Church of the Savior
LUTHERAN

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Multicultural Service of Holy Communion



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:
We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:
We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you… This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

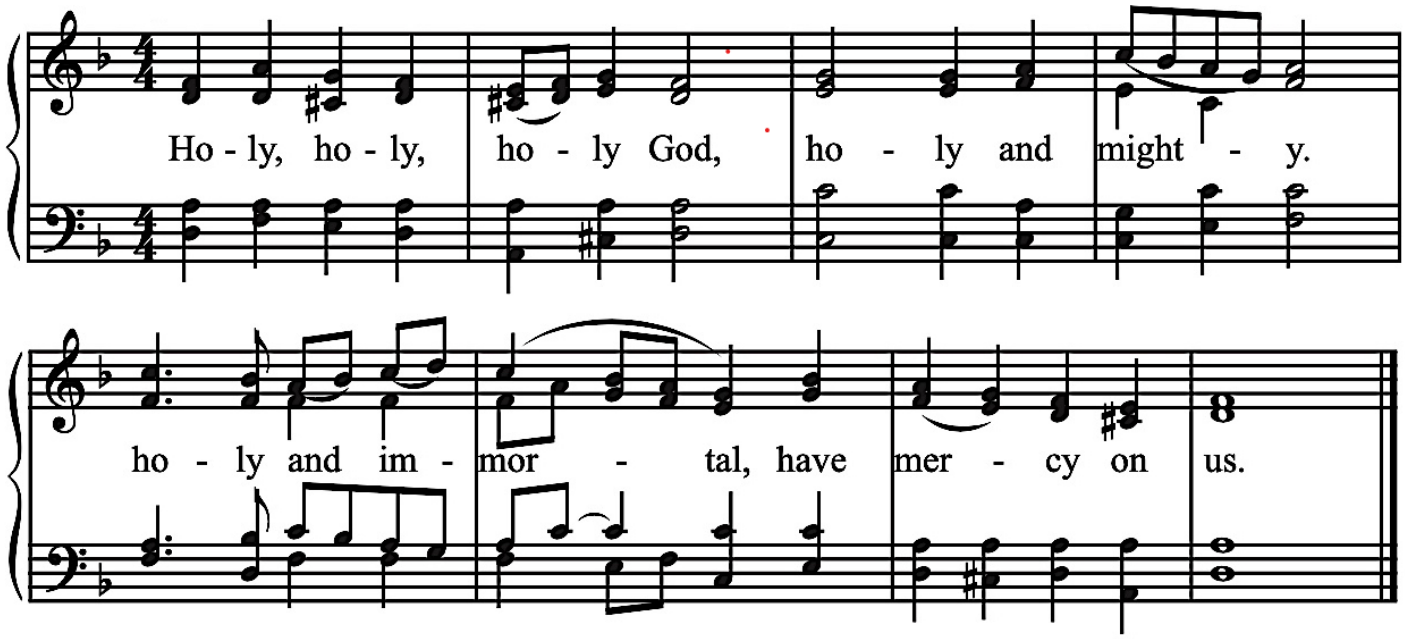
If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that is took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

We are happy to welcome Pastor Ralph Salzgaber today!

We are grateful to have him with us and look forward to worshipping together.

PRELUDE: Holy God (Russian Orthodox traditional)



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Are Marching in the Light of God (South African)



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE (Chinese)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Peruvian)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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 devasta-
tion, 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life
People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

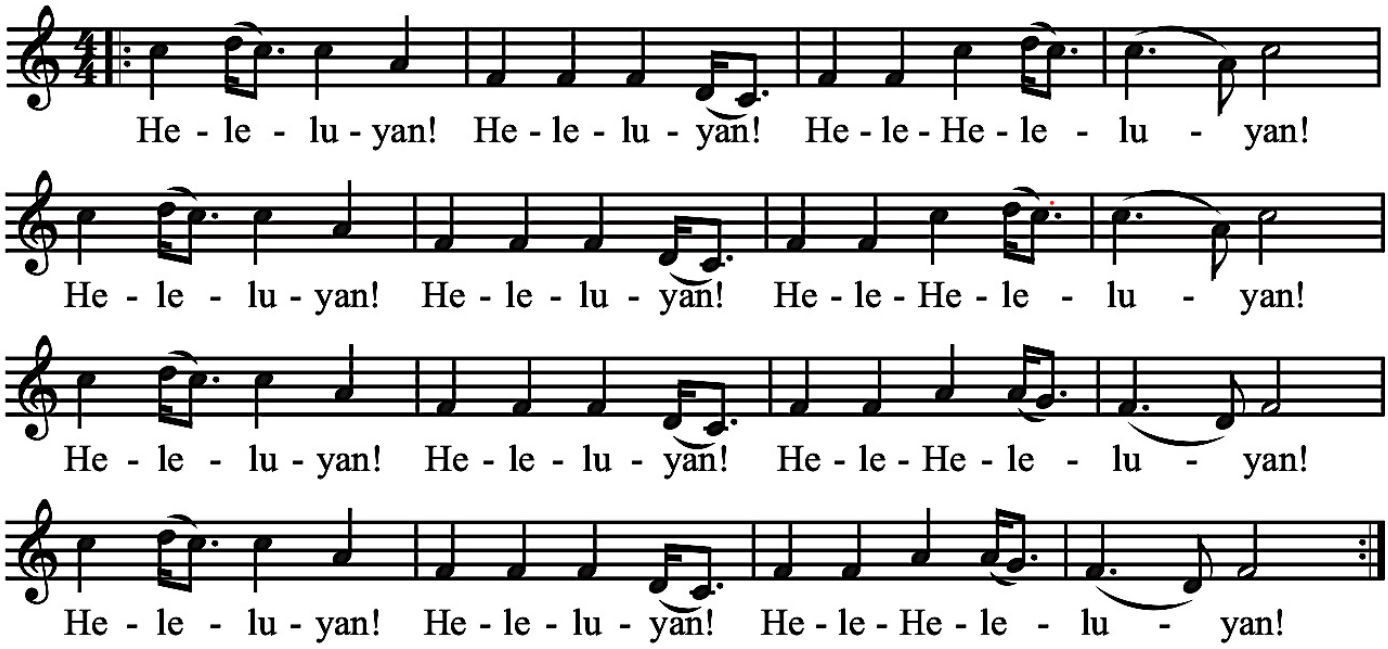
[1] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
[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.
[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 number our days 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Muscogee Indian)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

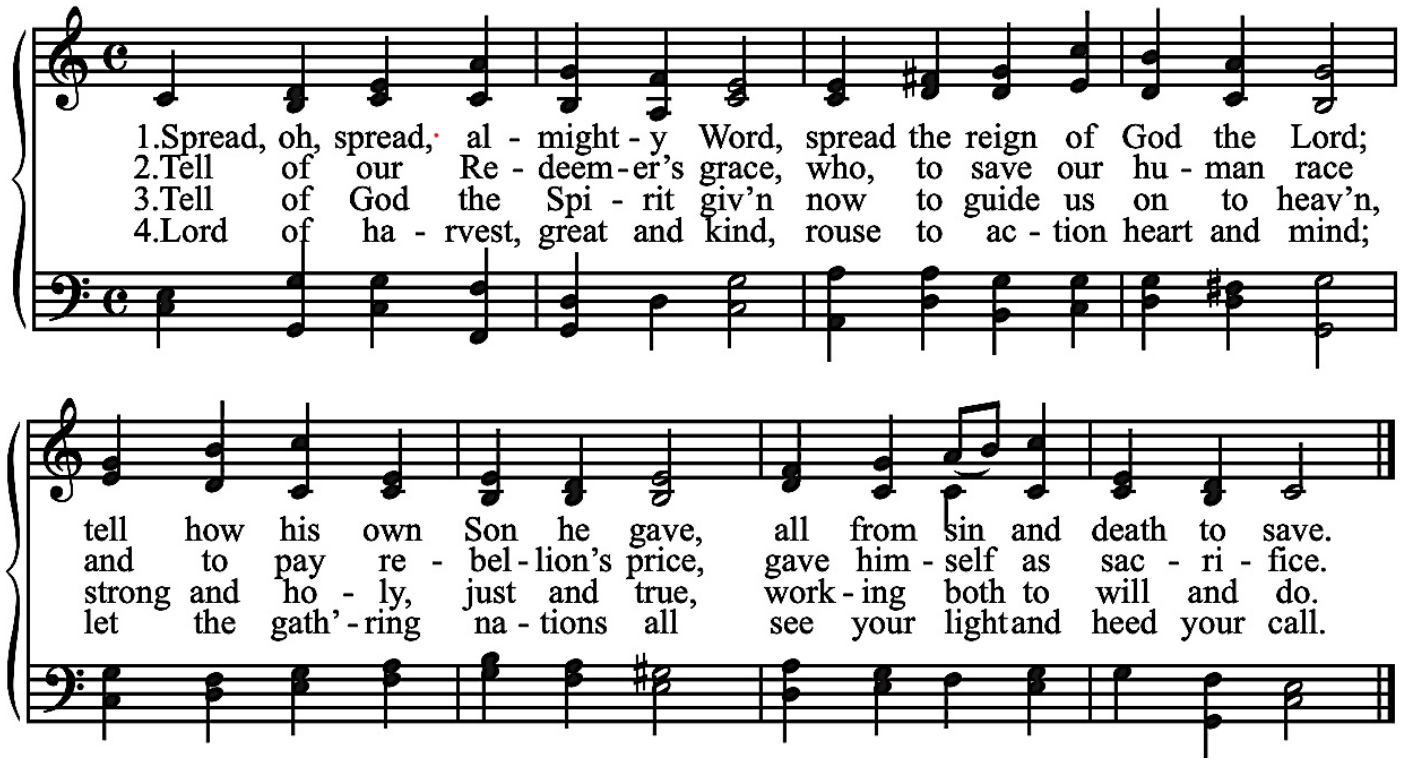
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.' "

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Ralph Salzgaber
Faithful Until Our Master Returns
Matthew 25:14-30

HYMN OF THE DAY: Spread, O Spread, Almighty Word (tune of: Take My Life, and Let It Be)



THE CREED
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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

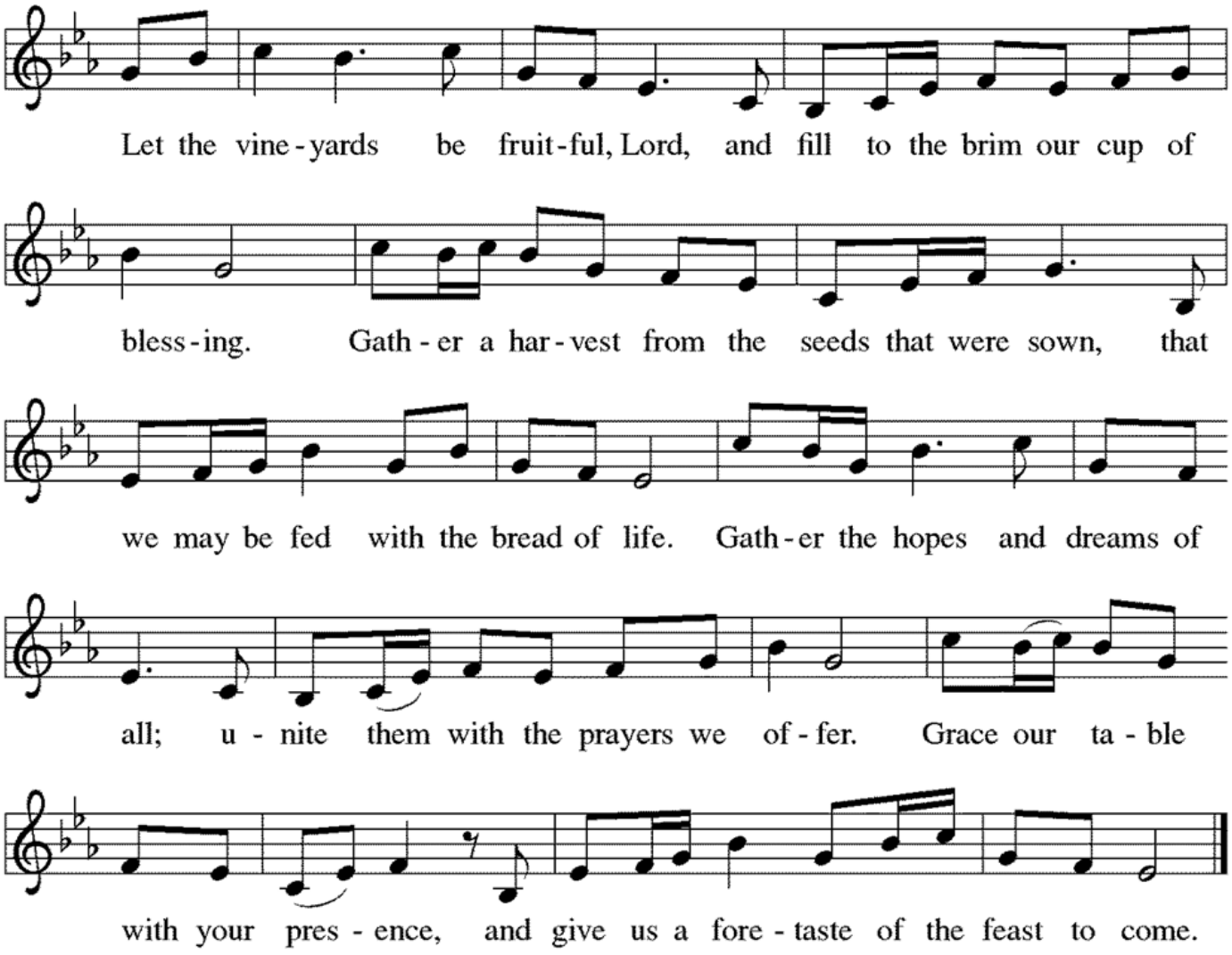
SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (India) (arr. Vollinger) Linda McElroy, violin

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards (Contemporary North American)



ALL: 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.

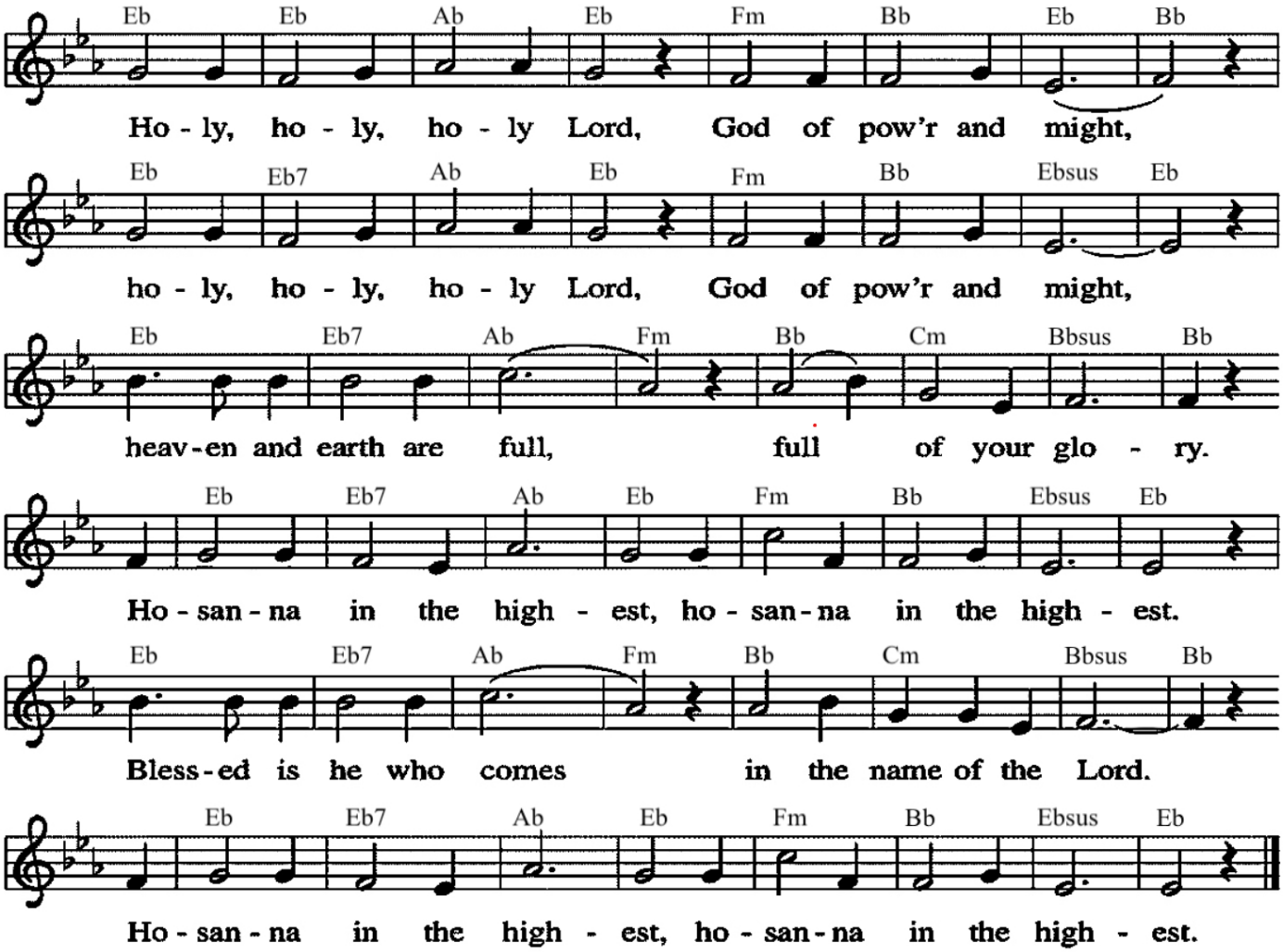
GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Schubert's Deutsche Mass, German) ***Sing twice***



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

….proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ….

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remembering your saving deeds, and trusting in your goodness, we make bold to say:

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.

LAMB OF GOD (Latino) ***Sing Twice***



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

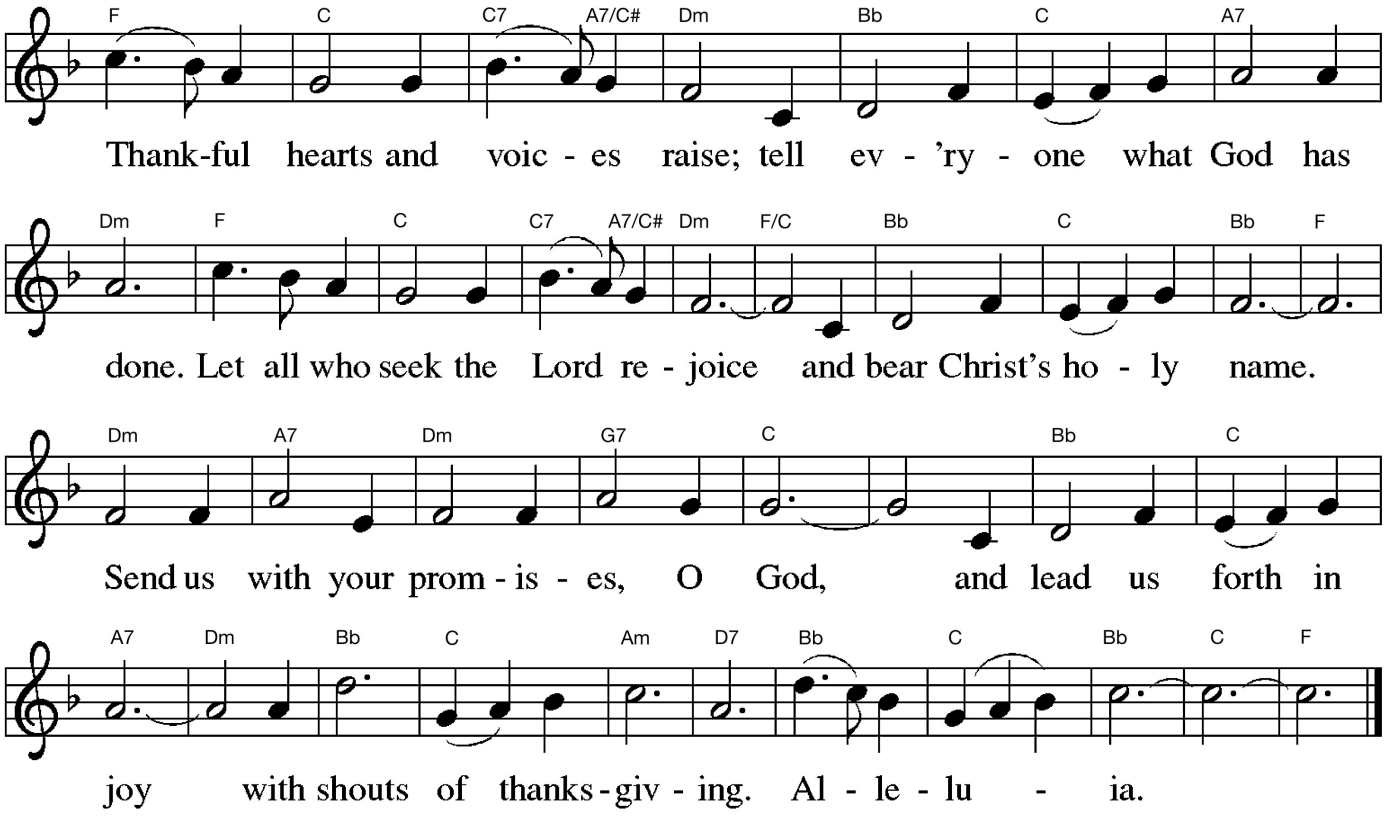


COMMUNION HYMN: Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees
(African-American Spiritual)



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

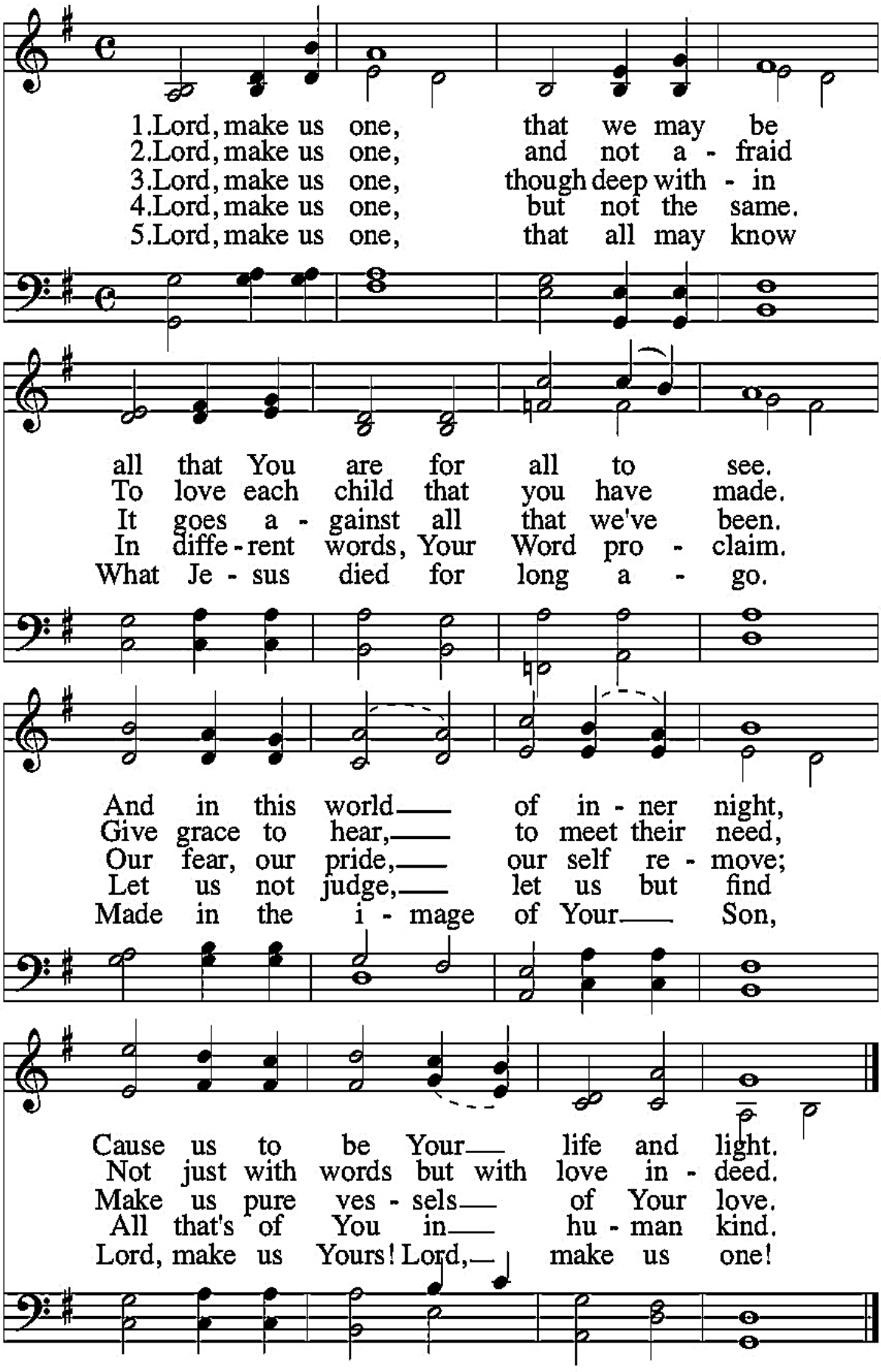
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Lord, Make Us One (Vollinger)



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Nov 15	Sally Leara	Vicki Coyle	Antoinette Walder
Nov 22	Susan Conrad	Sally Leara	John Leara
Nov 25	Christophe Moderacki	Laurie Feingold	Ed Moderacki
Nov 29	Vicki Coyle	Brenda Heydt	John Leara

FLOWERS

Nov 15	For:	In Remembrance of Jack Grove
	From:	Sandy Grove
Nov 22	For:	Giving thanks for the gifts of love, peace and joy!
	From:	Susan Conrad
Nov 29	For:	In Loving Memory of Leah Feingold
	From:	Laurie Feingold

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 15	Multicultural Sunday / Potluck Lunch / Sunday School / Noisy Offering
Nov 16	Council Meeting: 7pm in Room 5
Nov 22	Congregational Meeting
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Worship at 7pm
Nov 29	Wee Worship / Noisy Offering

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8am to 1pm.
Pastor's day off is Monday but is available on email / phone throughout the week. He is always available for Pastoral emergencies 24/7. If you would like to meet him in person, please make an appointment. Homebound visits are also available if desired.