St. Paul Lutheran Church

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, November 8, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

Confession and Forgiveness Screen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

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.

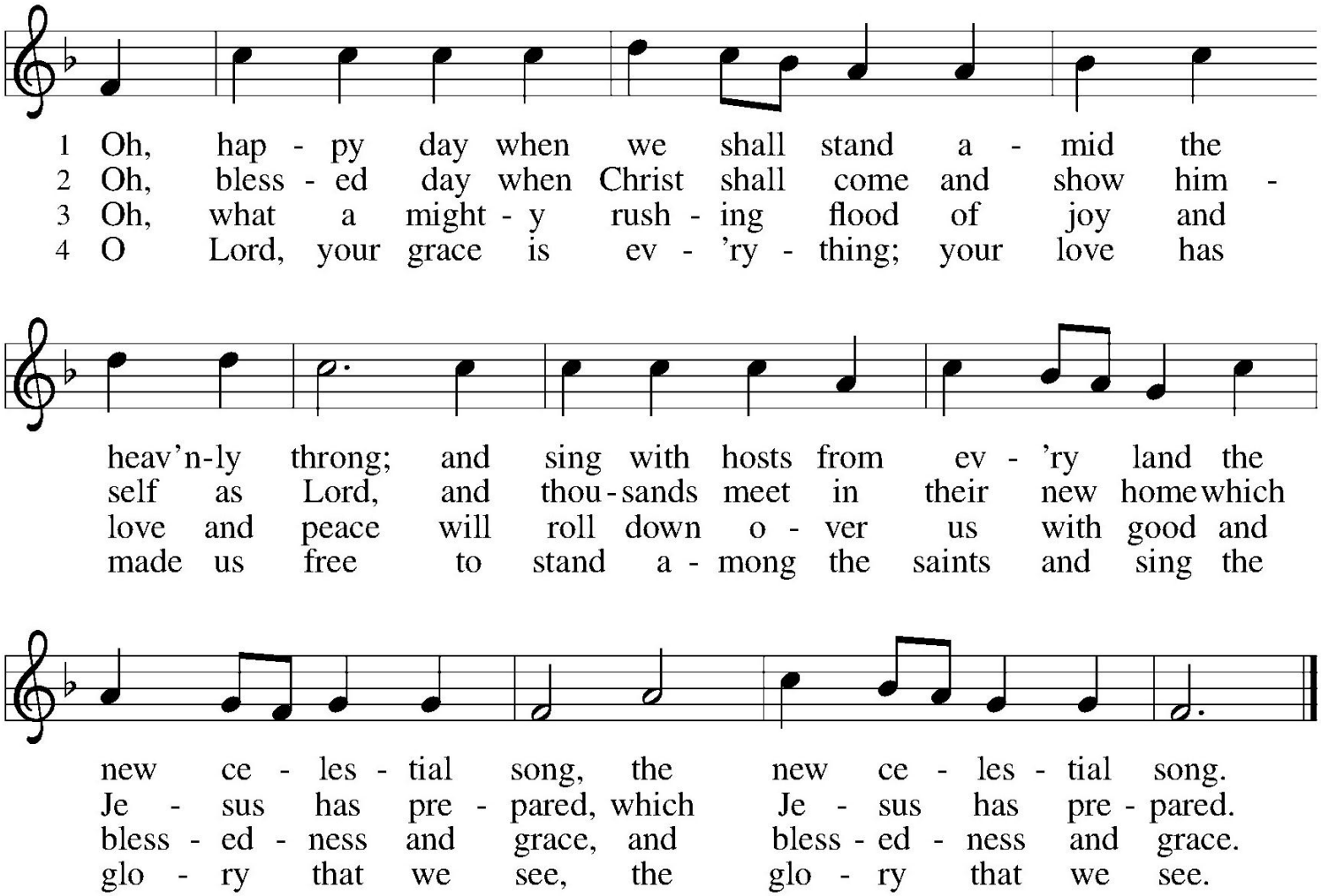
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand" Screen or ELW #441



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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.

Kyrie: Screen



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24 Screen

A: A reading from the book of Amos.

A: 18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 70 Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

C: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

A: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

A: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Screen

A: A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians.
A: 13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those
who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Screen



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Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13 Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!
P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of
them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet

him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into
the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women
came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do
not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour."

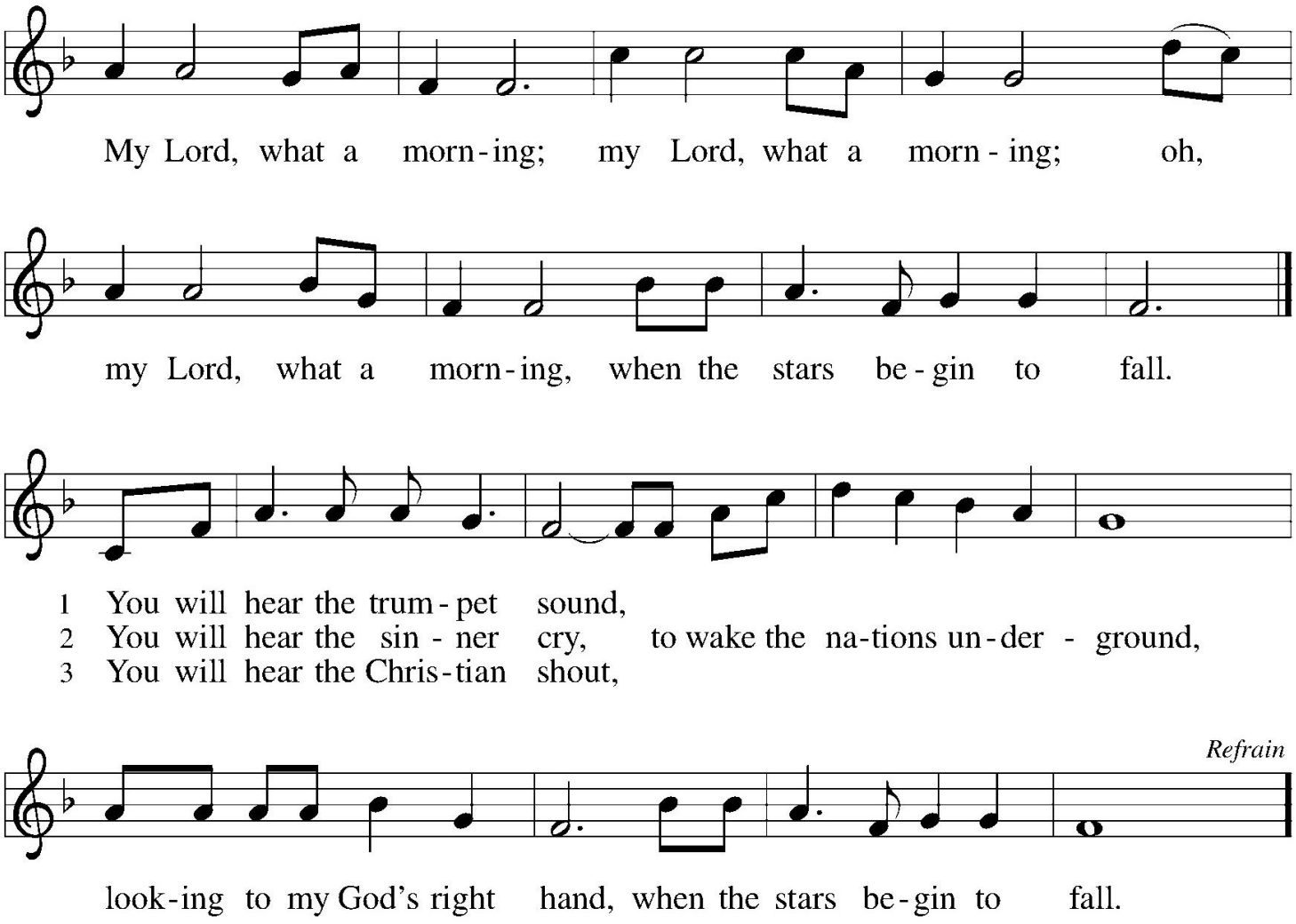
P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day: "My Lord, What a Morning" Screen or ELW #438



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Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual
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Apostles' Creed — Screen or ELW pg. 105

P: Together let us confess our faith in God using 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.

Prayers of Intercession — Screen

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

A brief silence.

P: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to guide the ministry we share with Immanuel. Inspire us towards unity, friendship, and service in Your Holy name. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. We pray especially for DeAnna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebzeit, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim Marshall, Angel & Brent, Ron Reglin, Aiden, Brenda Nailor, Larry Moats, and those we name aloud or in our hearts...brief silence… Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
A: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven, especially Esther Hicks. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.
Their offering for November will support LSSI Hope Chest for the Dixon Group Home.
We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving" Screen or ELW #689



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer Screen

A: Let us pray. Eternal God,

C: 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. Amen.

Holy Communion

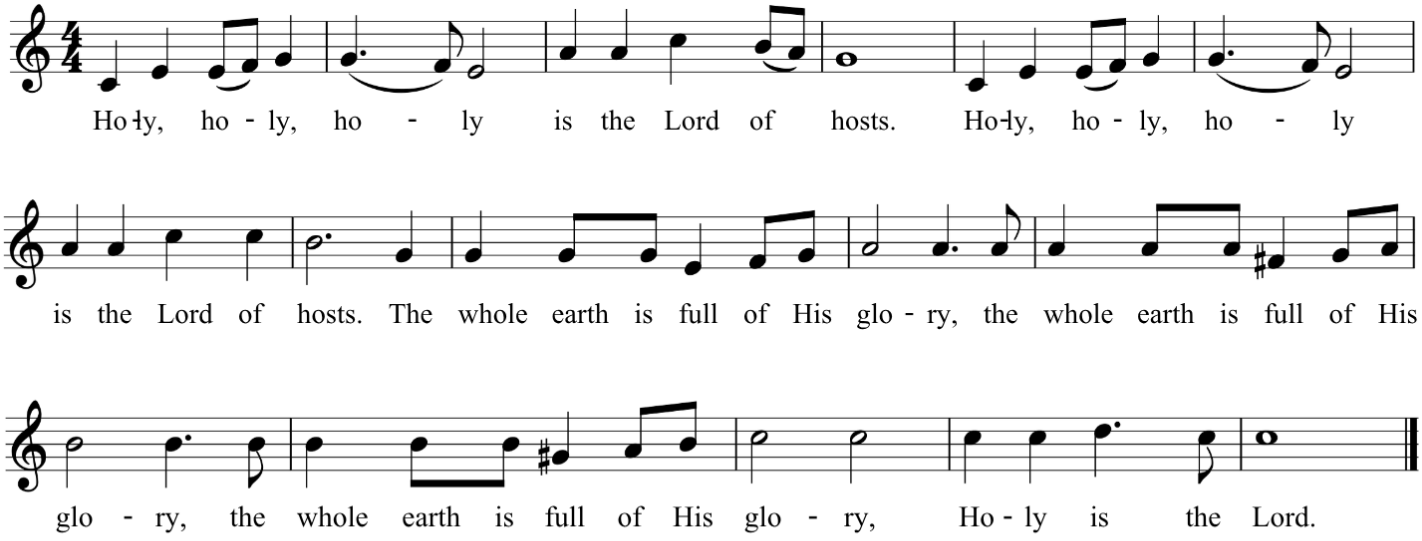
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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 God 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 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 in their unending hymn:



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Words of Institution

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, Jesus 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."

The Lord's Prayer Screen

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.

Invitation to Communion

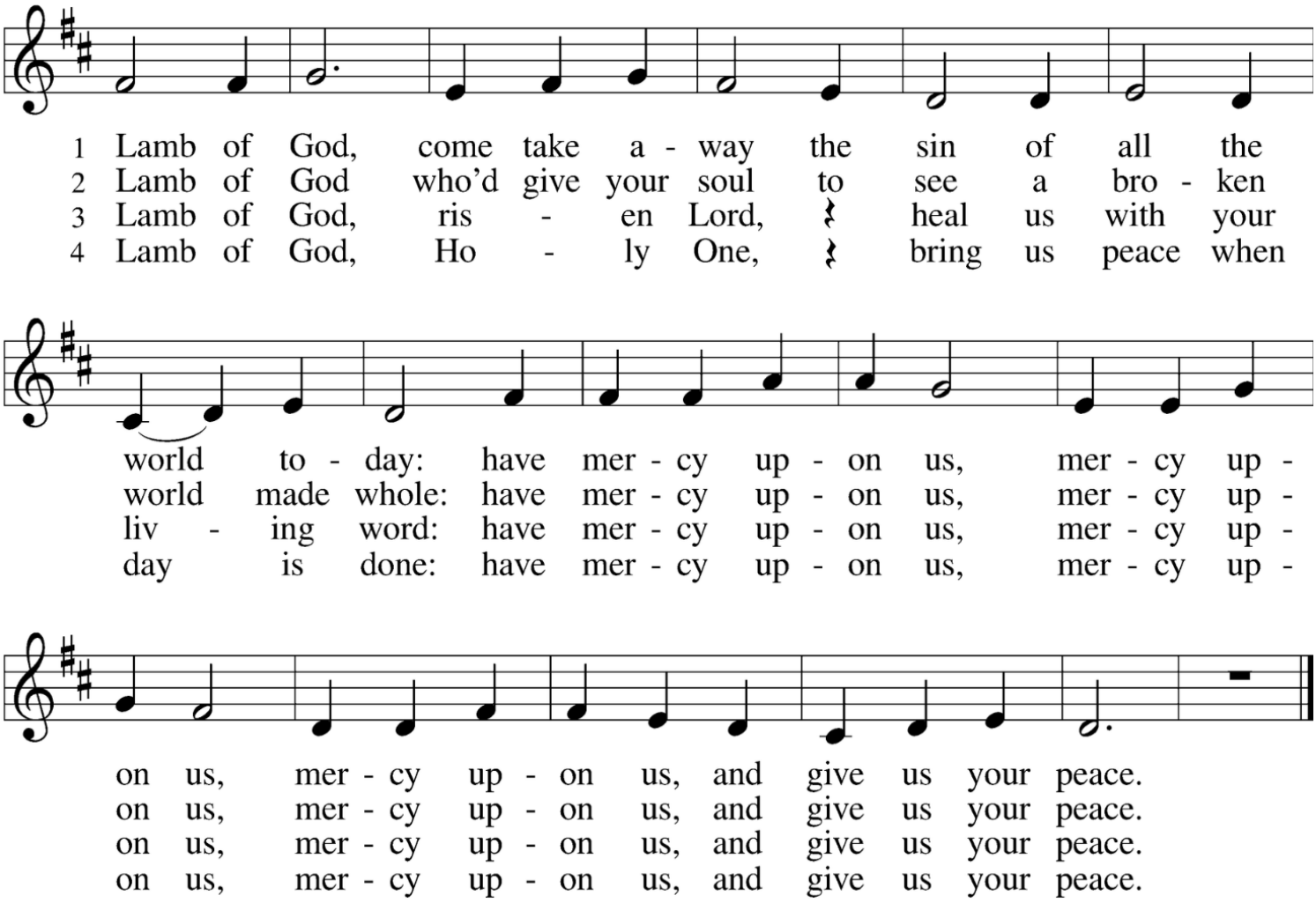
P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

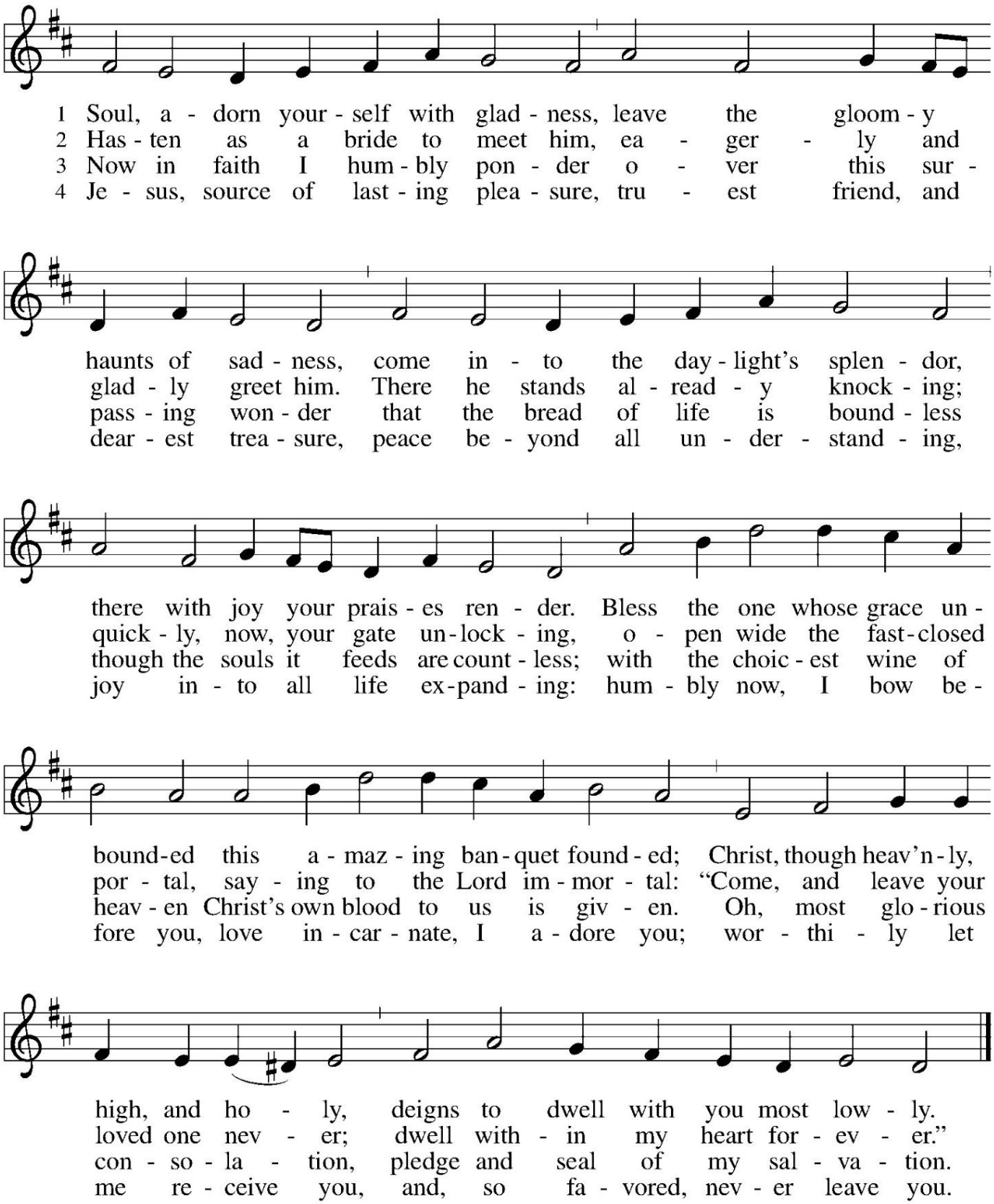
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Each person may respond, "**amen".***
St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion. This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God, Come Take Away" Screen



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"Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness" Screen or ELW #488



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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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"When Peace, like a River" Screen or ELW #785



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion Screen

A: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: 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.

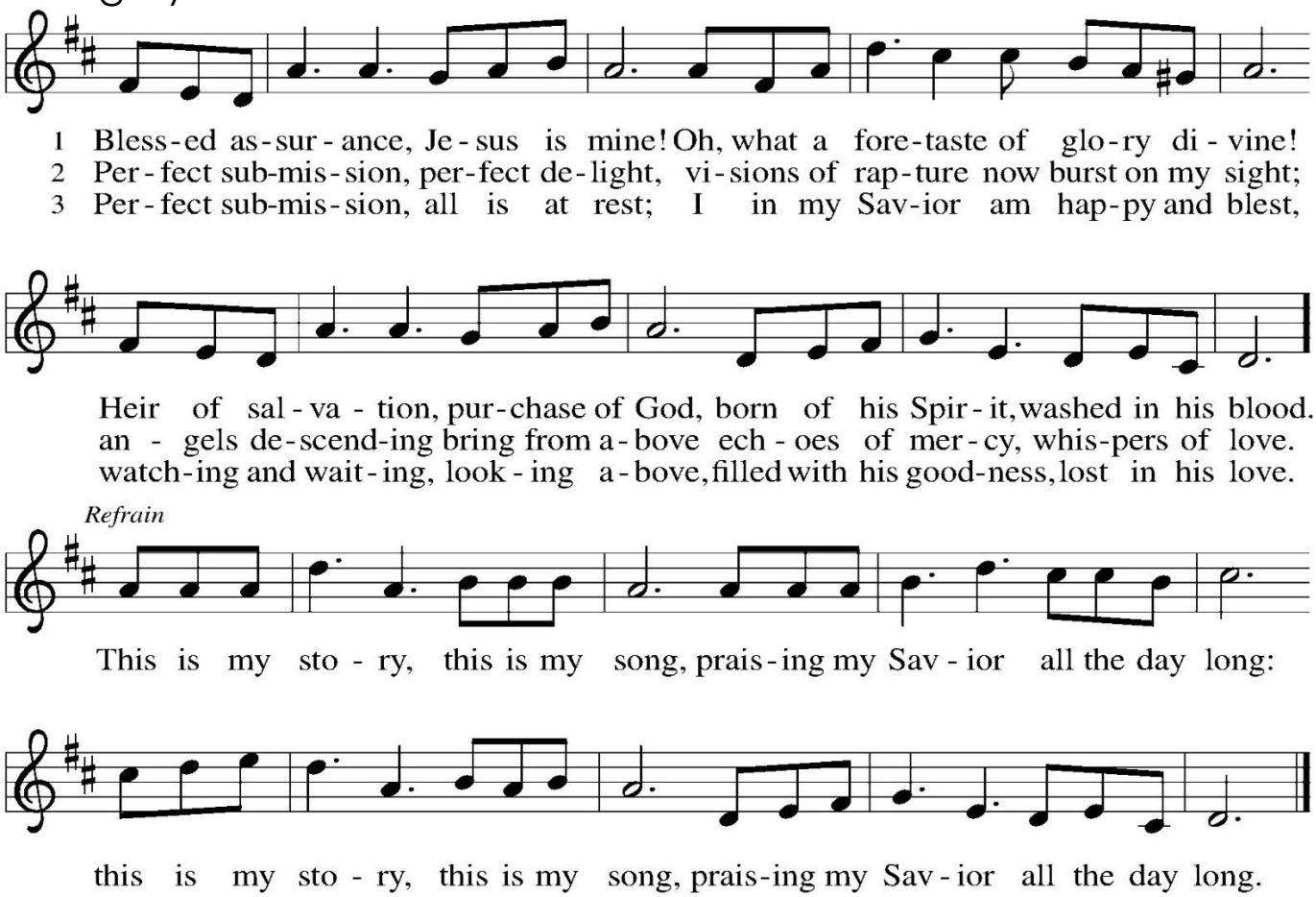
SENDING

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" Screen or ELW #683



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908
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Dismissal A: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Leading Worship

Presider: Pastor Riley **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony

Musician: Kathy Sheridan **Worship Assistant:** Marian Myers

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St. Paul Announcements

Church Office contact information ~ email: office@stpauldixon.org phone: 815-288-2757
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This week's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dan & Patty Hallquist.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY Sunday, 11/8:	Youth Committee 9:15 am Sunday School / Youth Group 9:30 am – 10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Marian Myers Goodfellows Shopping 11:45 am – 2:00 pm Ross Jallo Organ Concert 2:00 pm Executive Council
Monday, 11/9:	Prayer Team 10:30 am
Tuesday, 11/10:	Joint Staff Meeting 8:00 am at St. Paul Line Dancing 9:00 am Social Ministry 10:00 am
Wednesday, 11/11:	Church Office Closed ~ Veterans Day WELCA Coffee 9:00 am
Thursday, 11/12:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am Praise Band rehearsal 5:30 pm
Friday, 11/13:	Liberty Court Worship 1:30 pm Youth Quake registration deadline Fellowship Hall maintenance
Saturday, 11/14:	Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Lester Hallquist Fellowship Hall maintenance
Sunday, 11/15:	Sunday School / Youth Group 9:30 am – 10:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Praise Band worship assistant: Glen Hughes Joint Confirmation class 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at Immanuel

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If ever you miss a service, you can join us online!

WELCA Coffee 9 am Wednesday, November 11th.

Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11th.

Youth Quake deadline Friday, November 13th.

ROSS JALLO
ORGAN CONCERT
TODAY AT 2 pm

Fellowship Hall will be closed for floor maintenance Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14.

New Book Study…The new book is an Advent Devotional titled "All Creation Waits" by Gayle Boss. It is an intentionally intergenerational book study opportunity. People can have an adult copy of the book or a picture book copy. They can sign up by calling the office or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Along with their preferred book and name, they can also indicate a day and time that may work for them - that way, we will hopefully be able to schedule something for families to attend.

On Sunday, November 22 we will have pies in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am before the service. Come early for pie and Thanksgiving fellowship with your church friends. If you would like to bring a pie, please do so.

LSSI GIVING TREE is in the Gathering Area. LSSI needs our help to make Christmas happy for those who have so little. Please take an envelope from the tree in the Gathering Area and place a donation in the envelope. Place your envelope in the box below the tree.
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Your gift must be given by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th. LSSI has been very grateful for your giving to help others with less. Thank you, Social Ministry Committee

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO ST PAUL
ONE DAY ONLY on December 1st!

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We're teaming up with Thrivent for Giving Tuesday! ✨ **NOTE**: You don't need to be a member of Thrivent to participate. Thrivent is committing $3 million to support organizations like St Paul through their Giving Tuesday initiative. When you donate on **December 1st** through Thrivent's giving platform, they'll boost your gift so it can do even more for St Paul's mission. And 100% of your gift will go directly to St Paul Lutheran Church – Thrivent covers 100% of the processing fees. You can give through your bank or with a credit card. You can donate directly to St Paul Lutheran Church through Thrivent's giving platform at this website:
https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244103241

For more info. visit: thrivent.com/offers/giving-tuesday

Or scan this QR code with your mobile device:

If you would like help completing an online donation on DECEMBER 1ST for giving Tuesday, please let the church office know. This is a great opportunity to double your impact!

CROSS-GENERATIONAL ADVENT CRAFT MAKING FLEECE TIE BLANKETS

Sunday, November 29! Join us for a special Advent craft in the fellowship hall! **ALL ages welcome!** Beginning at 9:30am students, parents, adults, **all generations** are invited to make a fleece tie blanket to keep or to donate to a local organization. If you have fleece material you would like to donate, we need 1, 1.5, and 2 yard pieces. This event is sponsord by a Thrivent action team.



THANKS BE TO GOD!

