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MATTHEW 25:23, NIV



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

November 15th, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy setting four from Evangelical Book of Worship

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Gather

Prelude "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" arr. Paul Manz

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" **ELW 707**



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

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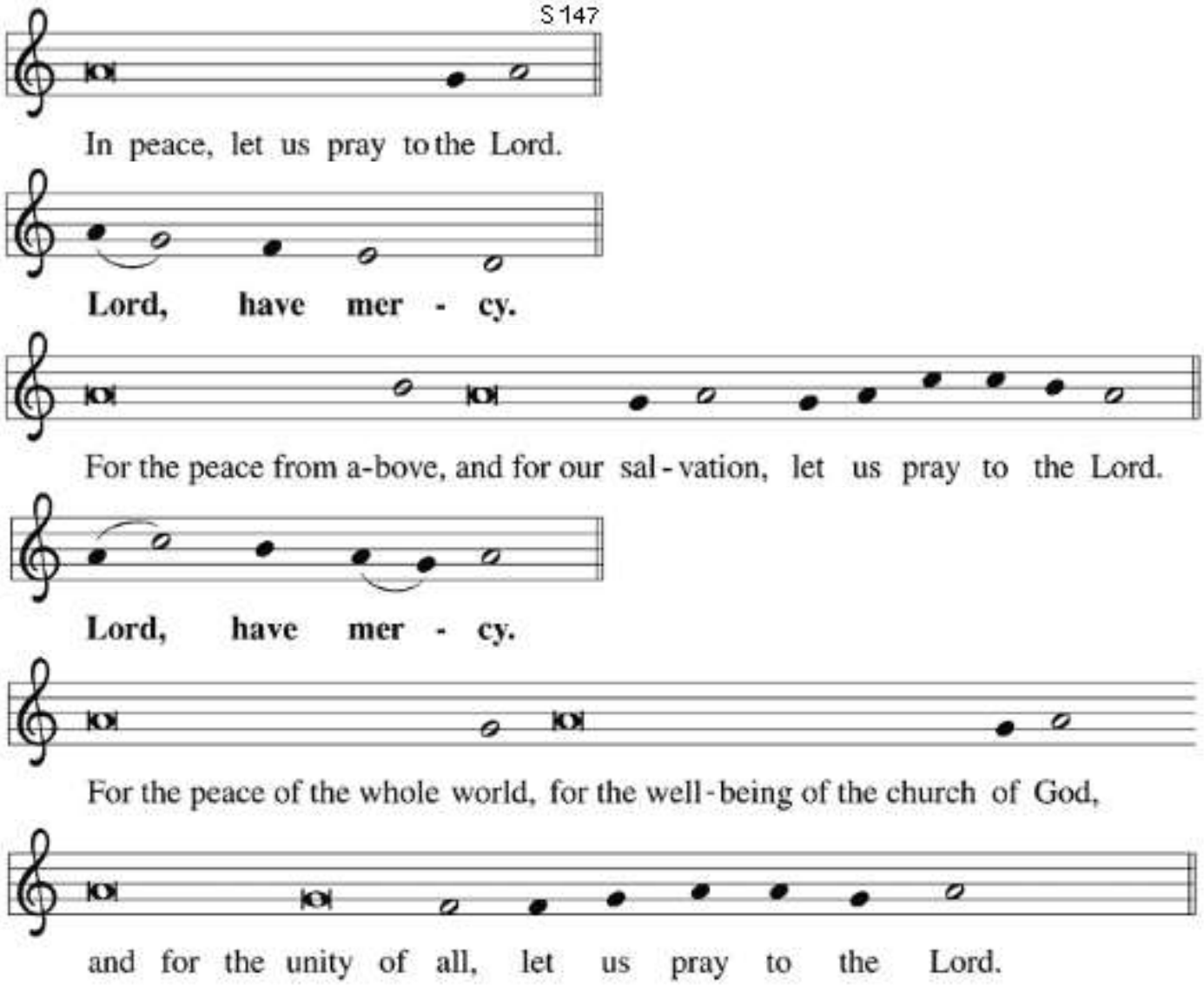
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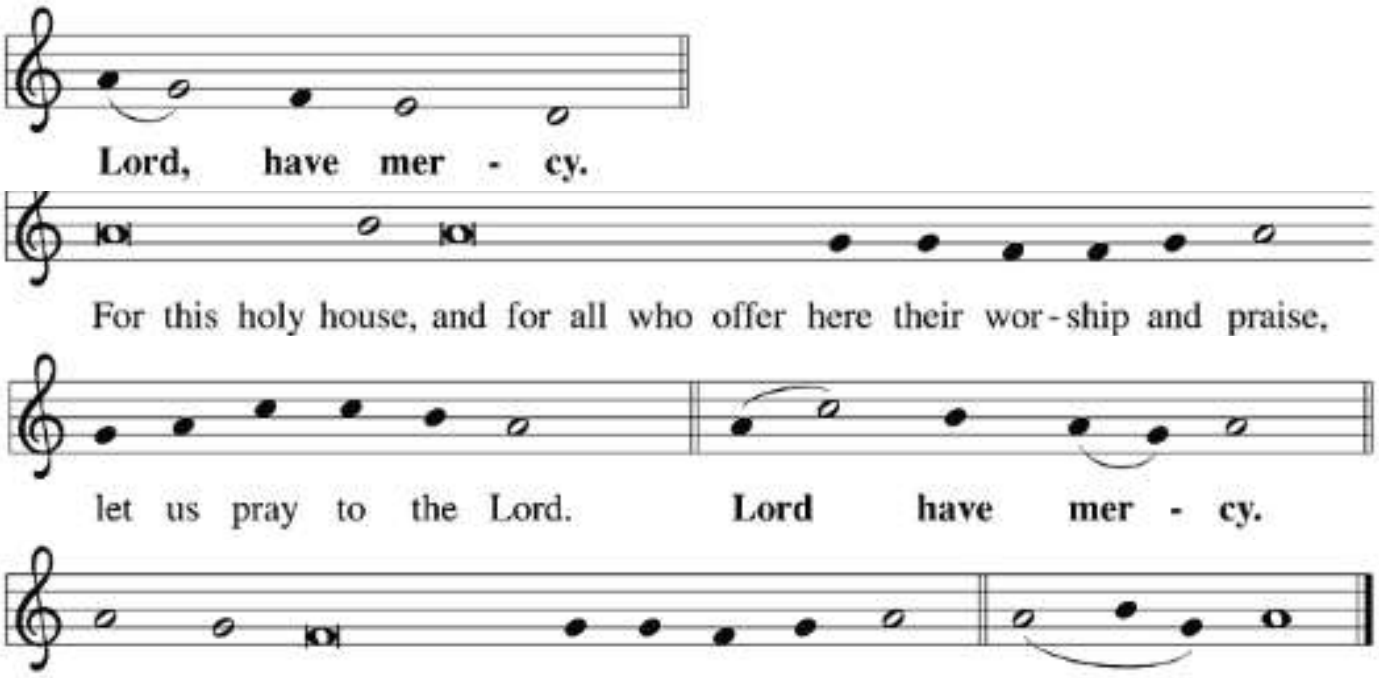


*Kyrie

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.

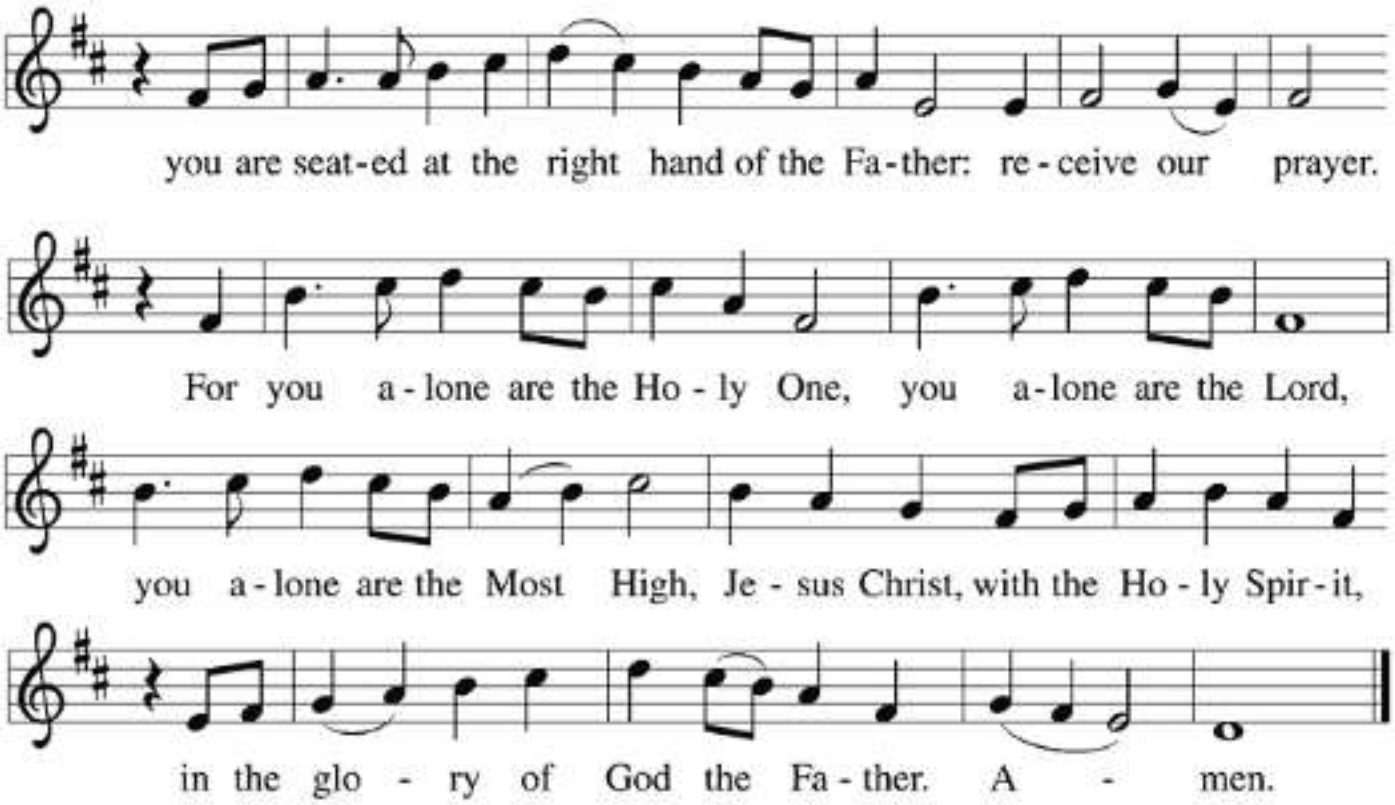




*Hymn of Praise



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*Prayer of the Day

P: O God of justice and love,
C: you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message — Pastor Erin Koster

Word

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.

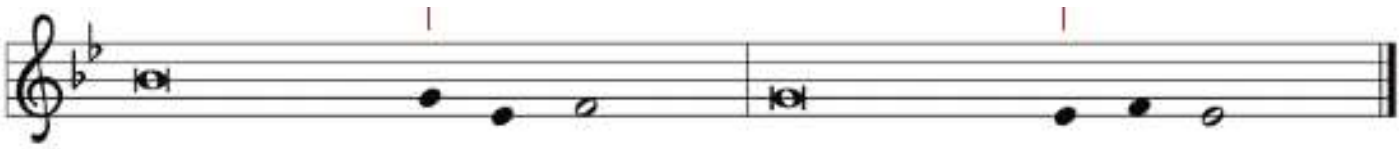
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle
like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do
harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build

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.

P: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **90:1-8, 12** (read responsively)



P: 1Lord, you have | been our refuge

C: From one generation | to another.

P: 2Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,

C: From age to age | you are God.

P: 3You turn us back to the | dust and say,

C: "Turn back, O chil- | dren of earth."

P: 4For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past

C: And like a watch | in the night;

P: 5you sweep them away | like a dream,

C: They fade away suddenly | like the grass:

P: 6in the morning it is | green and flourishes;

C: In the evening it is dried | up and withered.

P: 7For we are consumed | by your anger;

C: We are afraid because | of your wrath.

P: 8Our iniquities you have | set before you,

C: And our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

P: 12So teach us to num- | ber our days

C: That we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading **1 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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."

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

Sermon Pastor Erin Koster

*Hymn of the Day "O Christ the Same" **WOV 778**





Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Music: Irish tune, arr. John Barnard, b. 1948
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*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 of the People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.
C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering "Declare your Maker's Praise" arr. Lloyd Larson

Lyrics:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

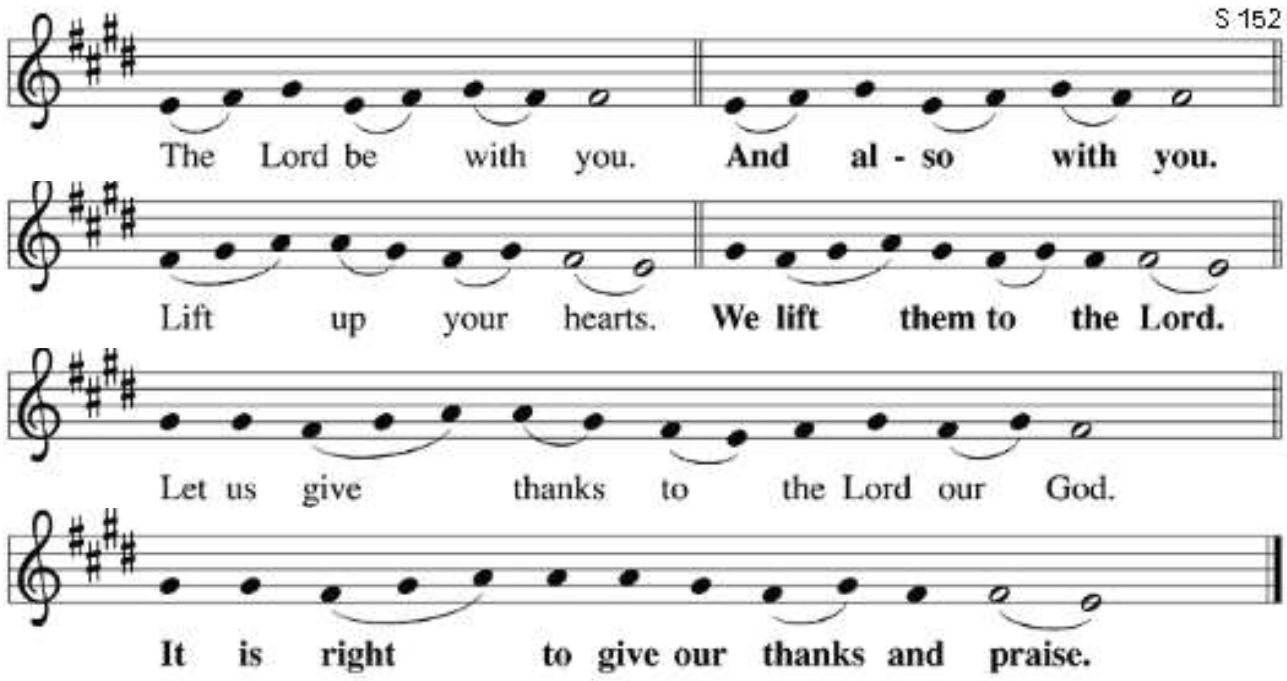
This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King! Let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!
Declare your Maker's praise!

*P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

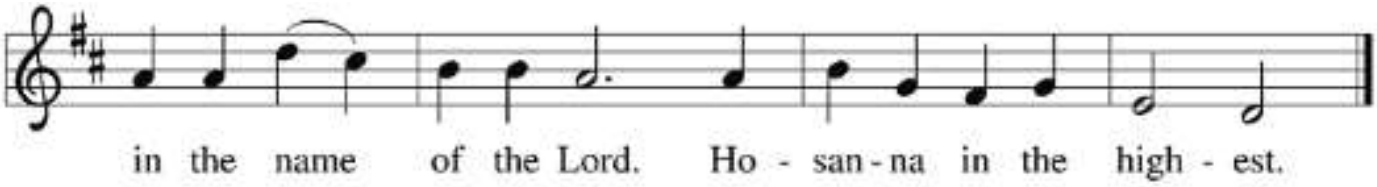
*Great Thanksgiving



P: It is our duty and delight….we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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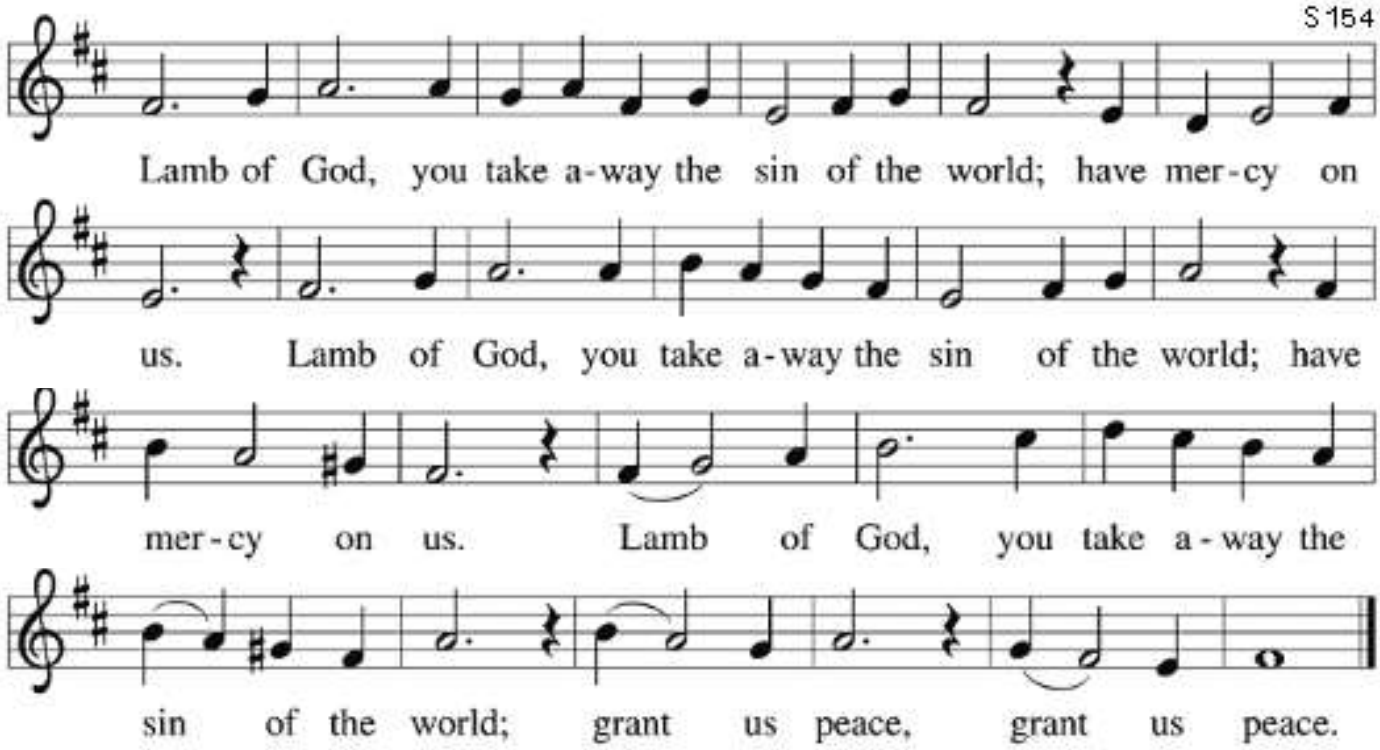
*Words of Institution

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.

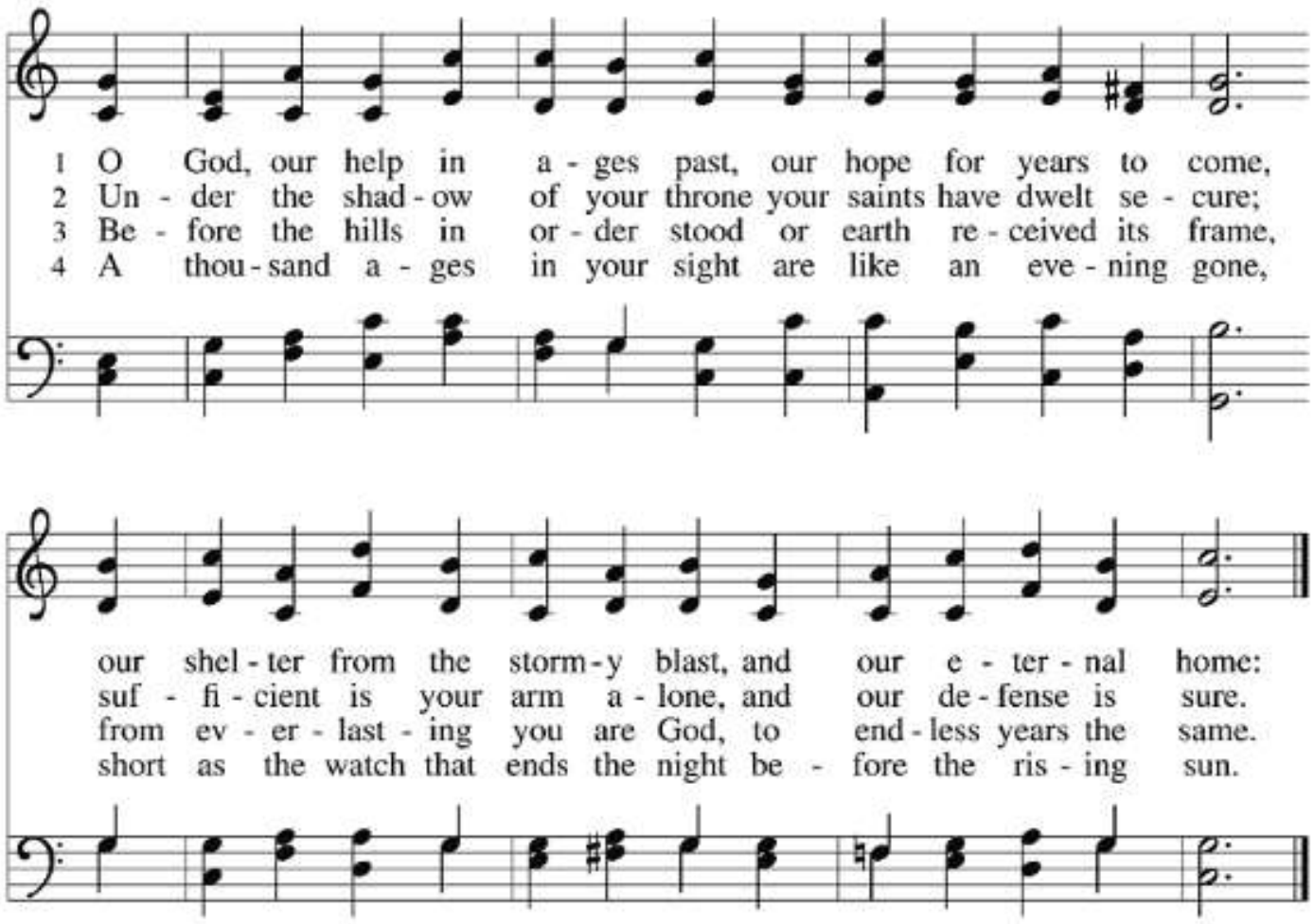
*Lord's Prayer

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.



Communion Distribution

Communion Music "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **ELW 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: William Croft, 1678–1727

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Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

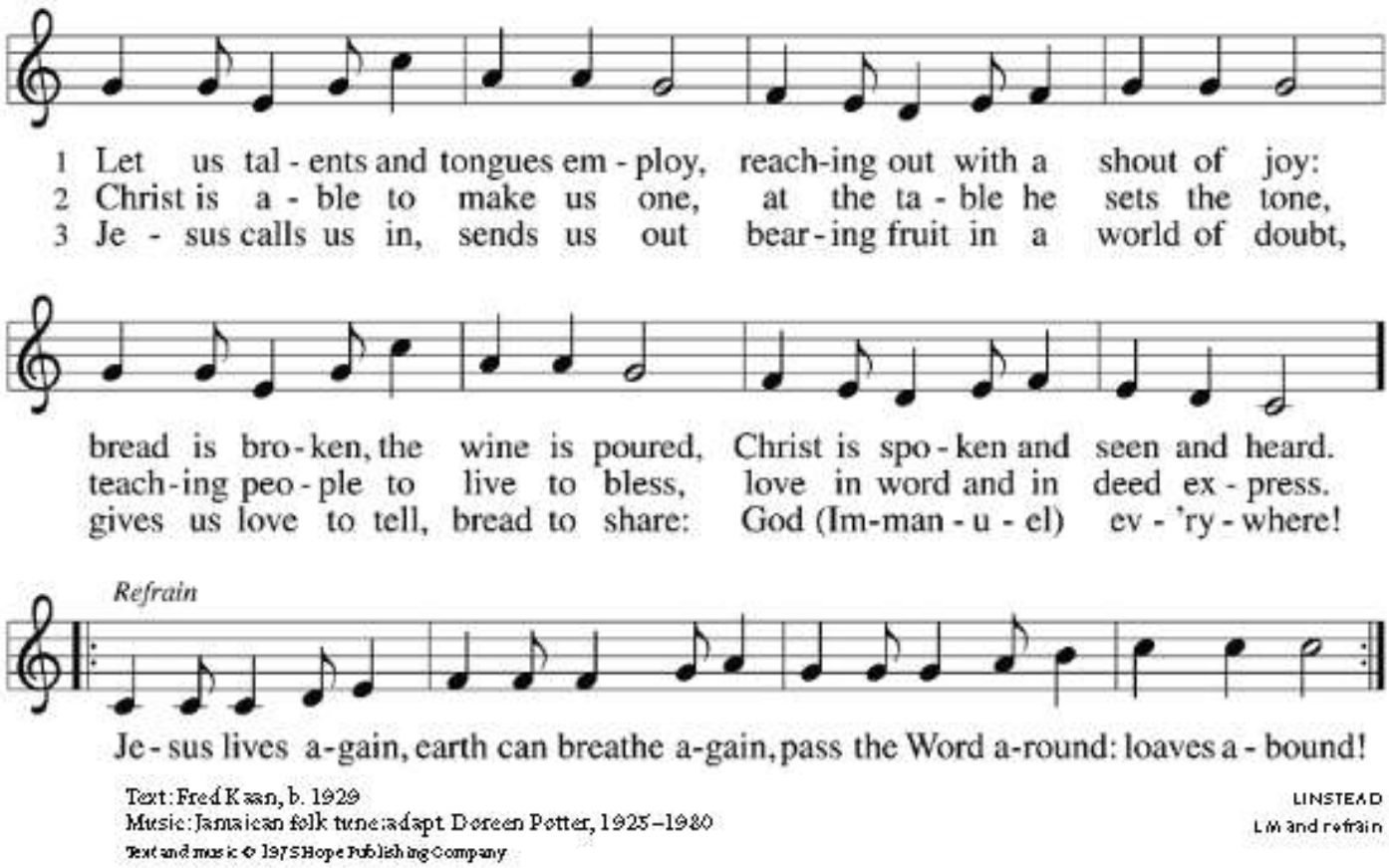
Sending

Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ☩give us peace.
C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" **ELW 674**



*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Mary Ellen Chinander
Chancel Choir
Nicole Lang, flute
Kristi Muller, piano

Chancel Flowers

Betty Masterman

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Larry Carlson
Connie Young in hospice care
Cindy Hanson

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Sue Aleckson for a broken ankle
Vonnie Coleman
Quincy Meyers
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for four weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Social Ministry

In November we are supporting the Champlin Park High School Shelf. Here is their list of most needed items:

Basic Needs for the Day
Hairbrushes
Combs
Belts, 28"-38"

Basic Needs for Take-Home
Full-sized toothpaste
Conditioner (we have shampoo in stock)

Food Supplies
Snacks (individually packaged, such as popcorn, sun chips, almonds, yogurt, apple sauce, granola bars, etc.)
Oil (vegetable, olive, canola)
Bags of rice
Bags of dried beans

Please no canned food, as they are more difficult to get distributed to young people.

Announcements

Updates on Estate Planning Sessions: Attorney Rebecca Bell, who led the general information class recently, has agreed to host four private, 30-minute sessions here at Family of God on **Sunday, November 22nd**. You will receive personalized recommendations (eg, wills vs trusts), pricing info, and establish an attorney/client relationship with a retainer fee due that day. You will also receive an organizer to complete prior to your appointment. Appointments are available at 11:00 am, 11:45 am, 12:30 pm, and 1:15 pm. Please see Sue Arens to sign up and receive your organizer. Rebecca is also graciously offering $250 off an Estate Planning package to any Family of God member using the code *Family of God*. This offer is valid through 2026. Also available is a free, 15-minute "Discovery Call" with her Client Service Director to ask your initial questions. These may be scheduled by calling Shelley, Client Service Director, at 763-582-1414.

Blanket Drive: David and Rita Loos are organizing a blanket drive to help the low income and homeless people in downtown Minneapolis. We are asking for gently used and new blankets throughout the rest of October and November. They will be given out in early December.

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. Let Nothing You Dismay" Hey, what about FOG's merry ladies? They should plan to attend the Annual Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a friend or two, or a neighbor, or family members. Attendance and food contribution sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Also, kitchen help is urgently needed. See Jeanne F., Nancy K., or Myra M. with questions or input. Do not be dismayed, you will enjoy this special event, rest assured.

FOG Drama is excited to announce that our next production will be "*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*", performing in late April, 2027. This heartfelt musical comedy features the *Peanuts* gang we all know and love as they navigate life's ups and downs. Packed with upbeat music, laughs, and nostalgia, this show is sure to be enjoyed by all ages!
Interested in being a part of the show? Stay tuned for more details about auditions and other ways to get involved.

Advent Devotionals: Our devotional books are here! You are welcome to take one off the table in the narthex

Mission and flower sign ups for 2027 are now available on the narthex kiosk. There are still two Sundays available in December for global missions. Contact the church office if you are interested in signing up.

RIC Committee is meeting today at 11:00 am

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