

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14 & 15, 2026

As We Gather

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those who may require it: Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- Communion in the pew is available: let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- Individual Communion cups: Please do *not* stack the plastic cups in the baskets after use at communion. Stacked cups stick together and hinder the rinsing process. Thanks for understanding!

ATTENDANCE PADS: Take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located by the center aisle of each pew. Provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

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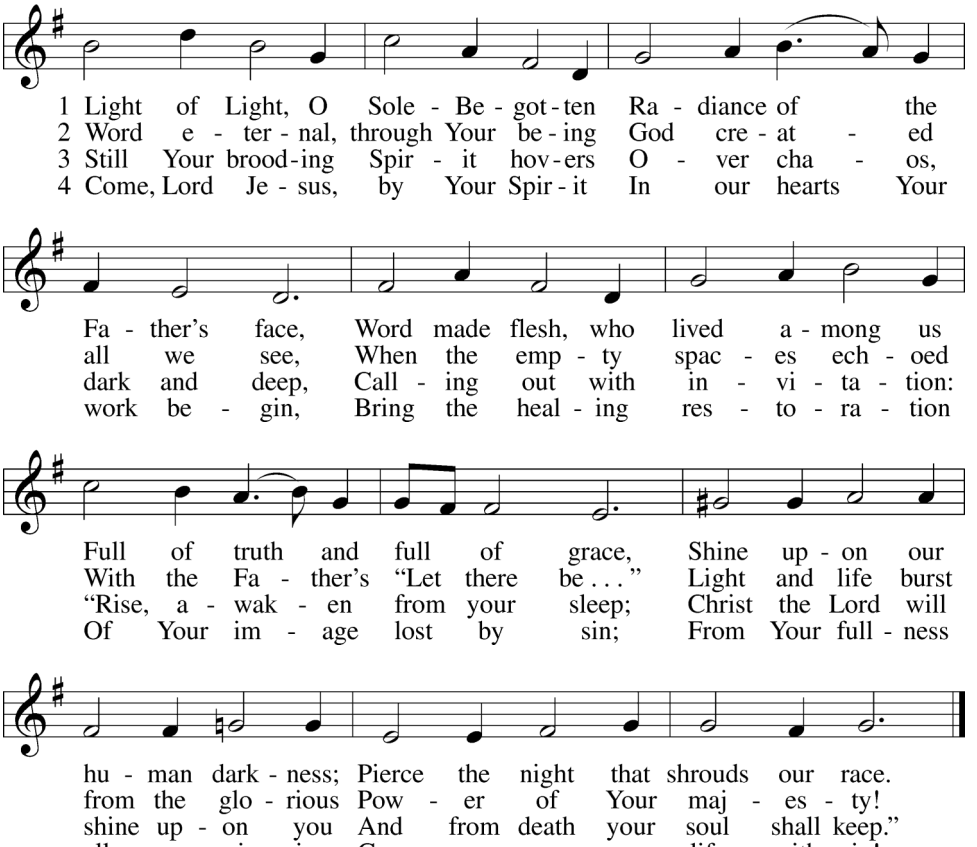
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Divine Service, Setting Three
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Prelude: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near *Theodore Beck*
Prelude: Llangloffan *Robert Chamberlin*

✣ Confession and Absolution ✣

Opening Hymn: Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten *LSB* 914 *Please Stand*



The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

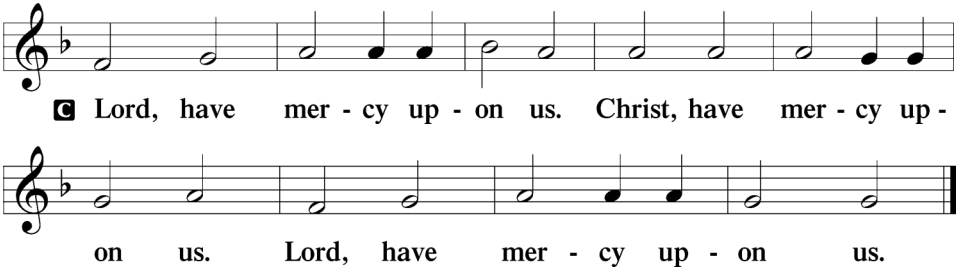
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
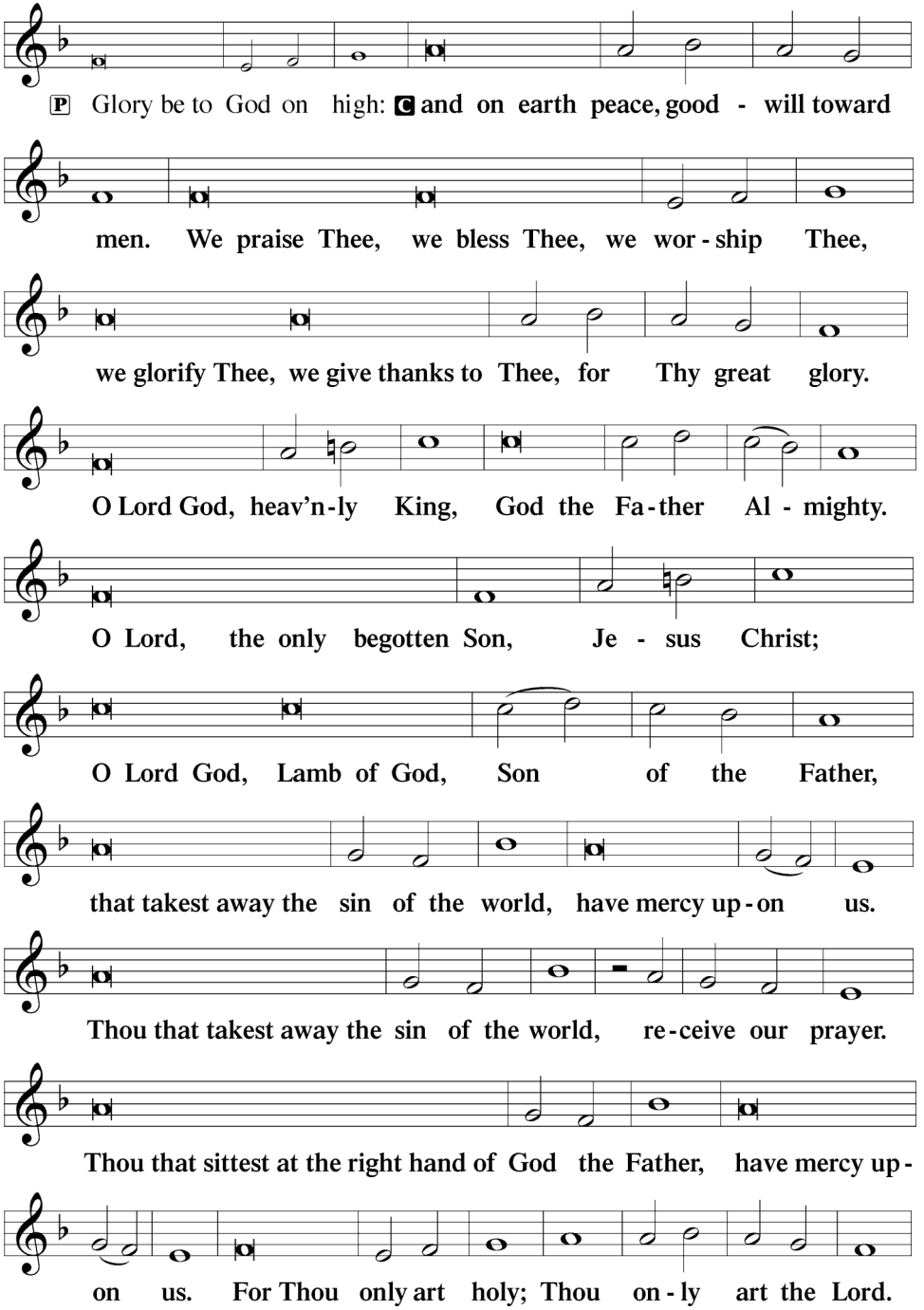
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

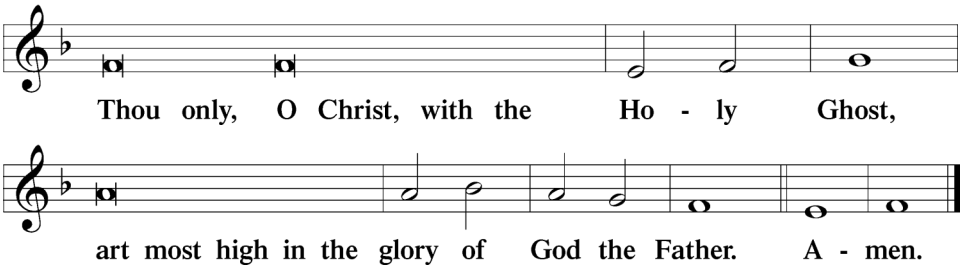
C **Amen.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

Kyrie *LSB* 186

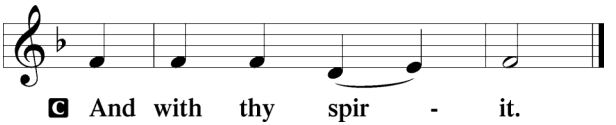



P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
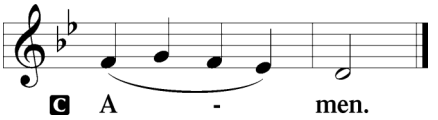


Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16 *Please Sit*

A The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from Zephaniah, chapter 1.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house

with violence and fraud.
10"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13Their goods 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."

14The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15A day of wrath is that day,
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,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Choral Response - O Clap Your Hands *Stephen L. Lawrence; 8AM*

O clap your hands all ye people, sing to the Lord!
Shout and rejoice, sound the trumpet, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord!
Rejoice triumphantly, praise Him joyfully, glory be to His name.
Clap your hands and shout, hear the rocks cry out,
mighty is His reign, praise His name! Sing to the Lord!
Clap your hands, clap your hands, rejoice and sing to the Lord.
Let praises ring to honor the King, rejoice and sing to the Lord.
Ye people, now lift your voices in triumph, God has gone up with a shout!
Clap your hands, clap your hands, rejoice and sing to the Lord.
Clap your hands, ye people, clap your hands, ye people,
sing to the Lord, sing alleluia.
Clap, O clap your hands, ye people, sing to the Lord.
Clap, O clap your hands, ye people, sing to the Lord.
Ye people clap your hands!

O clap your hands, O clap your hands, O clap your hands, sing to the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
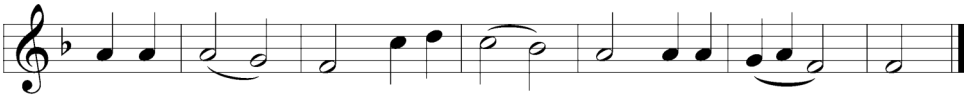
A The Epistle is from First Thessalonians, chapter 5.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need
to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that
the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are
saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come
upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will
not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise
you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We
are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at
night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong
to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and
love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined
us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who
died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with
him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just
as you are doing.

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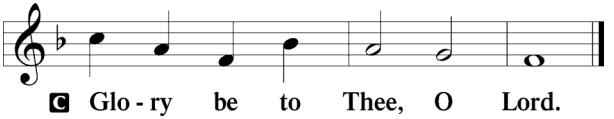
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190; Please Stand*
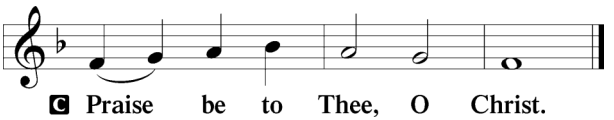


Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at
once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he
who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had
received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and
settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered
to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful
over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'
22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master,
you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'
23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have
been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of
your master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not
sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You
knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered
no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and at my coming I should have received what was my own with
interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten
talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have
an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In
that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

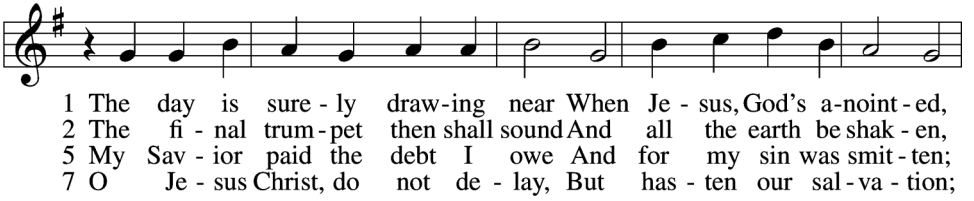
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

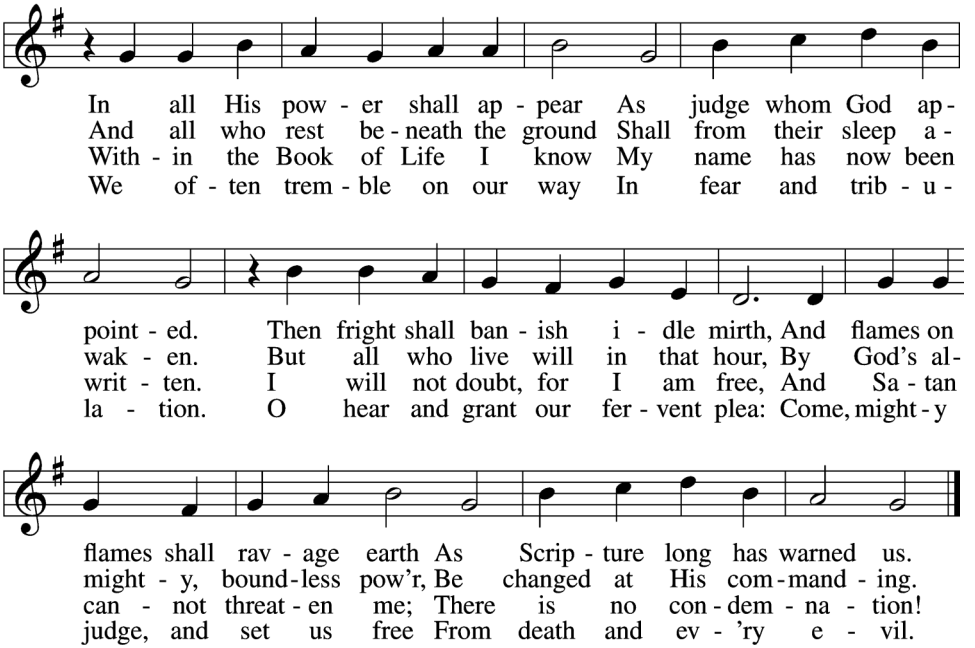
Children's Message

Please be seated/Sunday

Hymn of the Day: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508, sts. 1-2, 5, 7

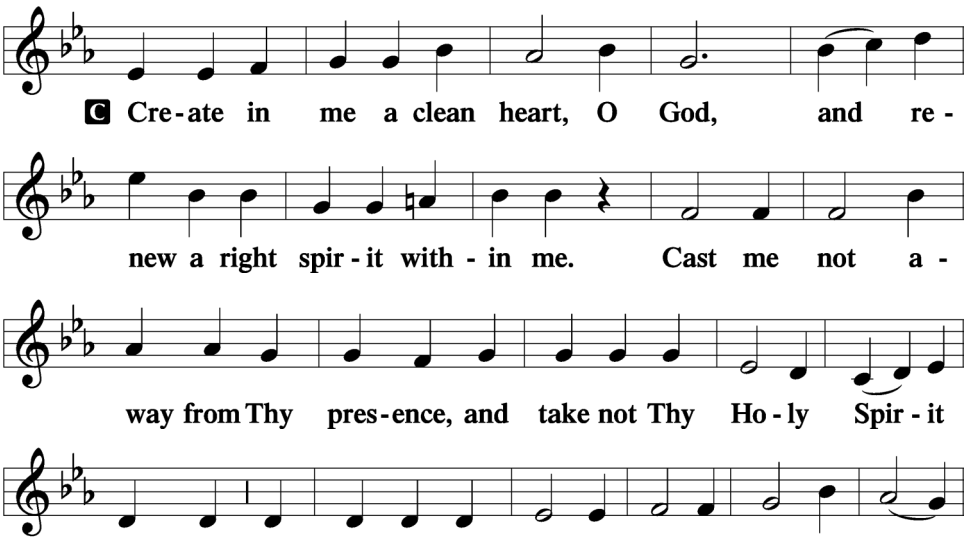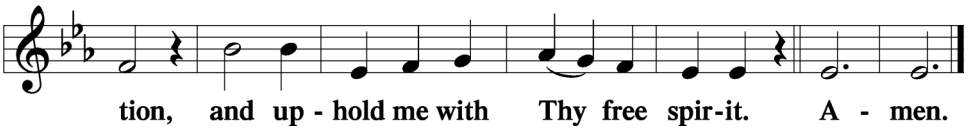




Sermon

Reception of New Members

Offertory *LSB 192/Please Stand*





Offering & Rite of Fellowship *Please Be Seated*

We ask that all worshipers take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle and return it to its spot when finished. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you. Thank you.

Choral Voluntary: The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles Albert Tindley, arr. Barbara W. Baker; 8AM

Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over, hallelu!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over.
The storm is passing over, hallelu!

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Additional petitions conclude:
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**
The prayers conclude:
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

✢ Service of the Sacrament ✢

Preface *LSB* 160

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

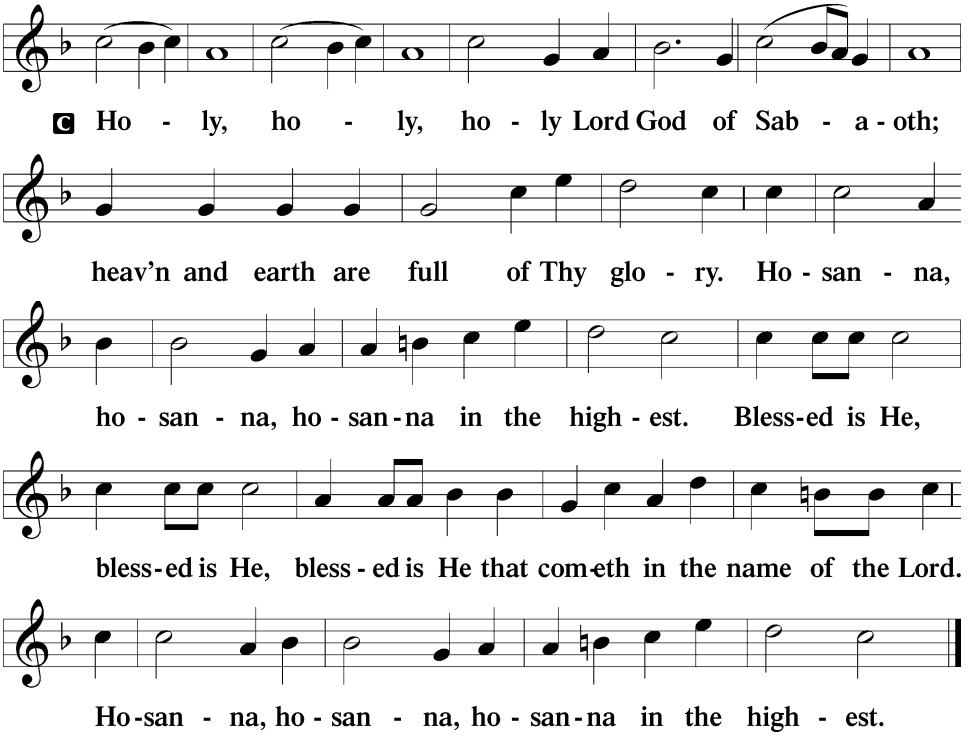
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 195



Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

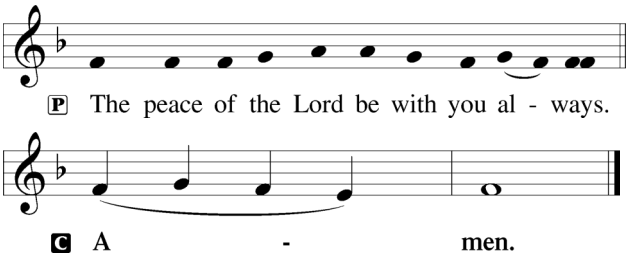
℗ **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB* 197

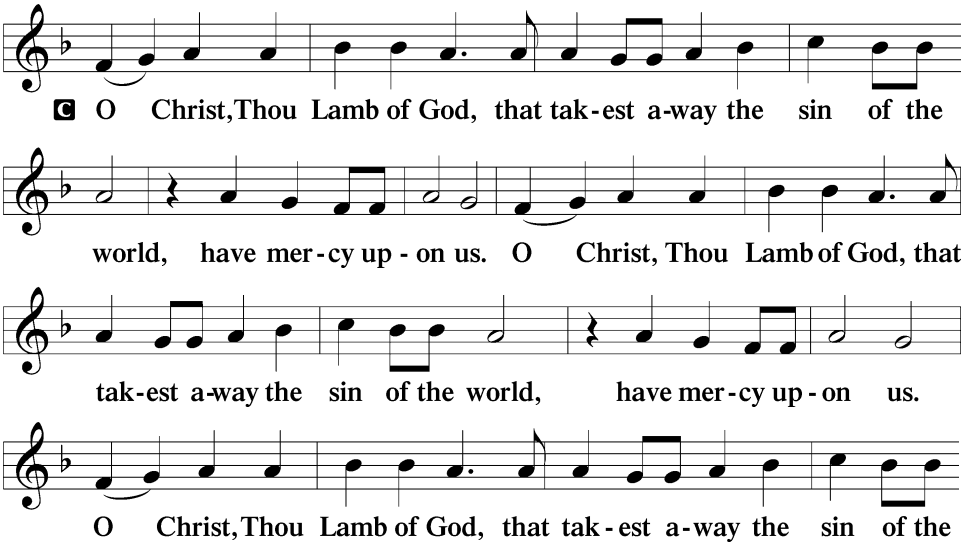
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
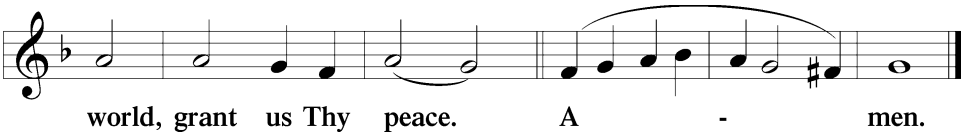
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: The Peace of the Lord *LSB* 197



Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God" *LSB* 198





Distribution for Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: *Please Sit*

LSB 513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

LSB 730 What Is the World to Me

LSB 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

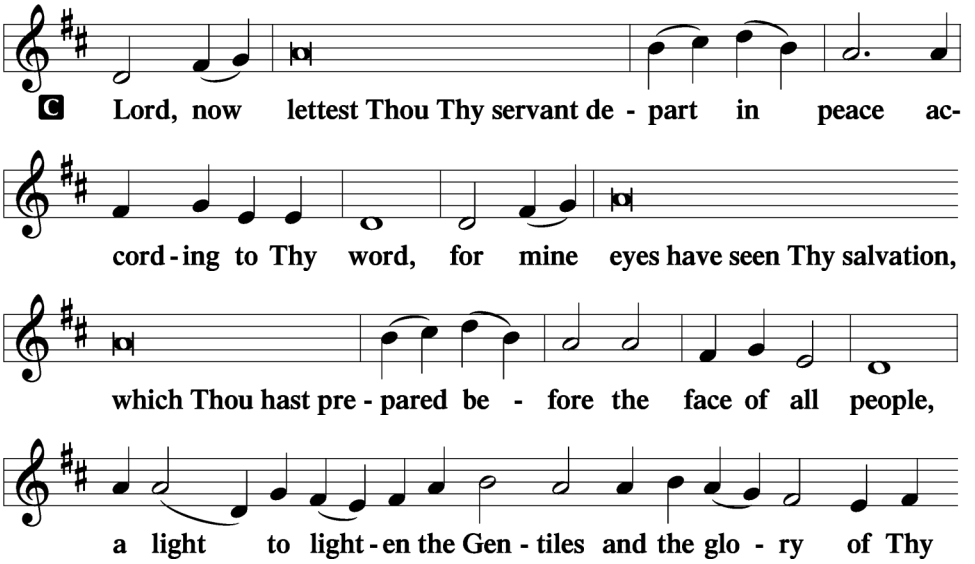
LSB 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses
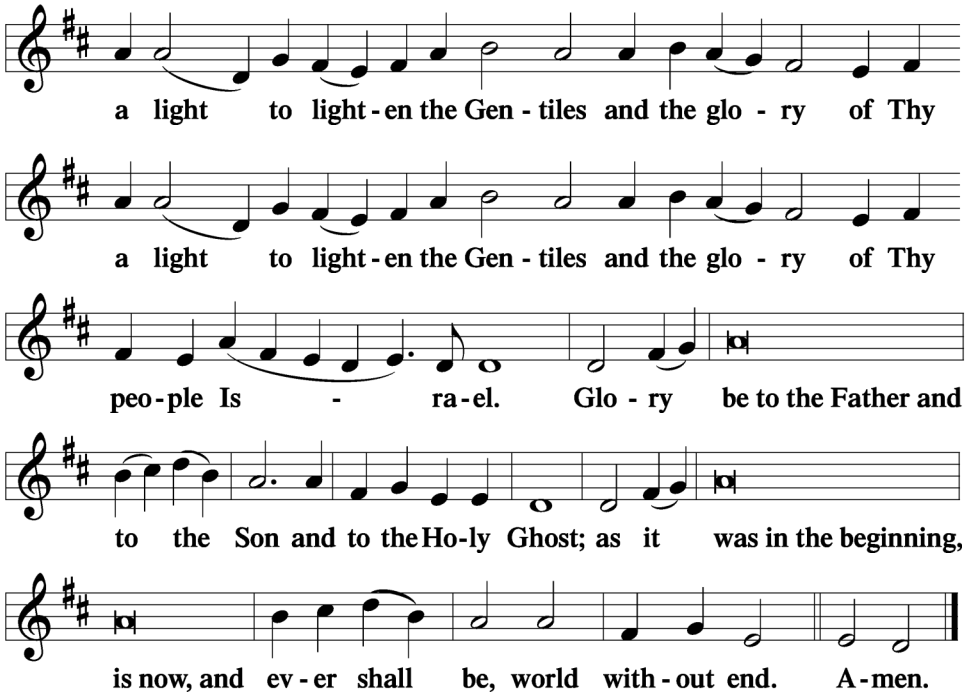
Dismissal *LSB* 199 *Please Stand*

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.**

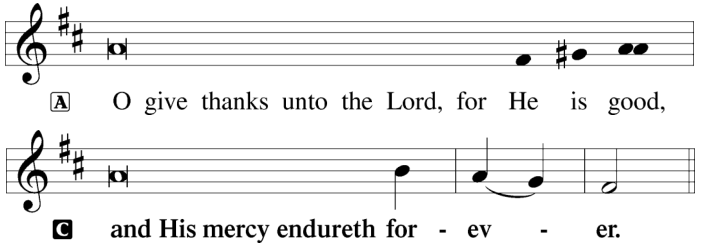
Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*





Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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
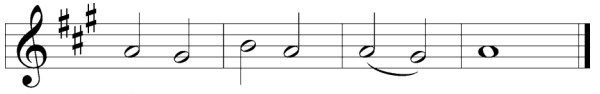
LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

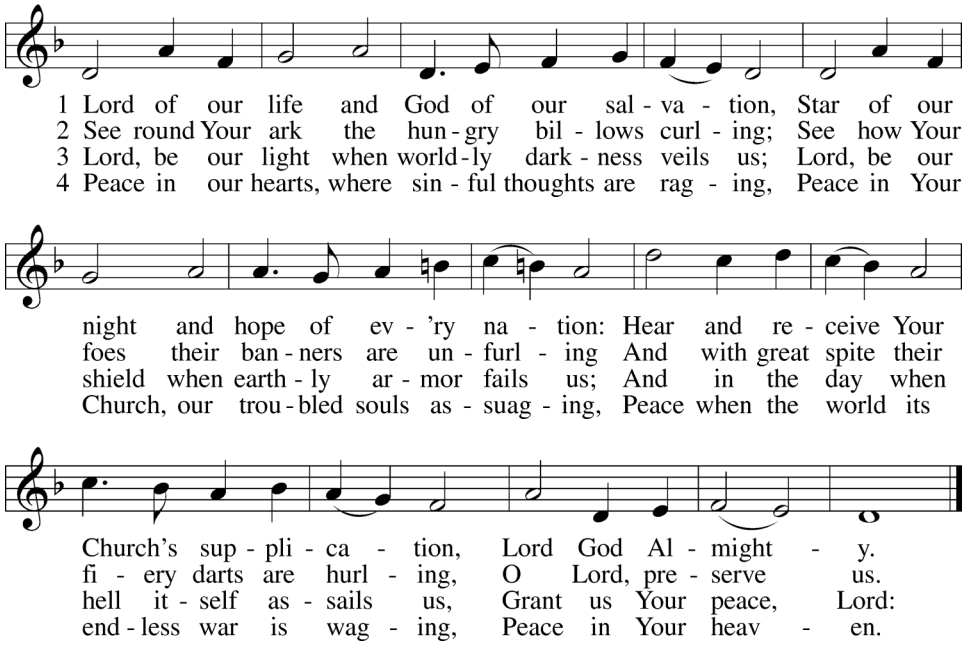
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: Lord of Our Life *LSB 659*



Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude

Serving in God's House Today: November 14 & 15, 2026		
Preacher		Rev. Ron Millard Lutheran High School St. Charles County
Liturgists		Pastor Jason Kohm Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Seminarians		Jacob Bode, Kyle Beckstrom, Clyde Diercks
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Guest Organist		Connie Barz
Choir at 8am		Lutheran High School SCC
Choir Director at 8am		Brian Scheller
Elders	Saturday, 3PM	Ralph Erickson/Jerry Lancour
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Claxton/Chris Price
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Brian Storm/Bruce Richardson
Ushers	Saturday, 3PM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 8AM	Mark Ziolko, Mike Vesper
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Donald Duncan
Altar Guild	Wednesday Friday Saturday Sunday	Kari Spearman Millie Stevens Sandy Dietz, Dianne Helvey, Barb Grosch Altar Guild Teams

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