

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Olney, Maryland
November 15, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is…

† The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for God's People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*

† Coming to the table believing the words "given and shed FOR YOU." Preparation might involve three questions:

Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins? Am I ready to lead a new life?

† God's grace in "forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation."
Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

Matthew 25:29a

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

Nursery: The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

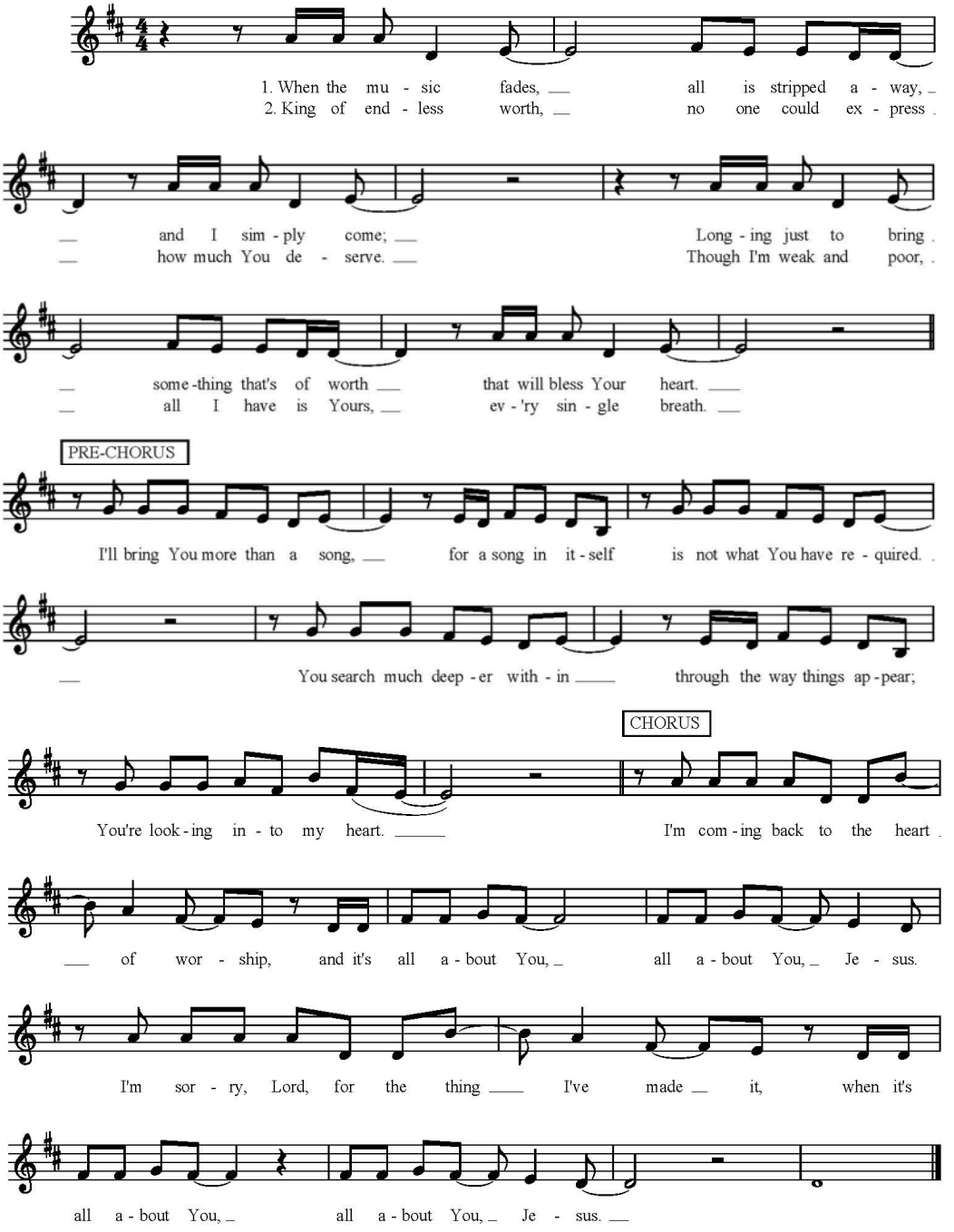
Confession of Sins *LSB 203*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution *LSB 203*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Heart of Worship



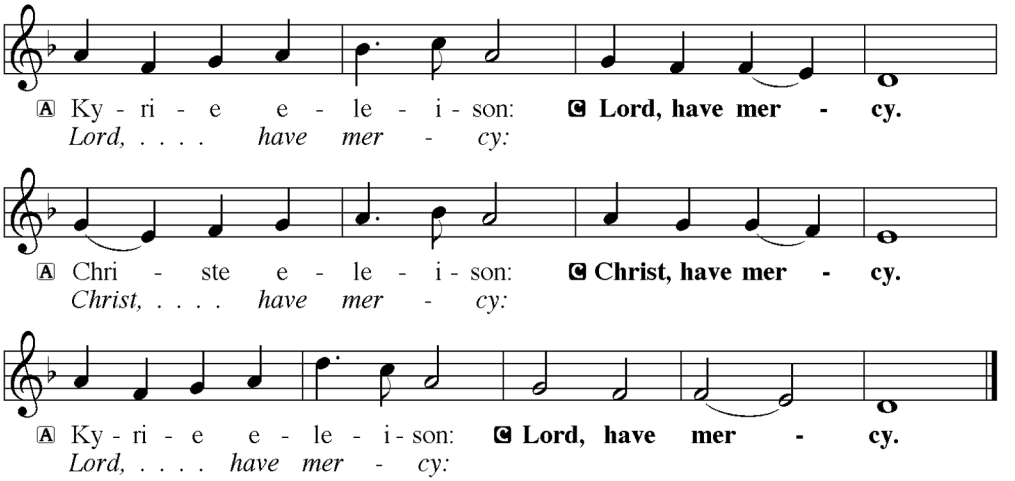
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Service of the Word

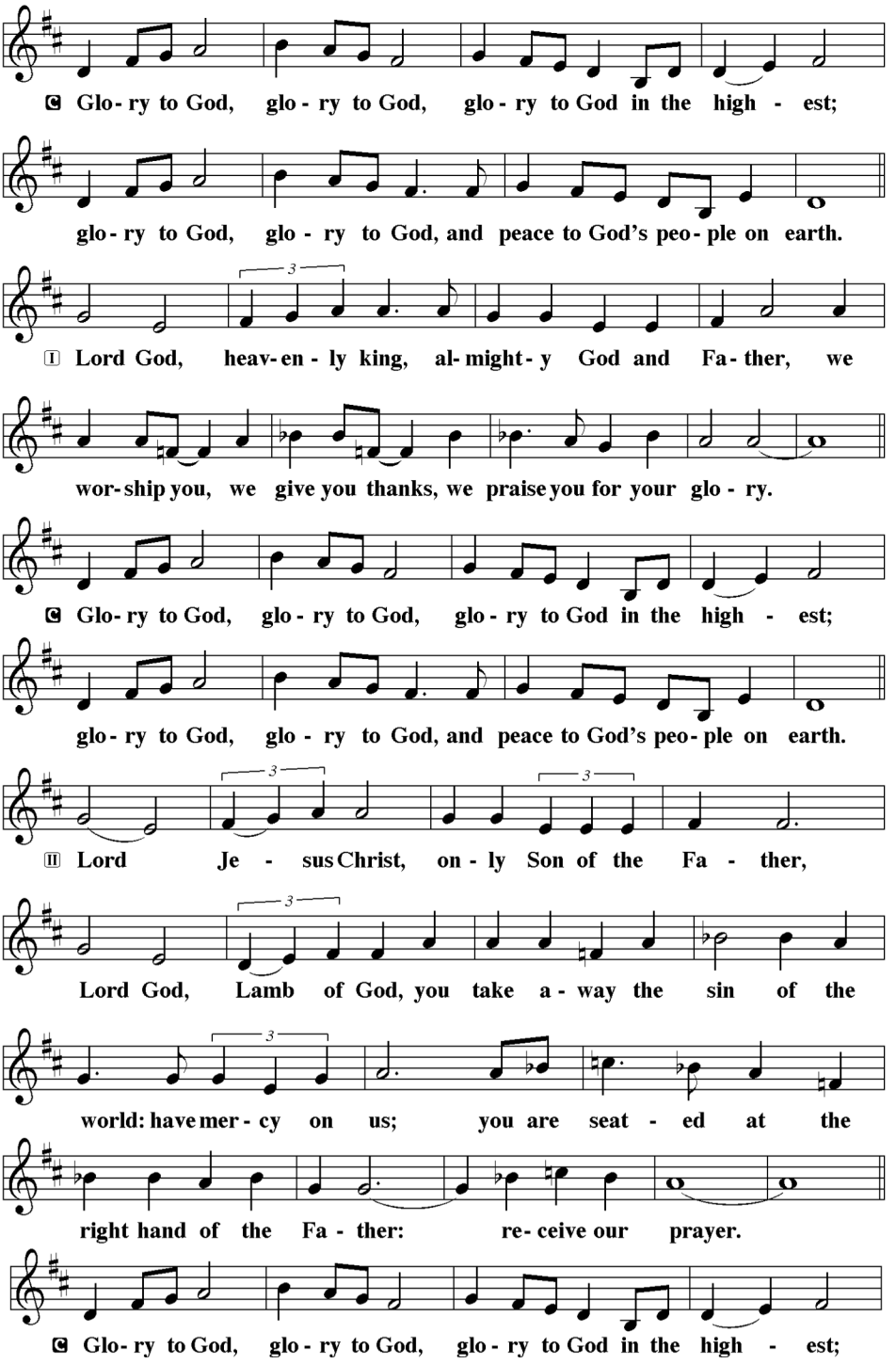
Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

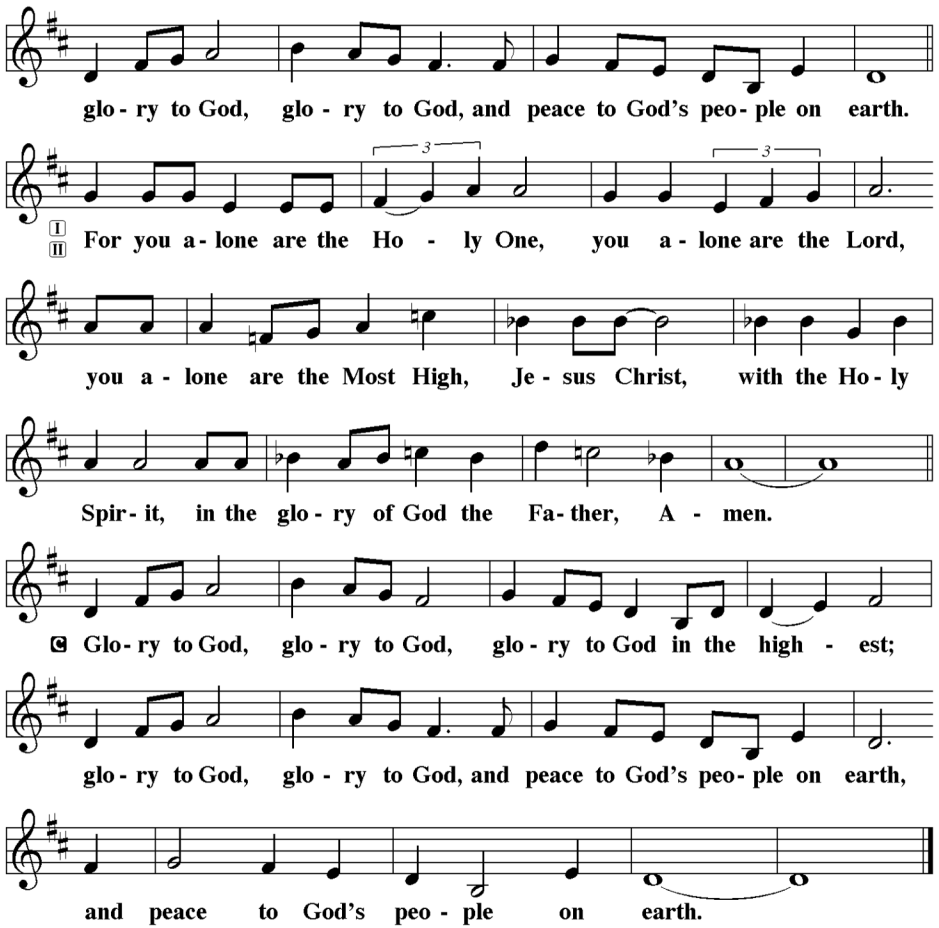
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17*

[1]Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
**[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

[3]You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
**[4]For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**

[5]You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
**[6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

[7]For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
**[8]You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

[9]For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
**[10]The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;**
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
**[11]Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

[12]So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

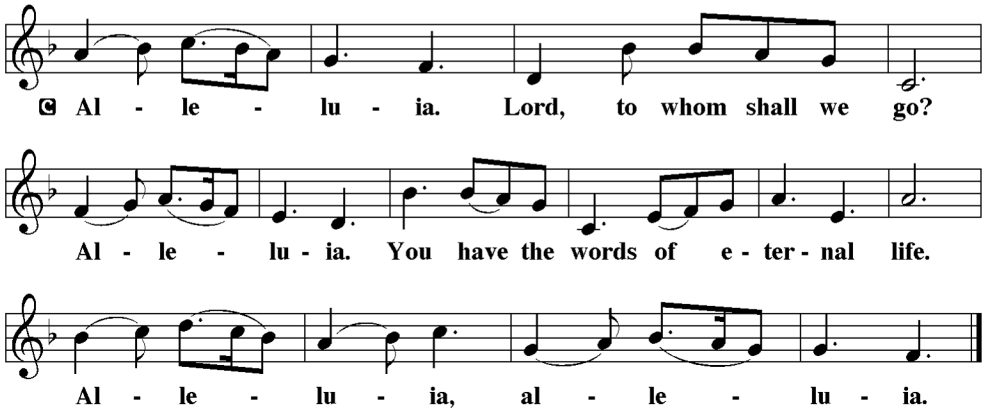
[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to
have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But
you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
[5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night
or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get
drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

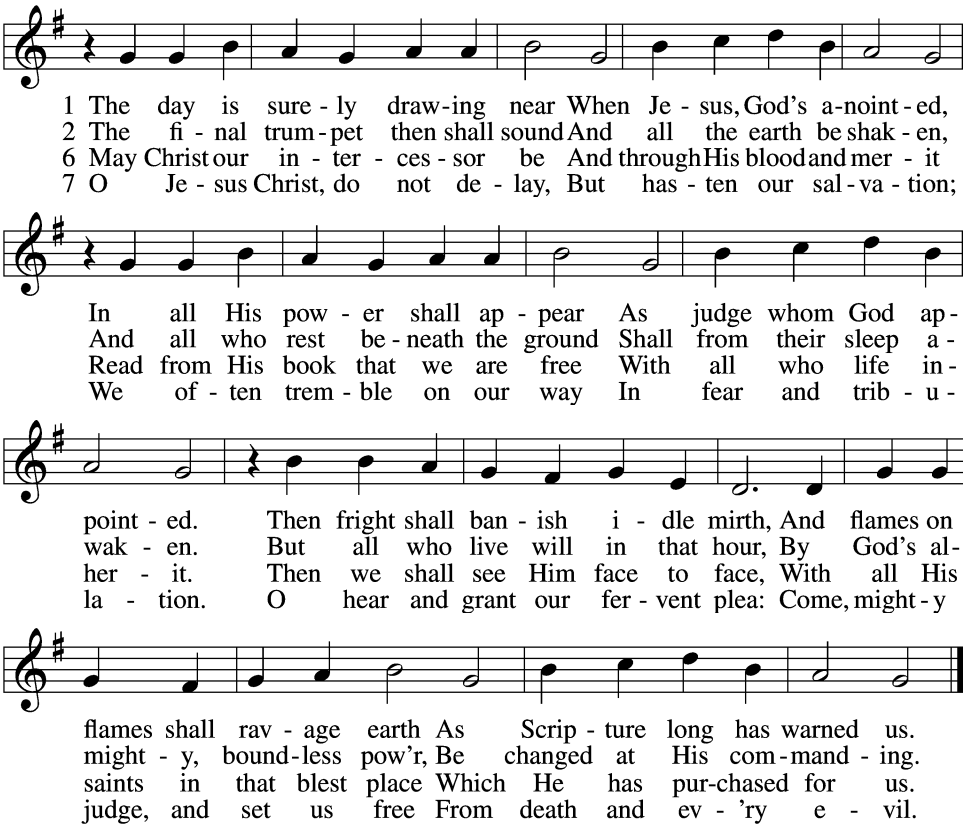
14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went
away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with
them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents
made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and
dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the
master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he
who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more,
saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five
talents more.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter
into the joy of your master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came
forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made
two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter
into the joy of your master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you
did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew
that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?
27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my
coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the
talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone
who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the
one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the
worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day The Day Is Surely Drawing Near *LSB 508*



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Sermon Pastor Timothy Boerger

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace:

L Peace be with you.
C **And also with you.**
L I invite you to share the Lord's peace with one another.

Sit

Offering *Please see p. 20 for mobile giving.*

Anthem Offertory *Chancel Choir*

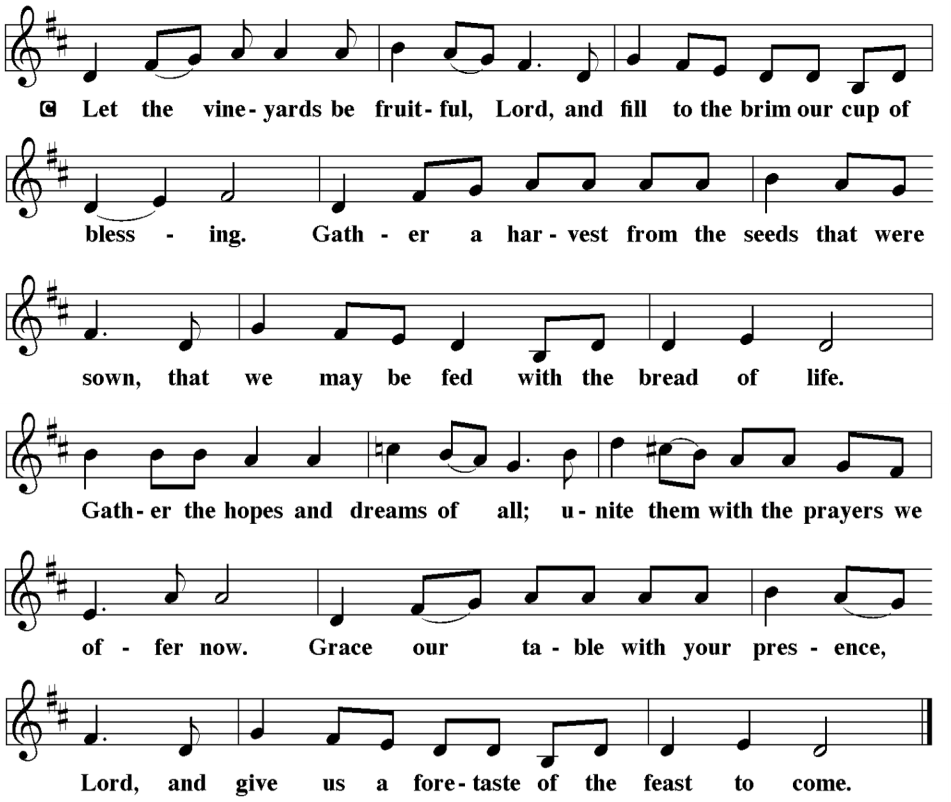
With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Stand

Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord



Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208*

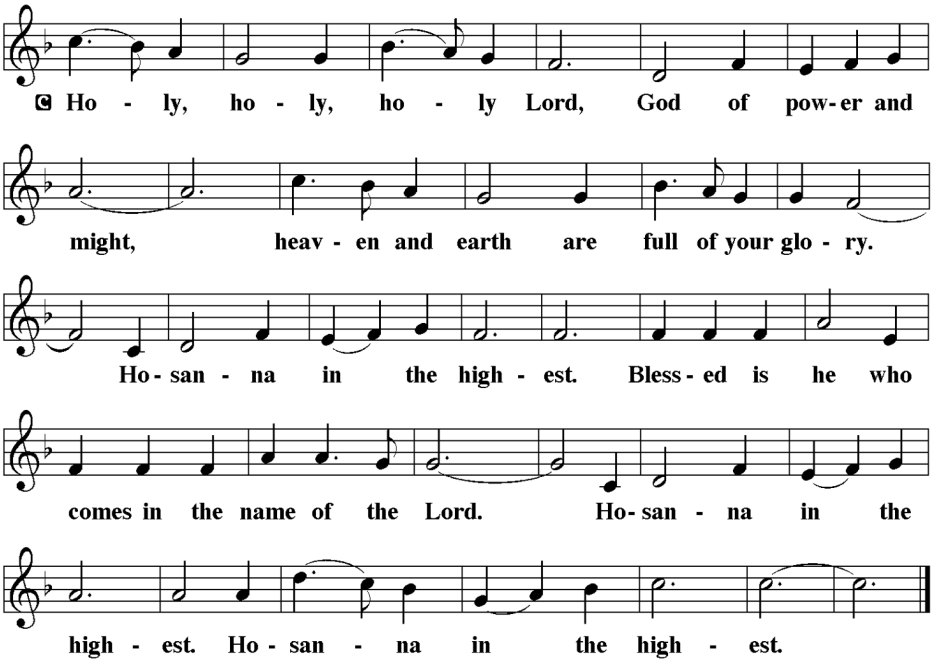
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 208*



P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

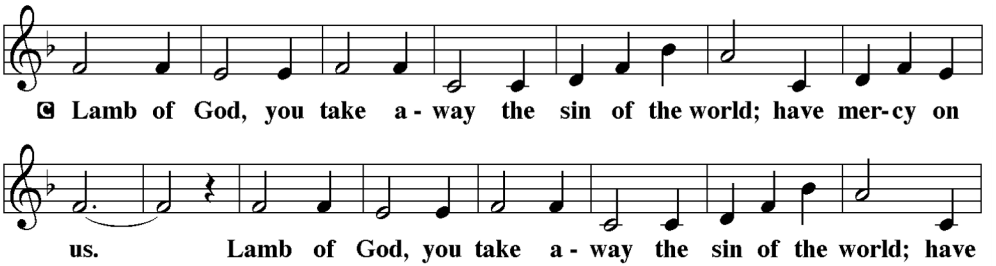
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

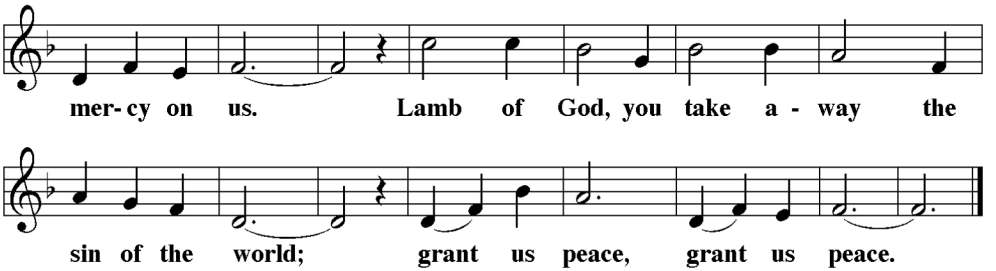
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei





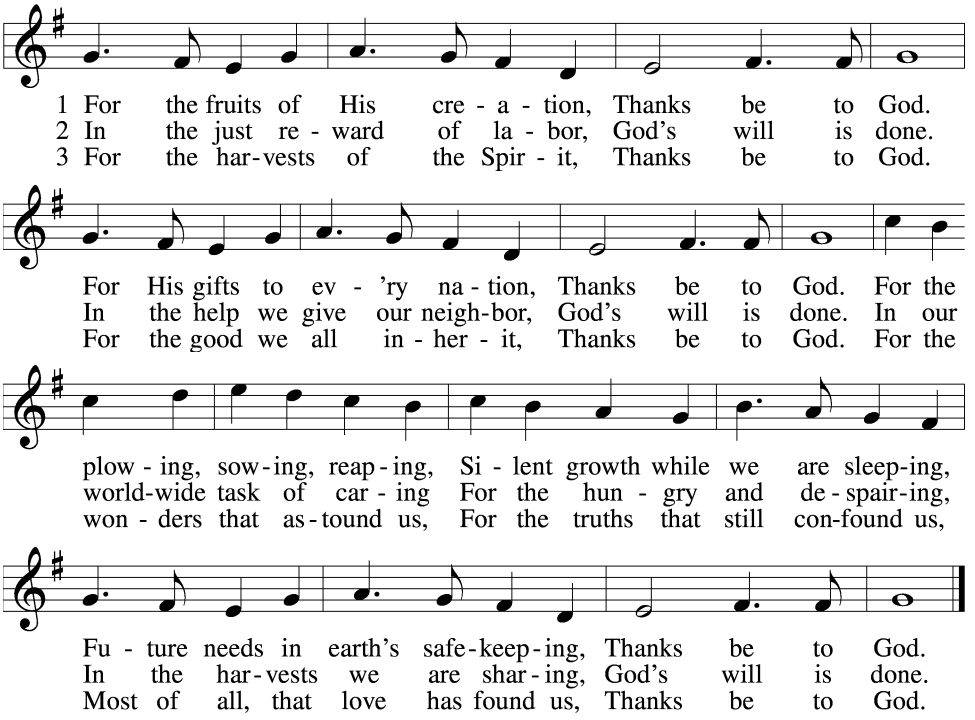
Sit

Distribution *(rail)*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

Distribution Hymn For the Fruits of His Creation *LSB 894*



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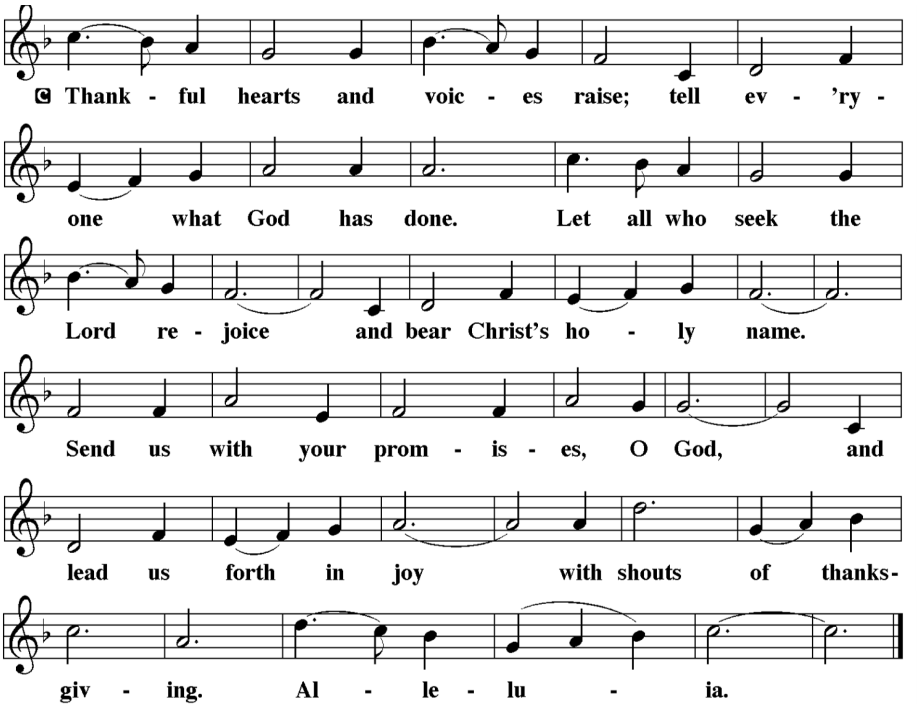
The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Canticle Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

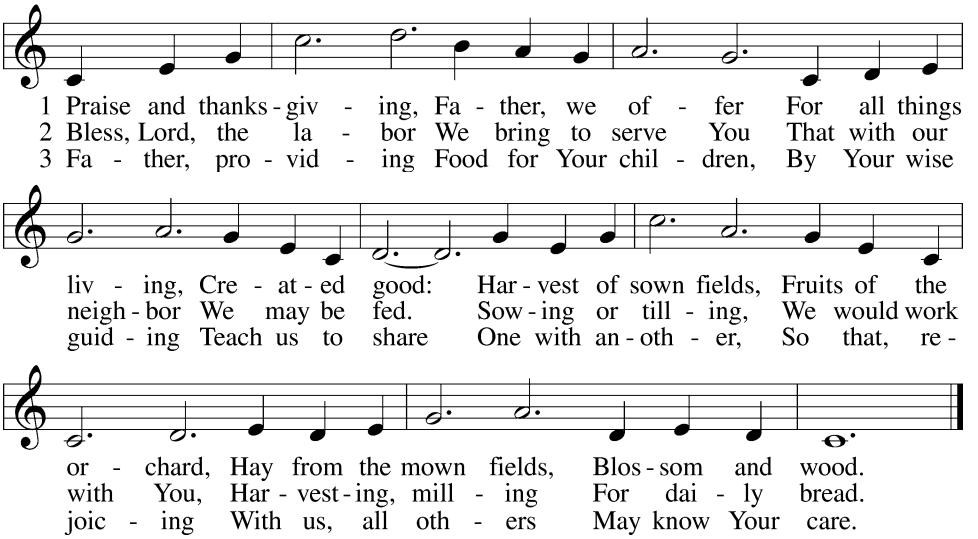
Benedicamus *LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart Praise and Thanksgiving *LSB 789*



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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

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