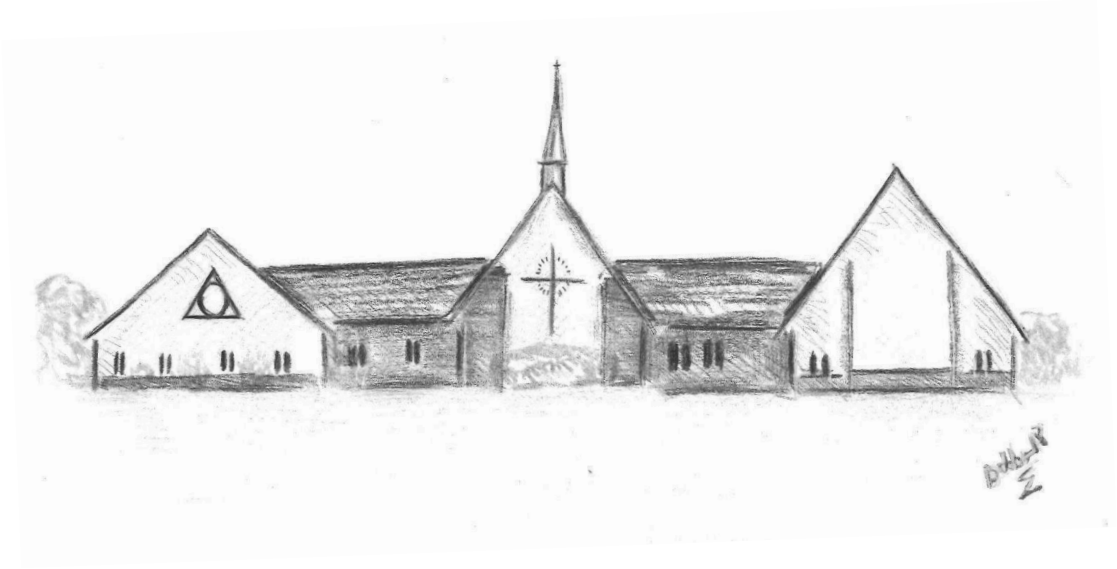
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026



OUR MISSION:

To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.

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INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place it in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

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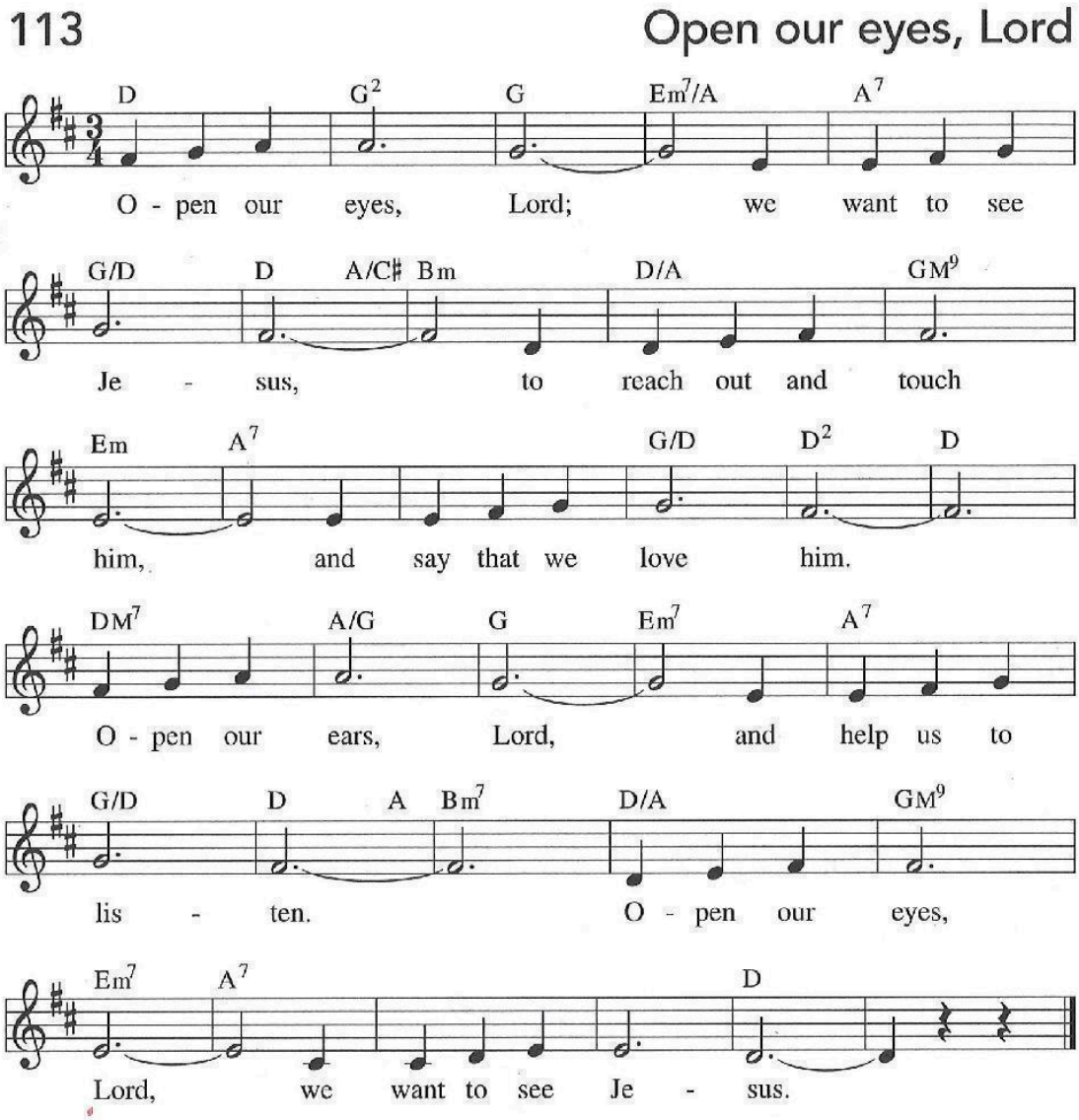
Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

W&P 113



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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,
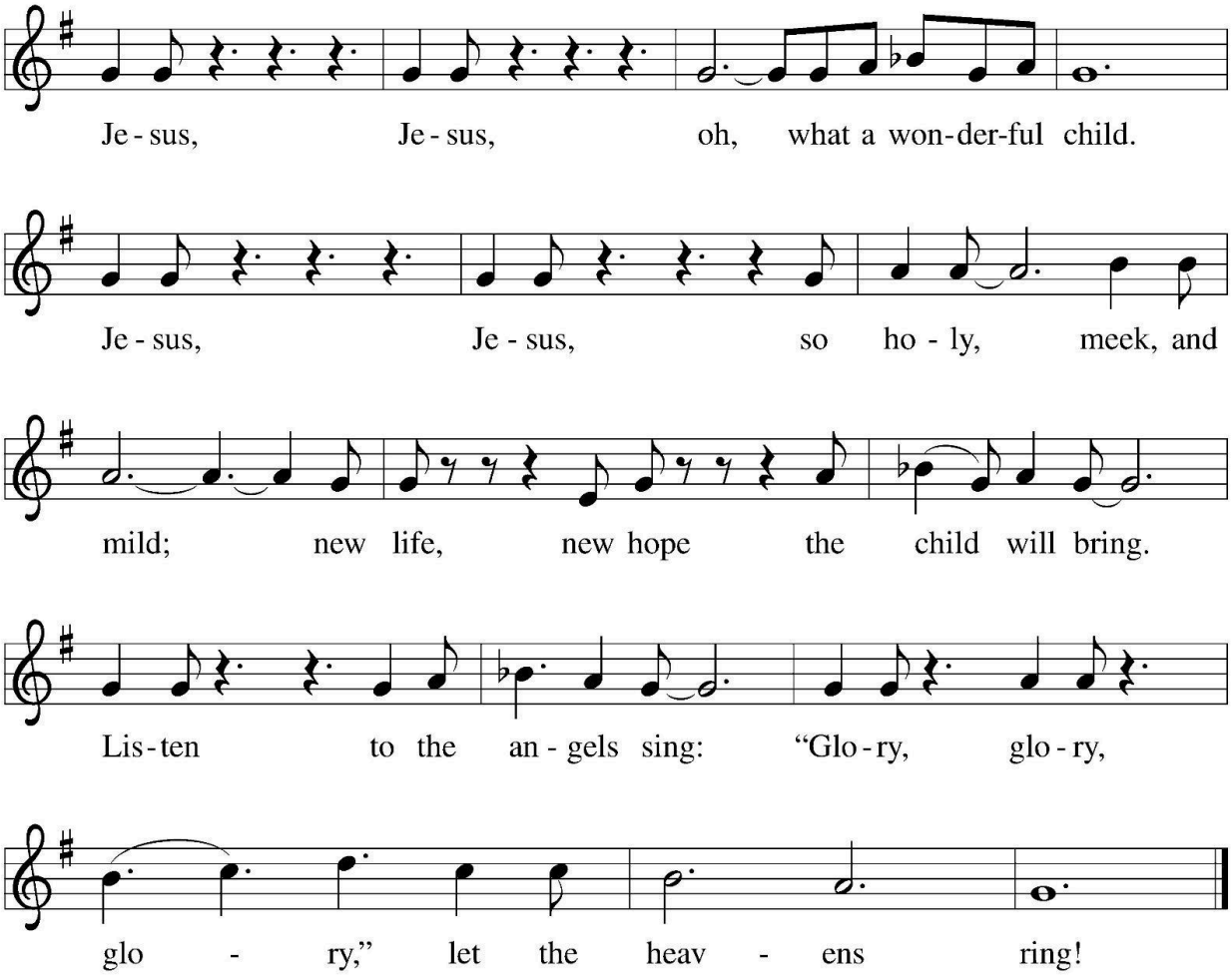
**C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse 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.

OPENING HYMN
ELW 297

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child



Text: African American traditional, alt.
Music: WONDERFUL CHILD, African American traditional

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

(Reading Continues on Next Page)

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted
at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I
will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between
sheep and sheep.
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God,
and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

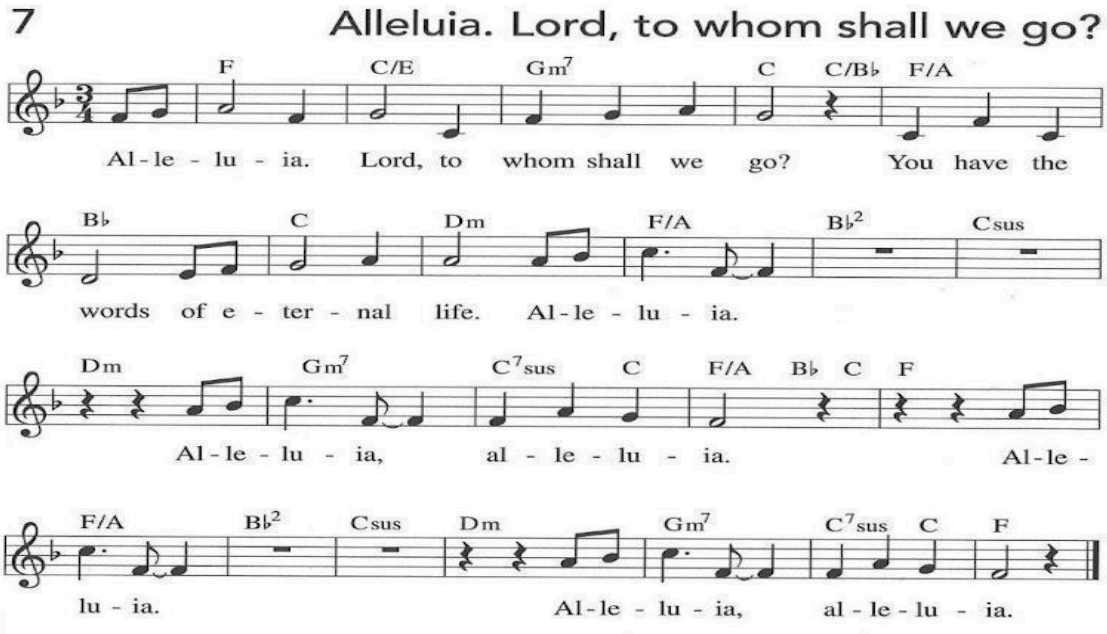
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

L [1] Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
C [2] Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
L [3] For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
C [4] In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
L [5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
C [6] Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
L [7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Jesus said to the disciples: [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
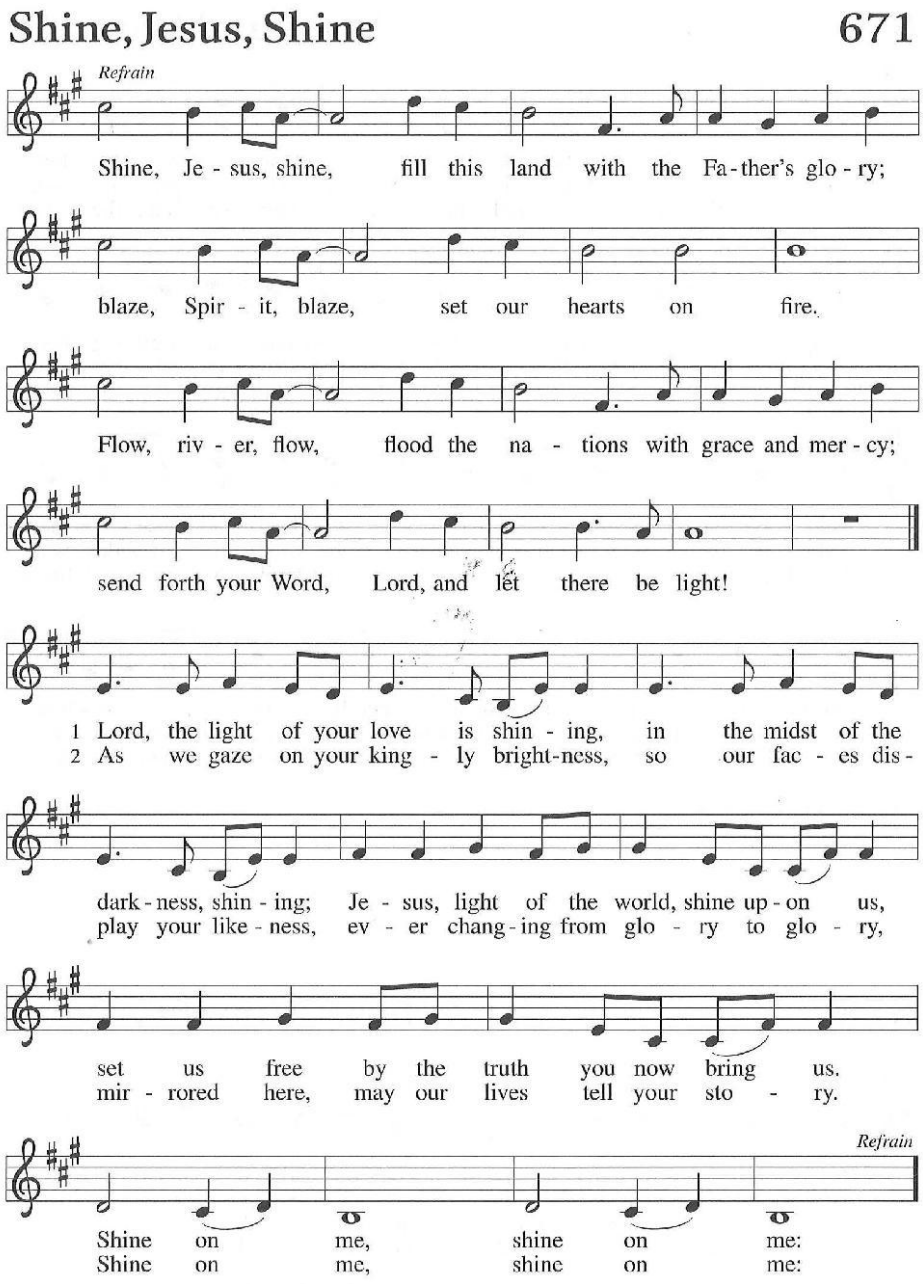
P Please be seated.

SERMON

Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN
ELW 671



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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
99 10 10 33 and refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

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

A brief silence.

L Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

L All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

L Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

L Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joan, & Sally.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: John, Sharon, Sarah, Jack, Nate, Brenda, Kay, Barry, Peggy, Marita, Heather, Margie, Kathy, Connie, Michelle, Steve, Michael, Jim, Craig, Tom, Susan, Karen, Georgia, Waine, Julia, Leslie, Ed, Carol, Debbie, Tony & Alyson.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Adam, Maria & Christina.

In gratitude for God's abundance.
In thanksgiving for the birth of Oliver Anthony Edward, grandson of Ray & Joan Nyahay.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**
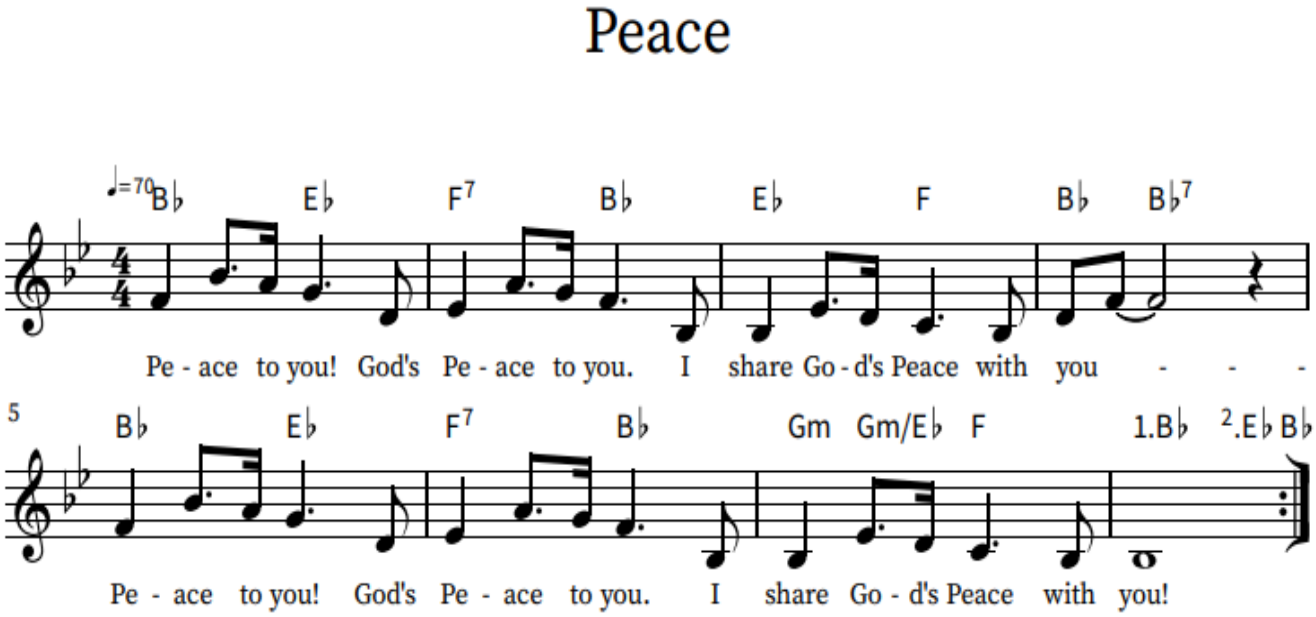
L Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.



P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

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God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

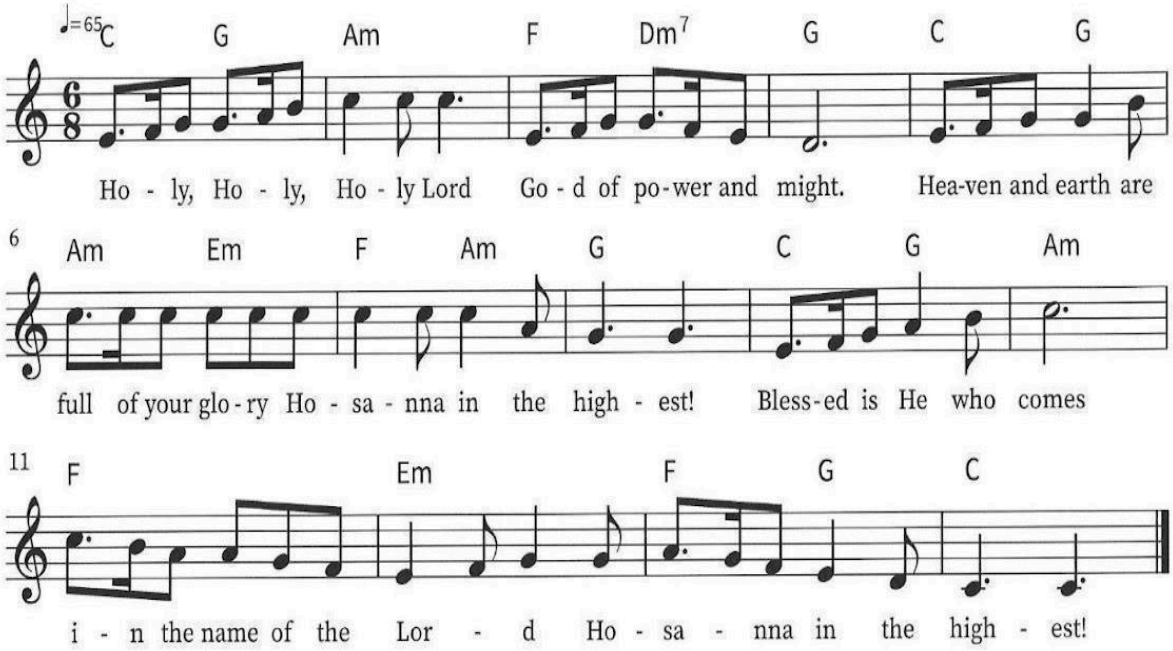
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

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;
who 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:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

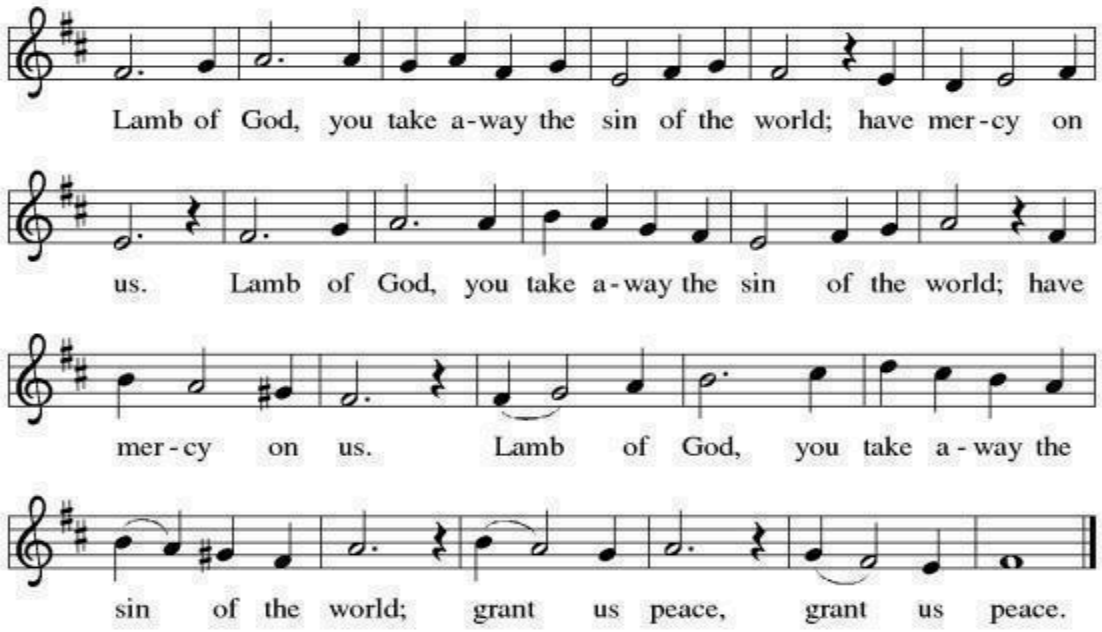
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.
A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

SENDING

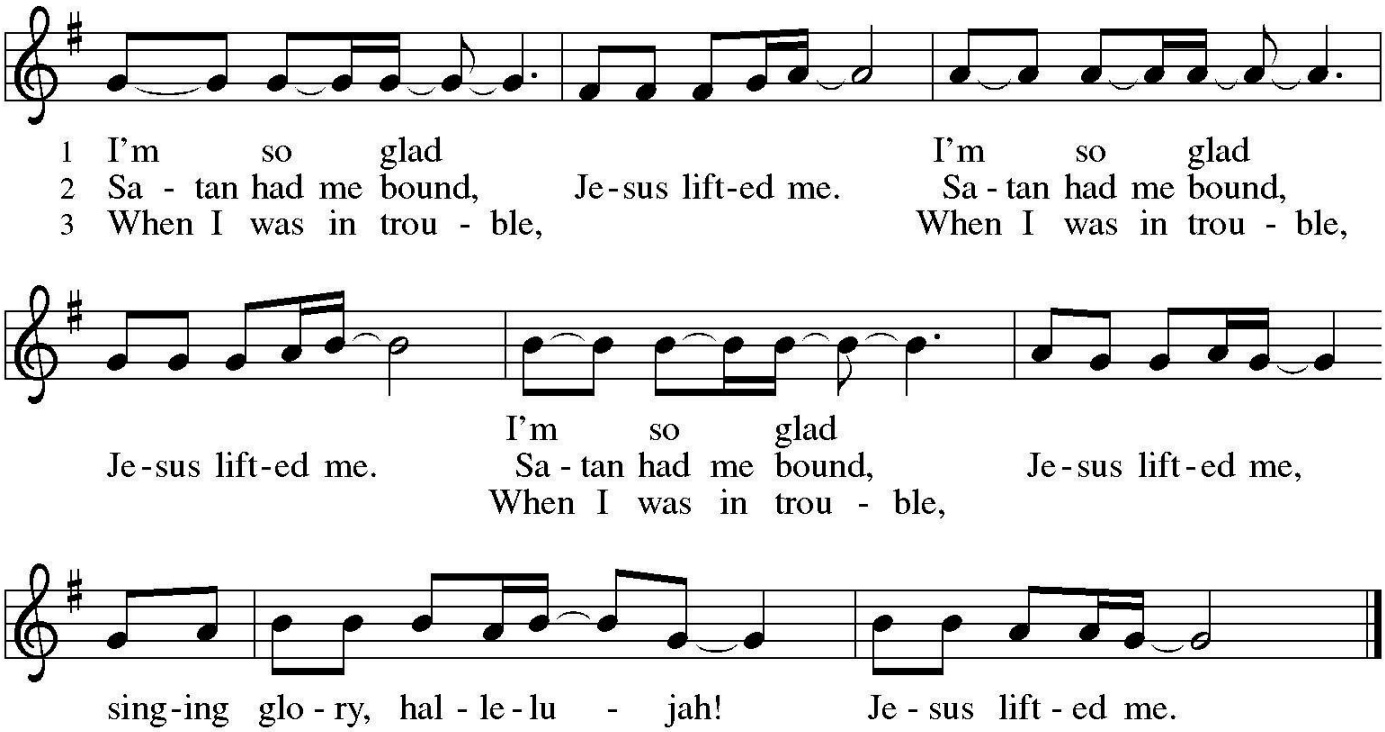
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ☩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG
ELW 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
C Thanks be to God.



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This Week at Trinity

Sunday November 22
Stay after worship to help with preparations for Advent/Christmas

Wednesday November 25
Evening Prayer at 7 pm on Zoom

Looking Ahead

Sunday November 29
No Food Drive

Wednesday December 2
Juliet's Lunch at Chadwicks 12pm – RSVP to Priscilla Myers

Friday December 4
Interactive Nativity 5-7 pm

Sunday December 6
Last day for stuffed toy collection for Gemma Services
Bring your Angel Tree gifts for KenCrest

Friday December 18
Last day for winter coat collection

TRINITY LUTHERAN FAIRVIEW VILLAGE
LIVE LOVE SERVE

Serving Sunday 11/22	
Lector	Ann Dungan
Greeter	Jennifer DePaulis
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Jen Castor
Ushers	John & Alma Nowmos
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith & Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Meg Smith
Altar Guild	Chris Cole
Counting Team	Jeff & Becky Shadle, Sharon Wilson
Serving Sunday 11/29	
Guest Musician	Ashley Hiester
Lector	Judy Flanigan
Greeter	Lori Peltier
Communion Assistants	Susan Chambers & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Brenda Aslin
Coffee Hour	Set Up Needed/Kristin Stoeber
Building Opener	Rick Cole
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Jeff & Becky Shadle, Sharon Wilson

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