Welcome to Worship for

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, November 15, 2026

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. James Hilden-Minton, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

---GATHERING---

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

PRELUDE **John Womack**

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

The congregation stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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

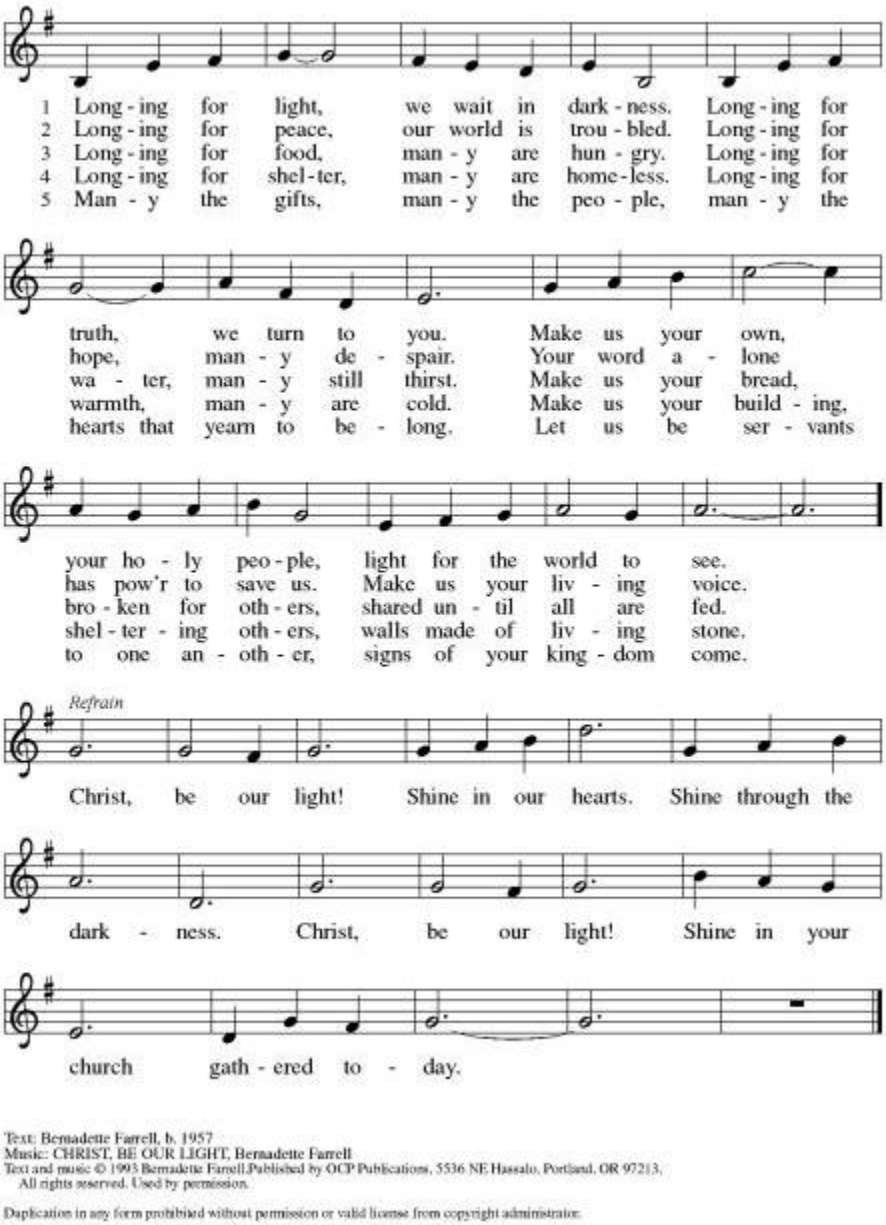
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG **ELW 715**

Christ, Be Our Light



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GREETING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Let us pray.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

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

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 **Madi Crutchfield**

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.

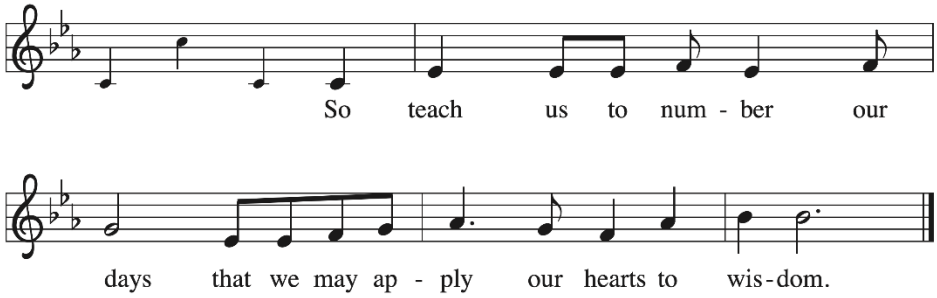
17 I will bring such distress upon people

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 **John Womack**



Psalm 90:12
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1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R
[9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
] 12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R

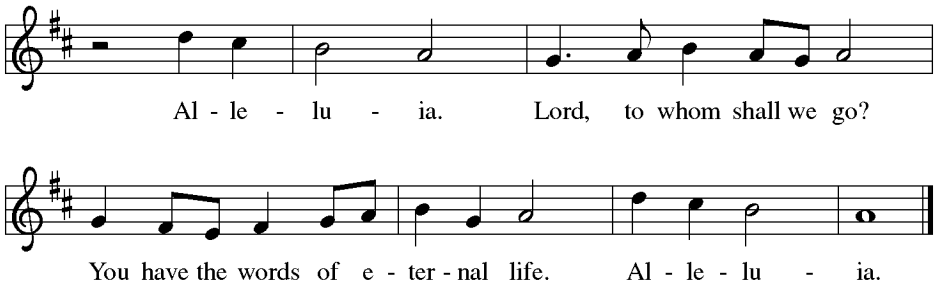
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Madi Crutchfield**

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

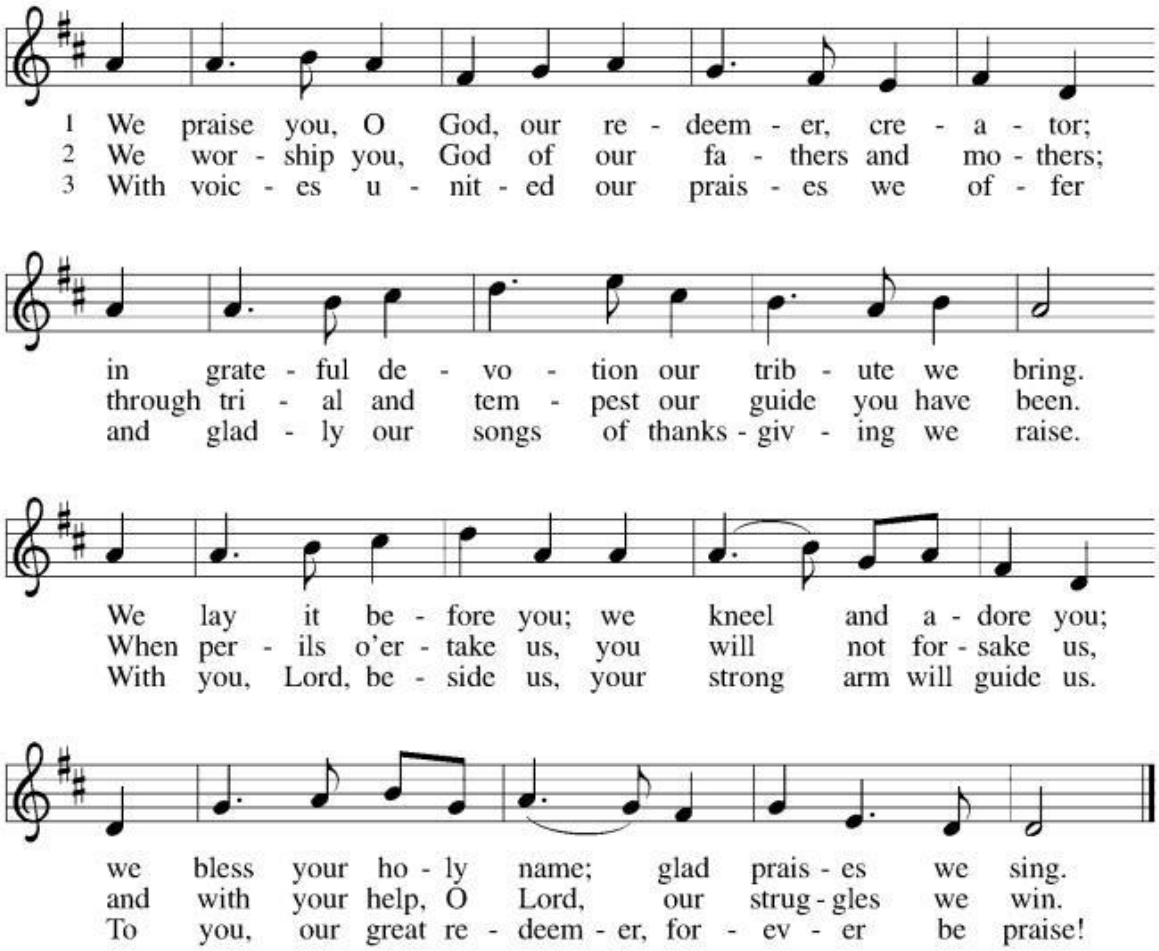
SERMON **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**



The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 870**

We Praise You, O God



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APOSTLES' CREED **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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 **Madi Crutchfield**

The congregation sits or kneels.

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

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing.

We offer you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.
A brief silence

- We pray for Nancy; David; Pastor James and family.
- We pray for Rob; Dale; Sheryl; Sharla.
- We pray for Sharon; Hannah; Willie; Flossie.
- We pray for Sharon and family; Lorraine and Bob; Gary.
- We pray for Roger; Jim; Kathryn; Robin and Cathy.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

- We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Gaza, Israel, Ethiopia, Syria, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar.
- We pray for safe and positive environments for students, teachers, and all school personnel.
- We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

The congregation stands.

PEACE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

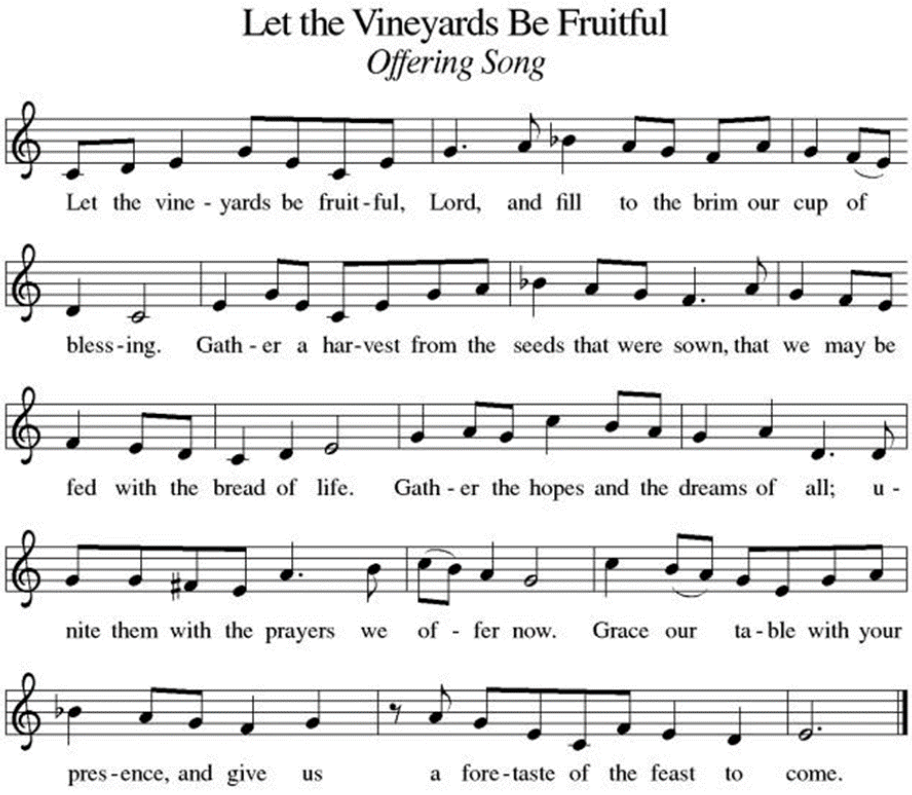
---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING **Madi Crutchfield**

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. If you're joining us online, a link is available in the comments. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE **ELW 182**



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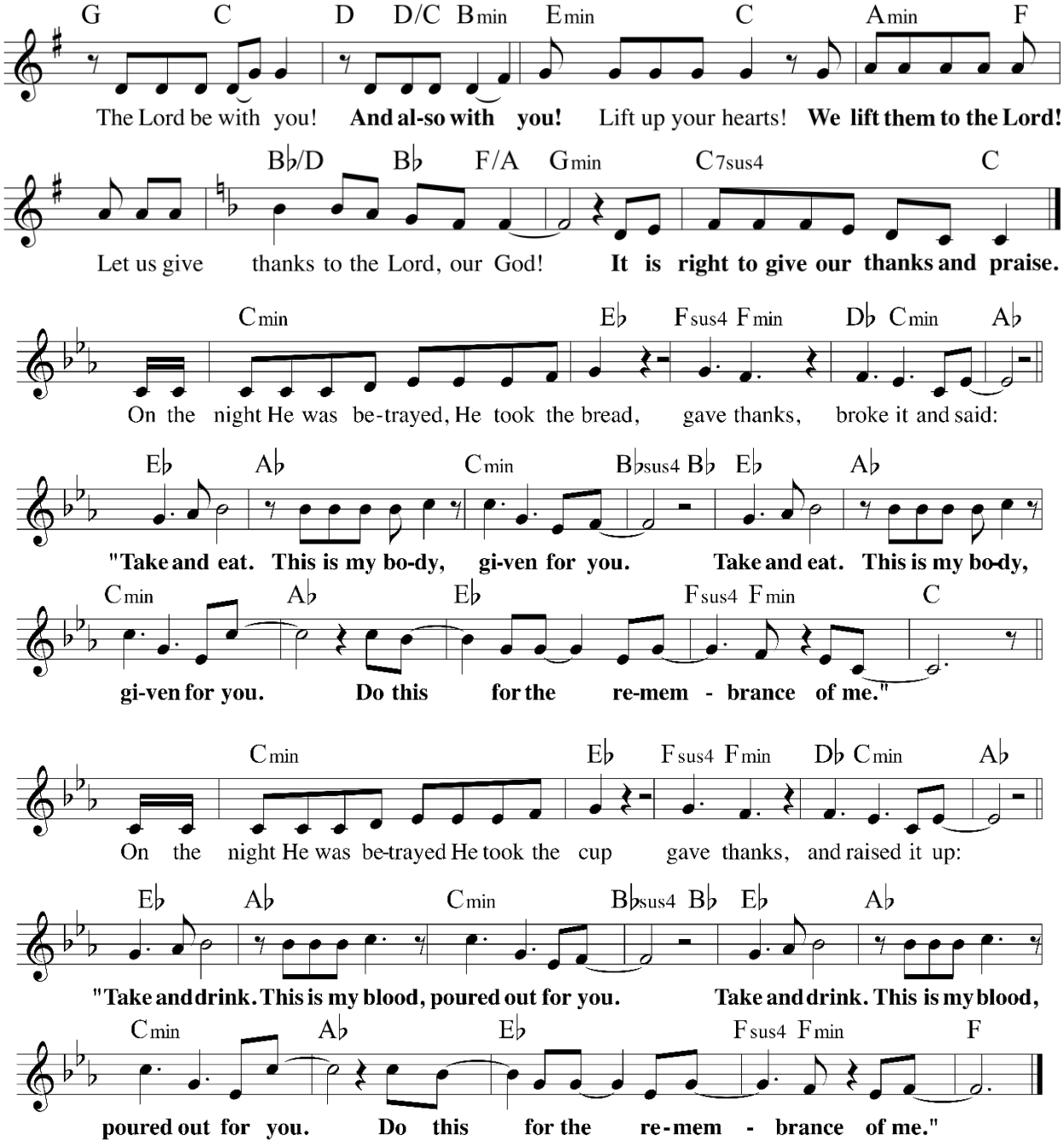
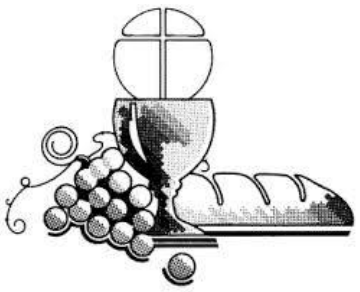
OFFERING PRAYER **Madi Crutchfield**

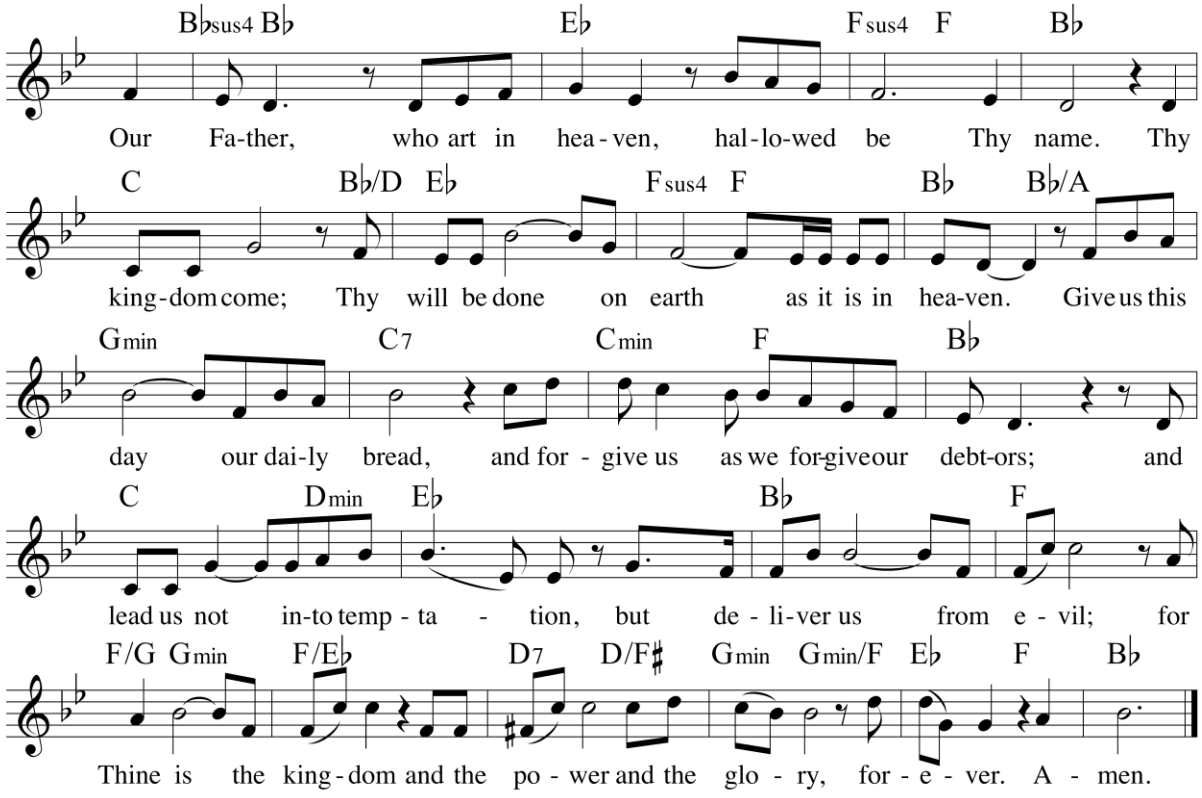
Let us pray.
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

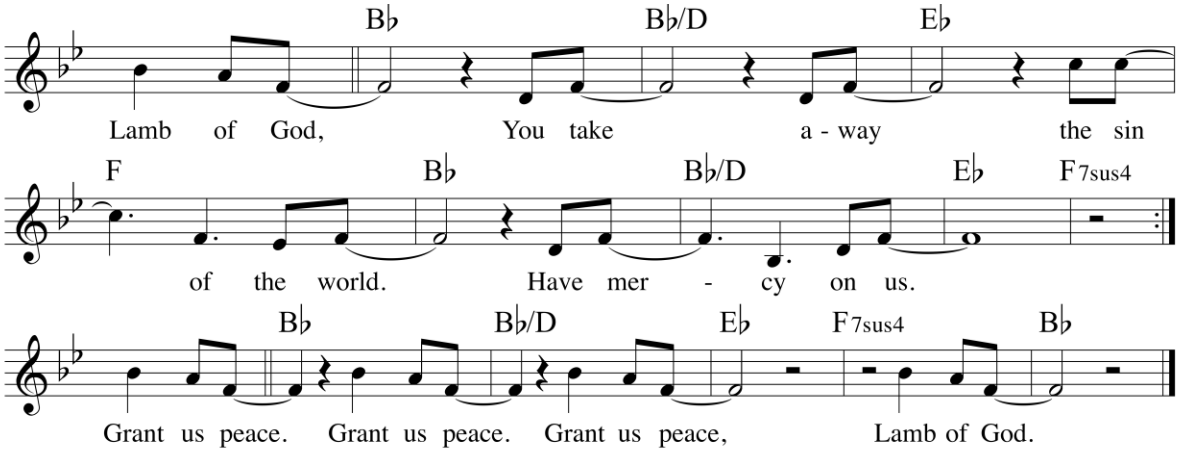




LORD'S PRAYER



COMMUNION SONG



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

The congregation is seated.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **Madi Crutchfield**

Let us pray.
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.
Amen.

---SENDING---

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

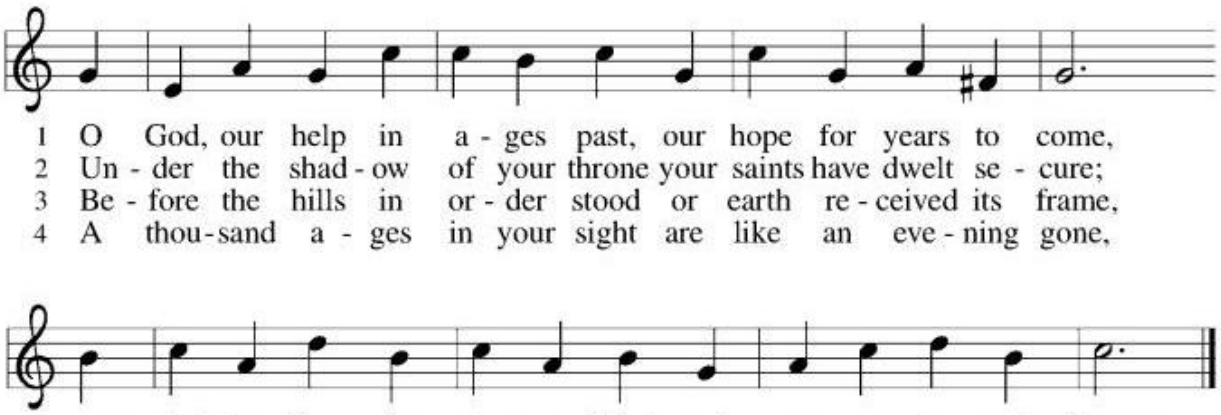
BLESSING **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

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



SENDING SONG **ELW 632**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



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.

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DISMISSAL **Rev. James Hilden-Minton**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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