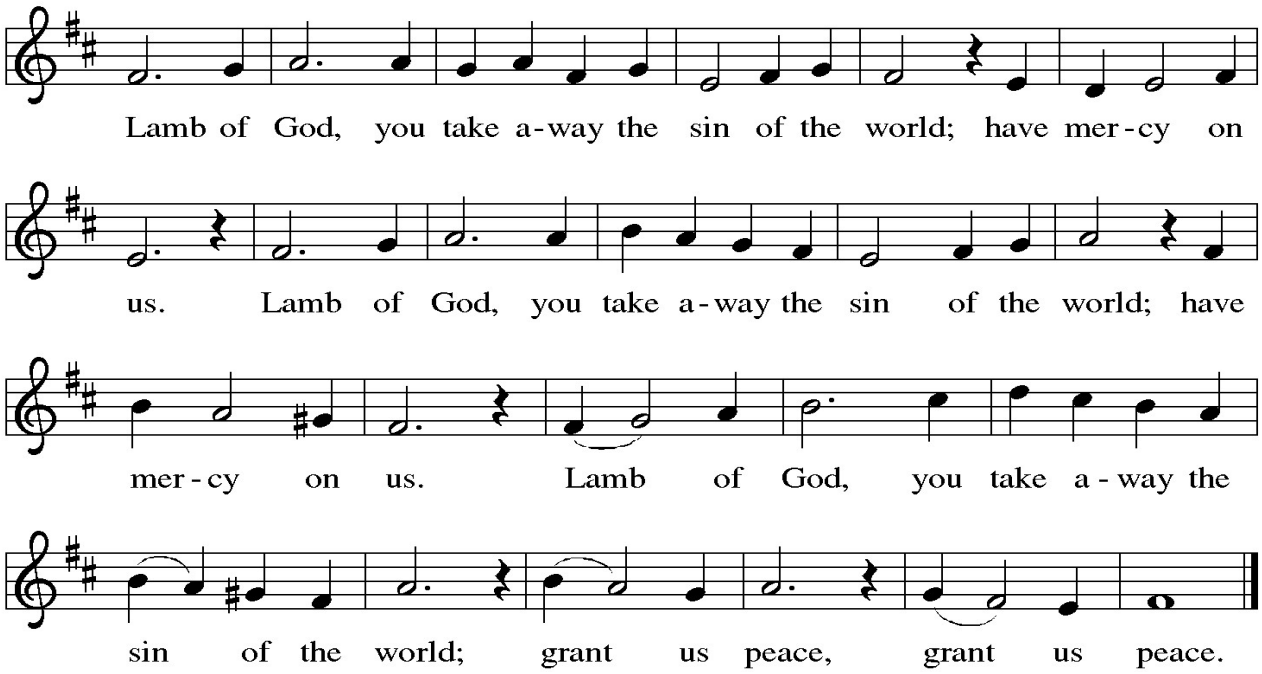
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.
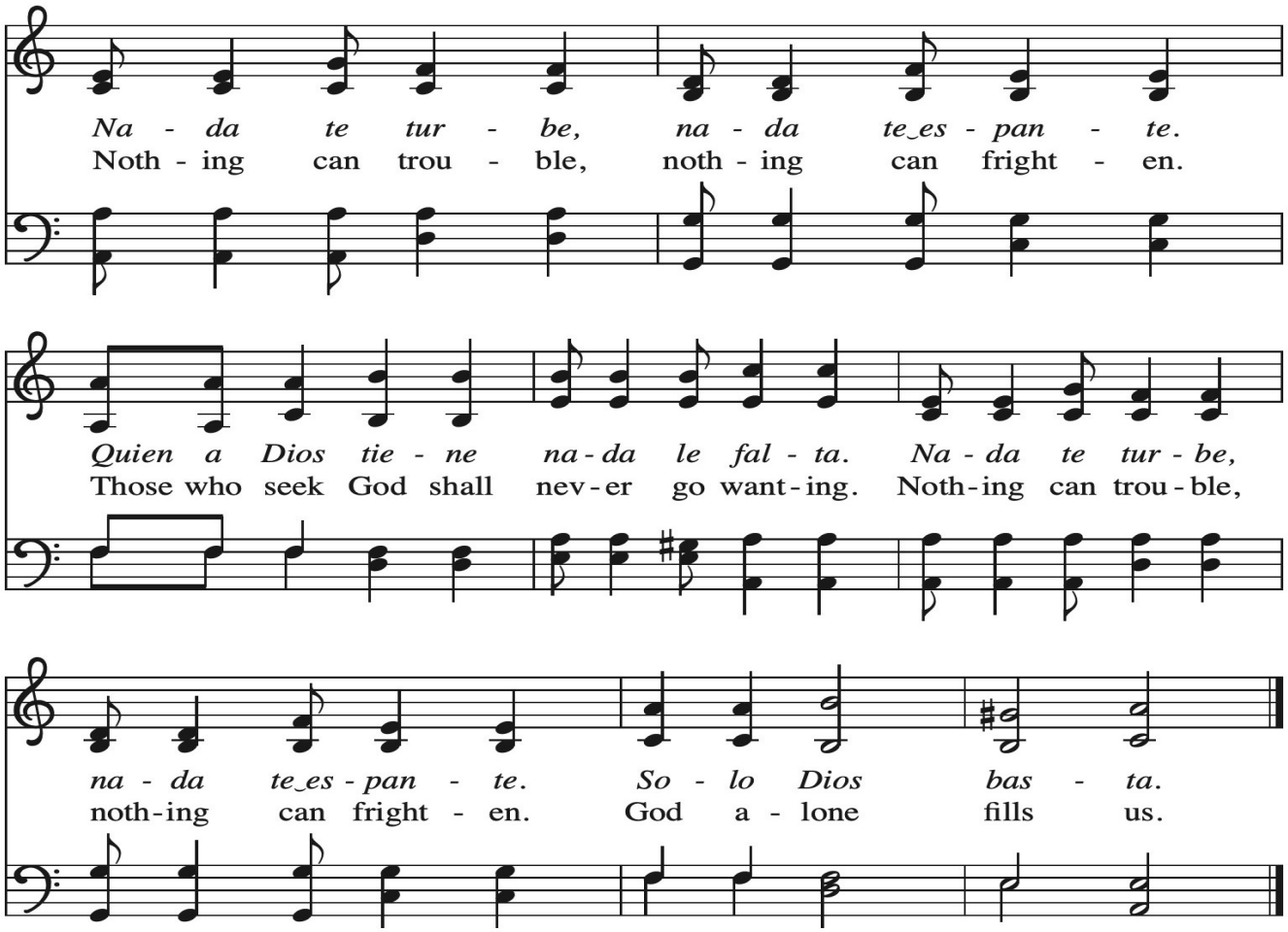
AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



COMMUNION HYMNS

"Bread of Life from Heaven" **#474**

"Nothing Can Trouble" **#1033**



Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community
Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**
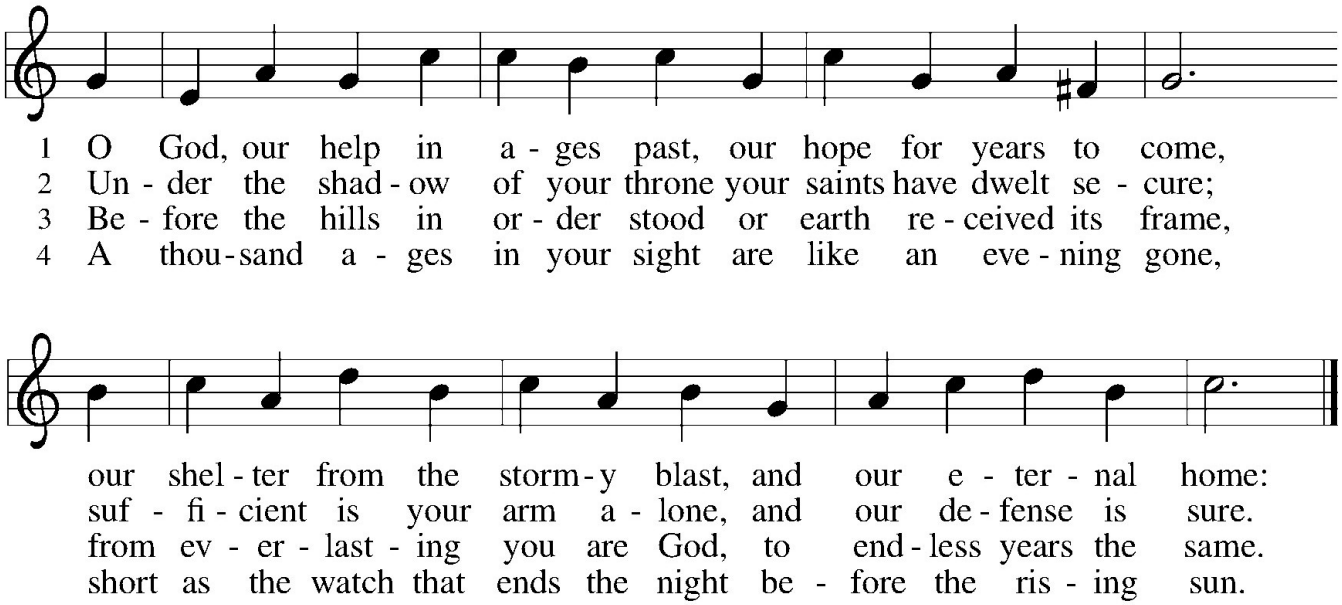
*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. Amen.

*BLESSING

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

*HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #632



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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

*DISMISSAL *(Done from the back of the church)*

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Bobbie Broughton and Errol Kindschy. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Vim Vanden Herik
Communion Assistant	Trudy Drugg
Welcoming Team	Judy Morzinski
	8 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Adalyn Byom
Communion Assistant	Eric Iliff
Welcoming Team	Jacki Hickey/ Kim Sloan
	10:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Jaxon Bauer
Communion Assistant	Stacey Sjoquist
Welcoming Team	Alyssa & Jay Balboa Family
Home Communion	---
Altar Guild for November	Jill Iliff/ Susan Giblin



2027 Stewardship

During November we invite you to **consider the part God calls you to play in our work together**, and especially in the financial support of our ministries. We encourage you to return to us the estimate of giving card included in the stewardship mailing. Your estimate of giving for 2027 helps us to build a responsible ministry plan for next year.

Lakeview Caring Tree



Lakeview Health Center is once again offering an opportunity to share a gift with a resident. The caring tree is available. You can pick up a tag at church or call the office (608-786-0030) and we will get one for you. You then purchase a simple gift for the nursing home resident on your tag. The ***wrapped gift, along with the tag on the outside of the package***, should be returned to church by **December 6.**

Thank you for helping to make Christmas just a little brighter for our neighbors!



November 18 – 8th grade meets at <u>6 PM</u> to prepare for the Hanging of the Greens in early December.

No classes will be held on November 25 – come and join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship, here at Our Savior's, at 7 PM!

SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger! Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, and Woodman's.





Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Festival

Wednesday, November 25
7 PM at Our Savior's

Together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the West Salem Presbyterian Church and St. Teresa of Kolkata, we will come and give thanks to a gracious God for all the gifts of life! We also hope to have a joint community choir.

Bring one or more items for the food pantry to leave up at the altar.



Following worship …

This year, and as we did three years ago, we will celebrate with PIE!!! To make this event a huge success, we are asking members to make and donate an extra Thanksgiving pie to be served after the service. We will also have coffee, hot apple cider, and of course whipped cream for topping.

Sign up with your name and type of pie you will bring! Plan to have your pie at church by 6:45 PM. And remember, *Variety is the Spice of Life!!*

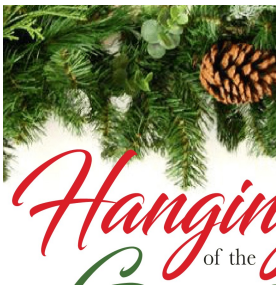


Sunday, November 29
Following 10:30 AM worship

The time is coming again to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Please join us as we put up the trees and decorate the rest of the church. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies will be provided. Your whole family is invited to have fun and make memories.

Hanging of the Greens
Wednesday, December 2 at 7 PM

Getting the house ready!
We sing … and decorate … and celebrate …





Young Adult/Family …

December Gathering
Sunday, December 6 at 4 PM
at Amber & Andy's home
(105 Marigold Lane N, West Salem)
True white elephant for the adults ($20 limit, funny/more traditional white elephant gag gifts are encouraged!). For the kiddos, everyone can bring a book and a snack to exchange (the book can be second hand or new!). *Bring a dish to pass.*

Hungry Jar Offering for November – LaCrosse Warming Center

As we anticipate the cold weather ... The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until May 1. The Warming Center is located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center. Please be generous as we care for those who are hurting.



Care and Share Food Pantry …

is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. The food pantry could use *Hamburger Helper, pasta sauces, and SPAM.* Money, other non-perishable food items, and personal care items are always welcome.
Thank you for being so supportive of the pantry!

Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem
Instagram Page – oursaviors_ws
YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) - **youtube.com/@techoslc**

Check out the November newsletter www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.