

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Olney, Maryland
November 22, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be Continuous 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. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

Revelation 22:13

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 — Come, Christians Join to Sing — *Shepherd's Bells*

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.

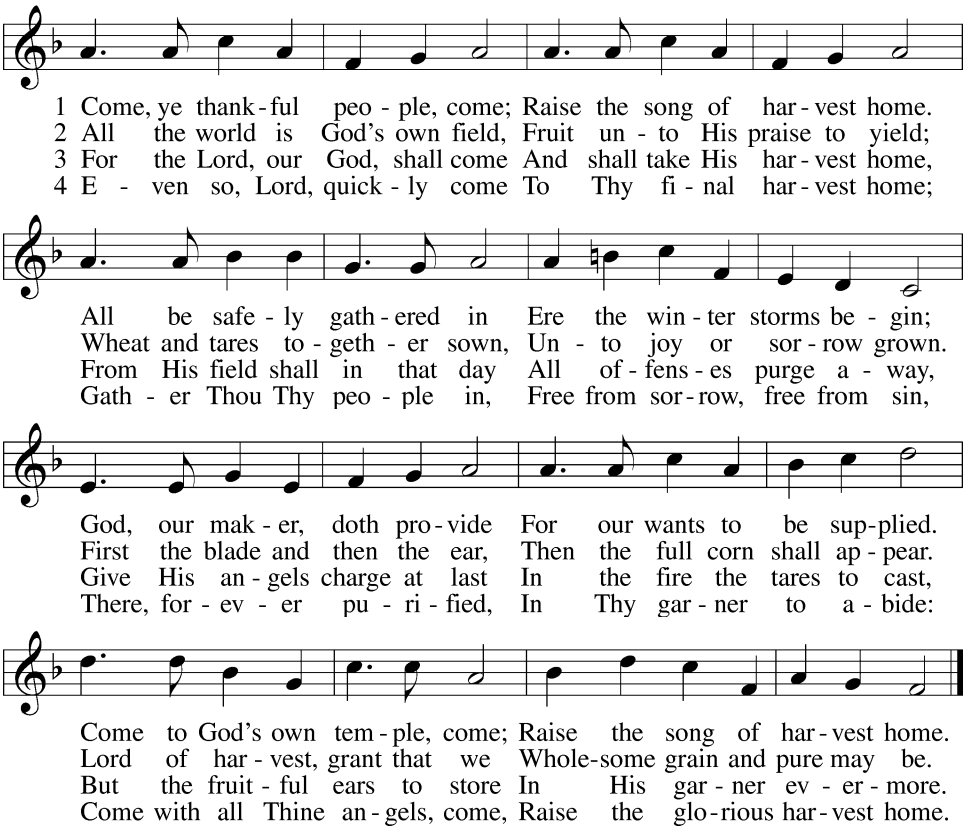
Confession of Sins — *LSB 203*

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.**

Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *LSB 892*



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Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

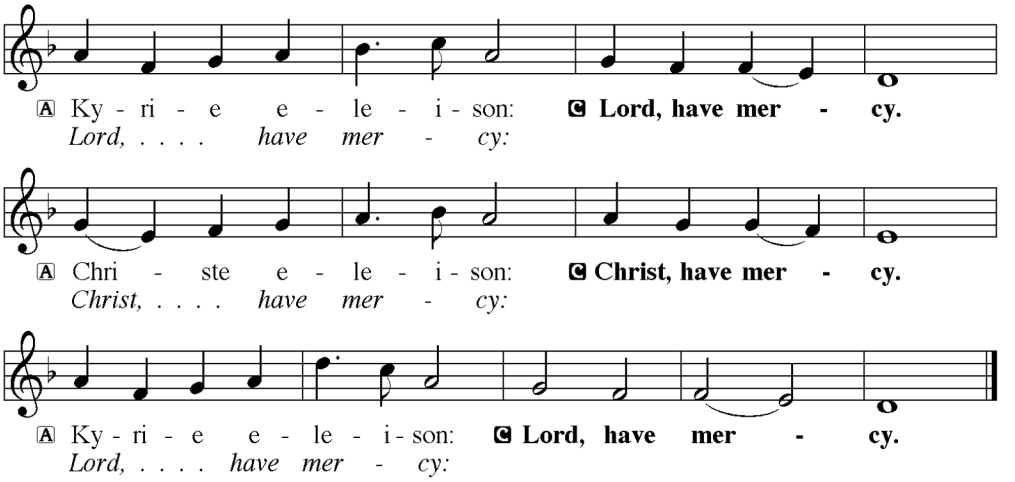
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

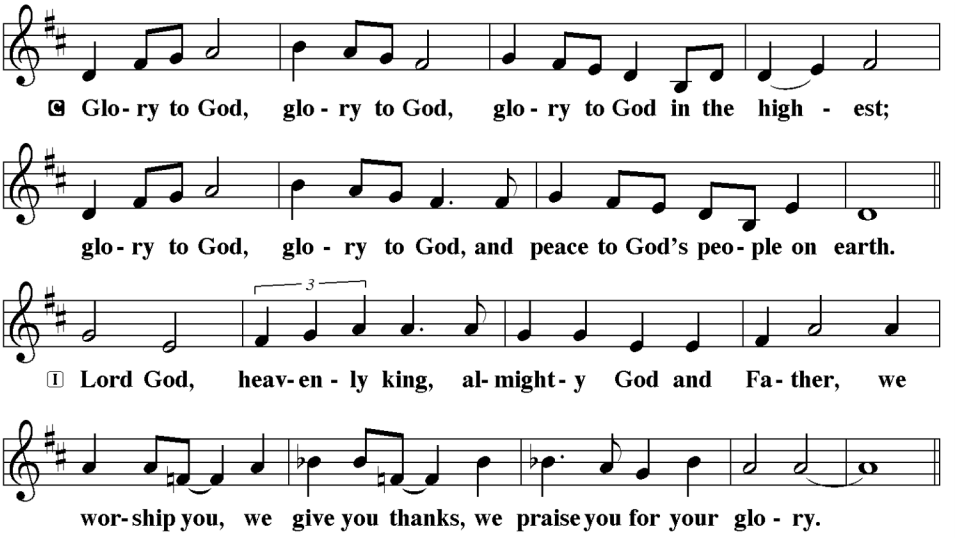
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

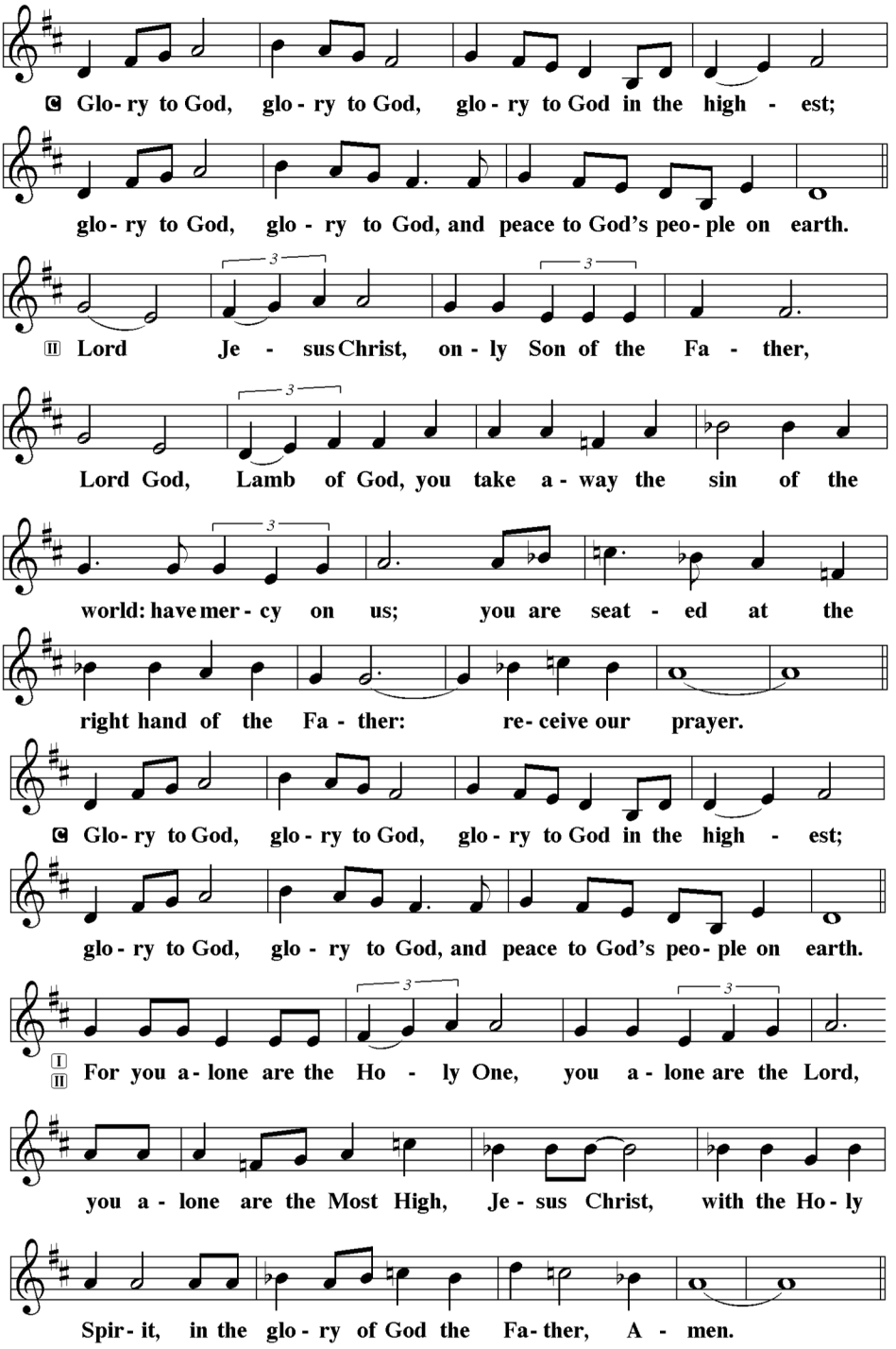
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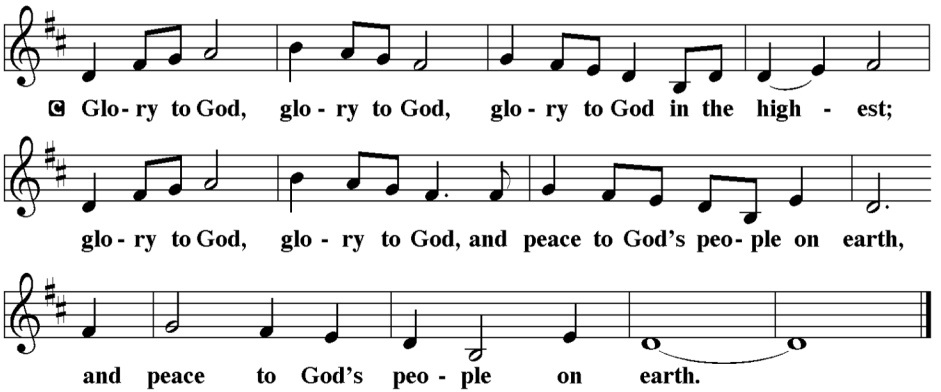
Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis




℣ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
℣ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is
among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I
will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13And I will bring them out from the peoples and
gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.
And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and on
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall
lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the
mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them in justice. . . .

20"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you push with side and
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered
them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I
will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And I will set up over them one
shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and
be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 95:1–7a; antiphon: v. 7a*

1Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

6Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
7For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

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.

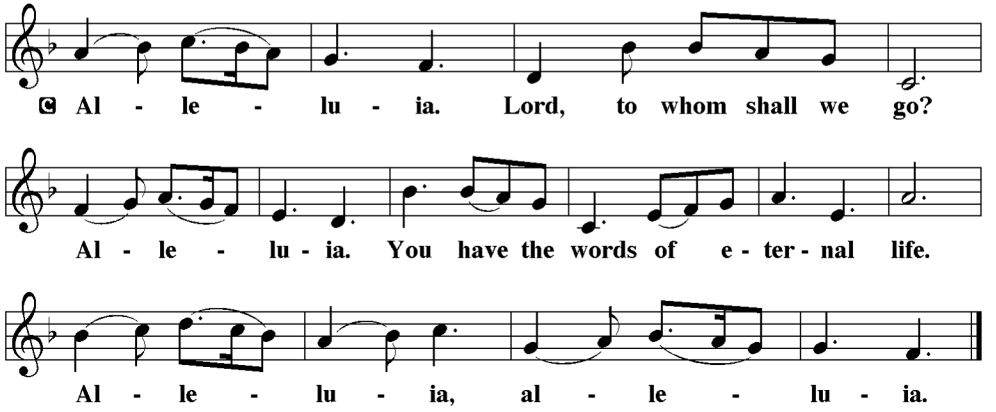
Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by a man has come
also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ
shall all be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when
he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and
every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27For
"God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all
things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all
things in subjection under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then
the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in
subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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.**

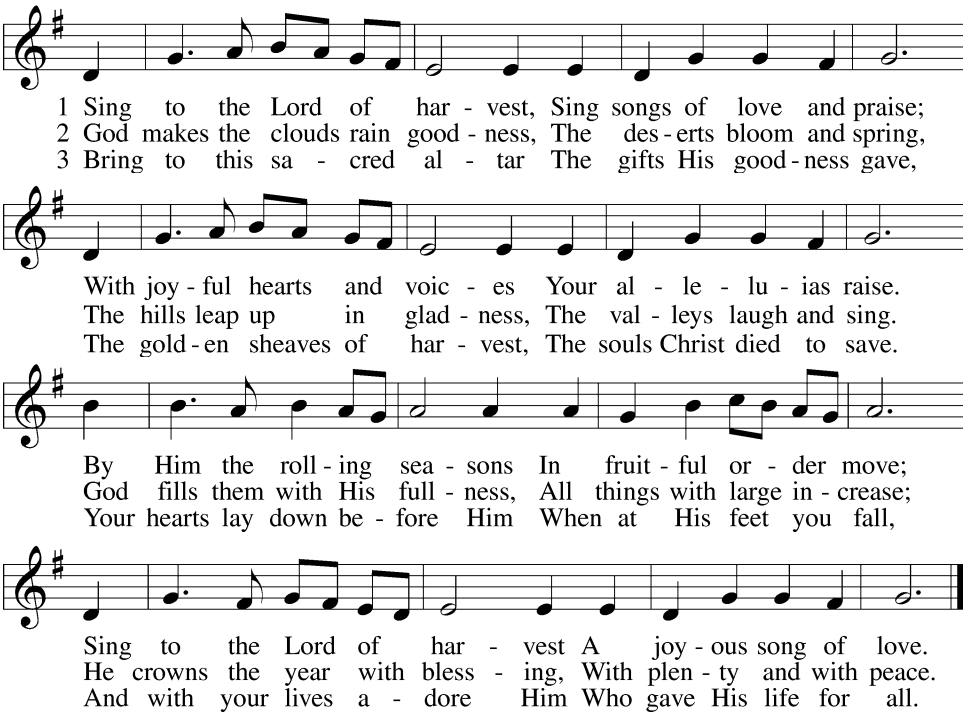
31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32Before him will be
gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will place the sheep
on his right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on
his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and
you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you
visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will
answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and
welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick or in
prison and visit you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you,
as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and
you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a
stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer,
saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked
or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer
them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day Sing to the Lord of Harvest *LSB 893*



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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.

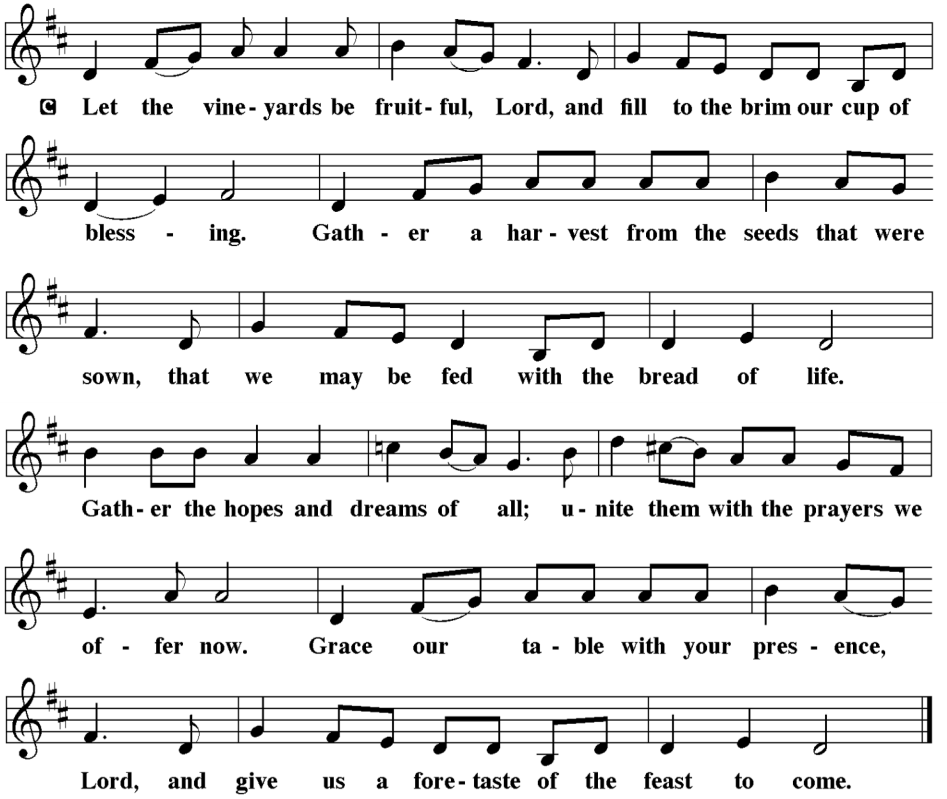
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Anthem The King of Love *Shepherd's Bells*

Stand

Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord



Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208*

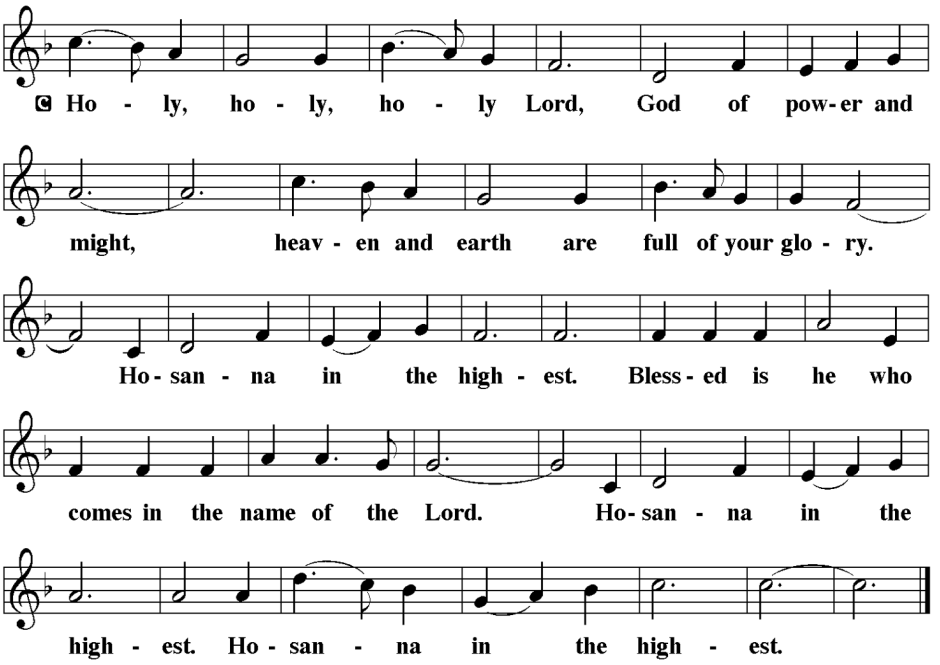
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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*



Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

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

℃ **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

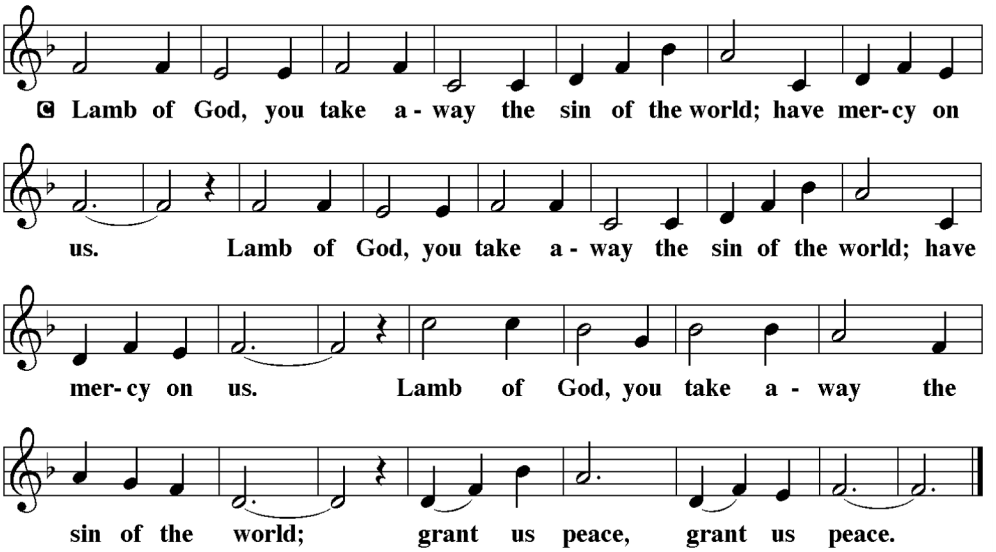
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



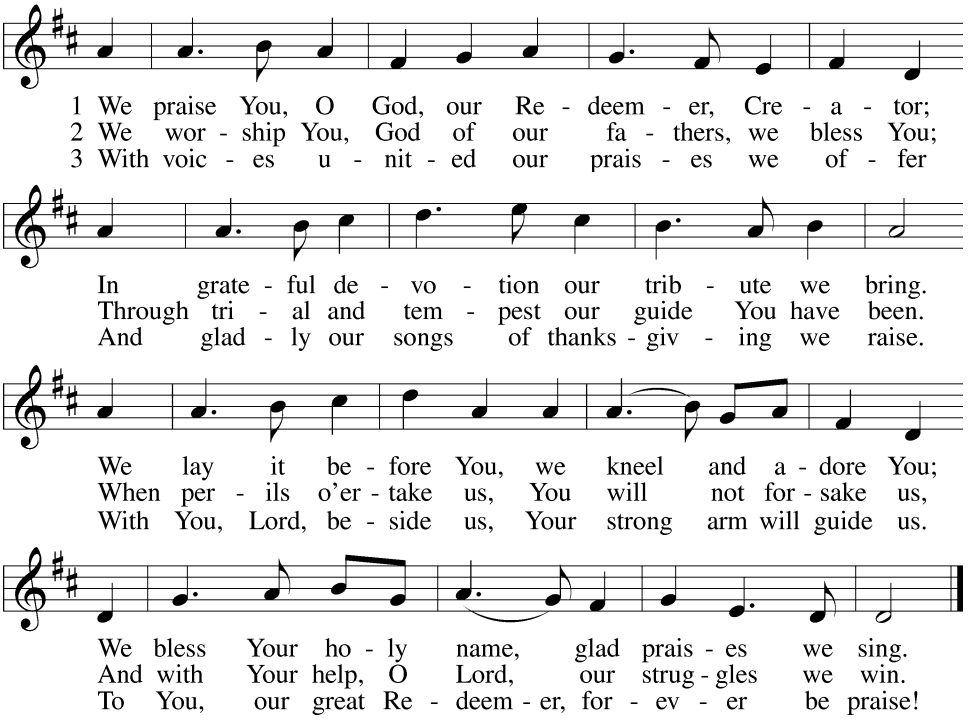
Sit

Distribution *(continuous)*

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 We Praise You, O God *LSB 785*



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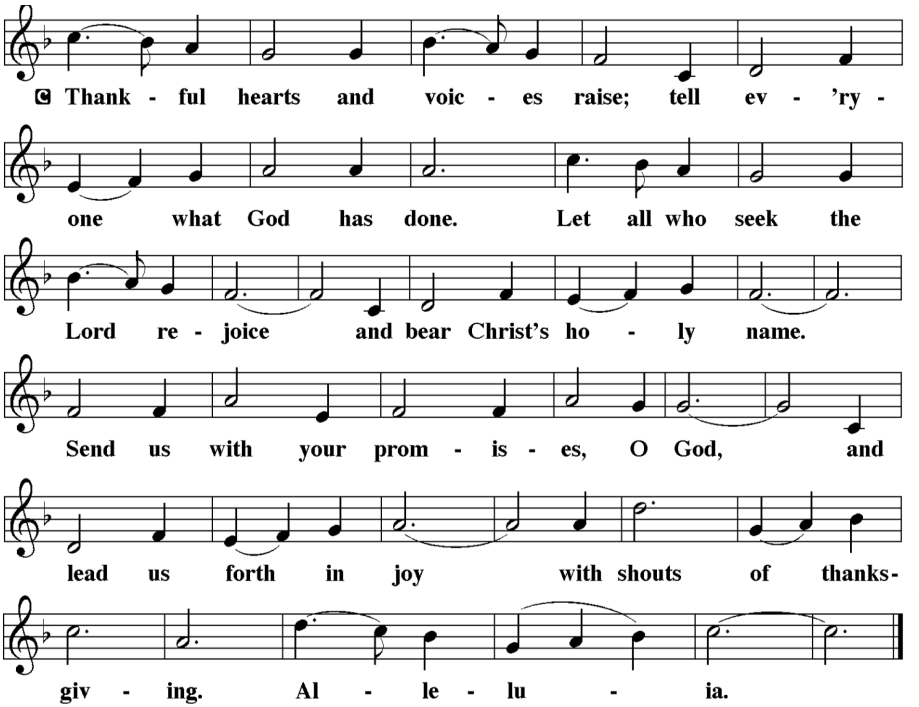
The Dismissal

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*

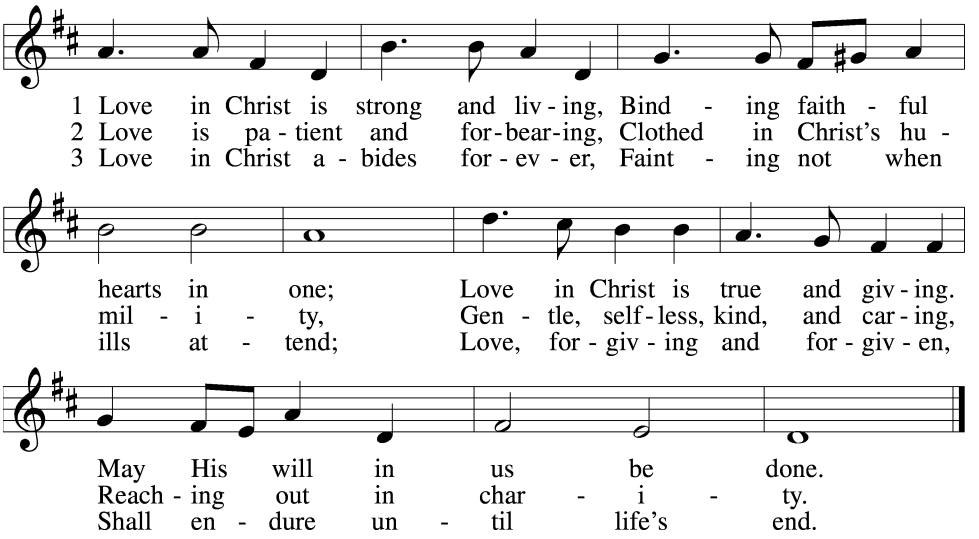
A Let us bless the Lord.

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.**



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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

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Events & Announcements

Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia for $20 per plant and help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones or friends. After our Christmas Day worship service on December 25th, you're welcome to take your poinsettia home to enjoy. Paper signup is in the narthex or an online form is linked in the Weekly Word.

Stewardship Pledge for 2027

An email was sent to members on November 12 with a message on stewardship in our church family and a link to an online stewardship pledge form. Please consider your time, talents, and resources for God's house. If you'd like a paper pledge form, they are at the back table in the sanctuary.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is starting to run low on some staples. Please see list in the narthex for food items in need of donation.

Men's Group

Wednesday, December 2 at 8:30am at Olney IHOP

Olney Community Youth Choir Concert

Sunday, December 6 at 4:30pm at LCGS

Olney Community Singers Concert

Saturday, December 12 at 4:00pm at LCGS

Book Club

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00pm at LCGS and on zoom

Reading *Comfort and Joy: A Fable* by Kristin Hannah. Join for dinner and conversation.

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