Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026



United in Christ
Lutheran Church
MORRISONVILLE, WI

Sharing the Hope of Jesus in a Troubled World

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given by John and Kim Eighmy in honor of all Military Veterans.

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA
Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA
The **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**
For the **people of United in Christ Lutheran Church**

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe - continued health concerns
Geno Lainberger - at Madison Health & Rehab Center
Linda Peterson - at Waunakee Manor
Ron and Nola Nordeng - at Heritage House of Portage
Kathy Olsen - sister-in-law of Ann Olsen - continued health concerns
Trey Tollefson - grand nephew of Chet Gabris - continued health concerns
Sharon Gust - continued health concerns

Announcements

- HAPPY BIRTHDAYS - None the week
- SPECIAL SERVICE - Pastoral Candidate Zachary Smirris will be leading Sunday worship on November 22nd to allow the congregation to observe his worship style and hear his message. The service will be followed by a catered brunch with a Meet and Greet so the congregation can spend time with Zach and get to know more about him.

Next Sunday – November 15th

- Ushers - Julie and Dale Molnar
- Reader - Paul Anderson
- Communion Assistant - Ann Olsen
- Altar Guild - Bev Harris
- Head Usher - Norm Harris

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Welcome to Worship!

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

(Please stand as you are able.)

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

C: Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

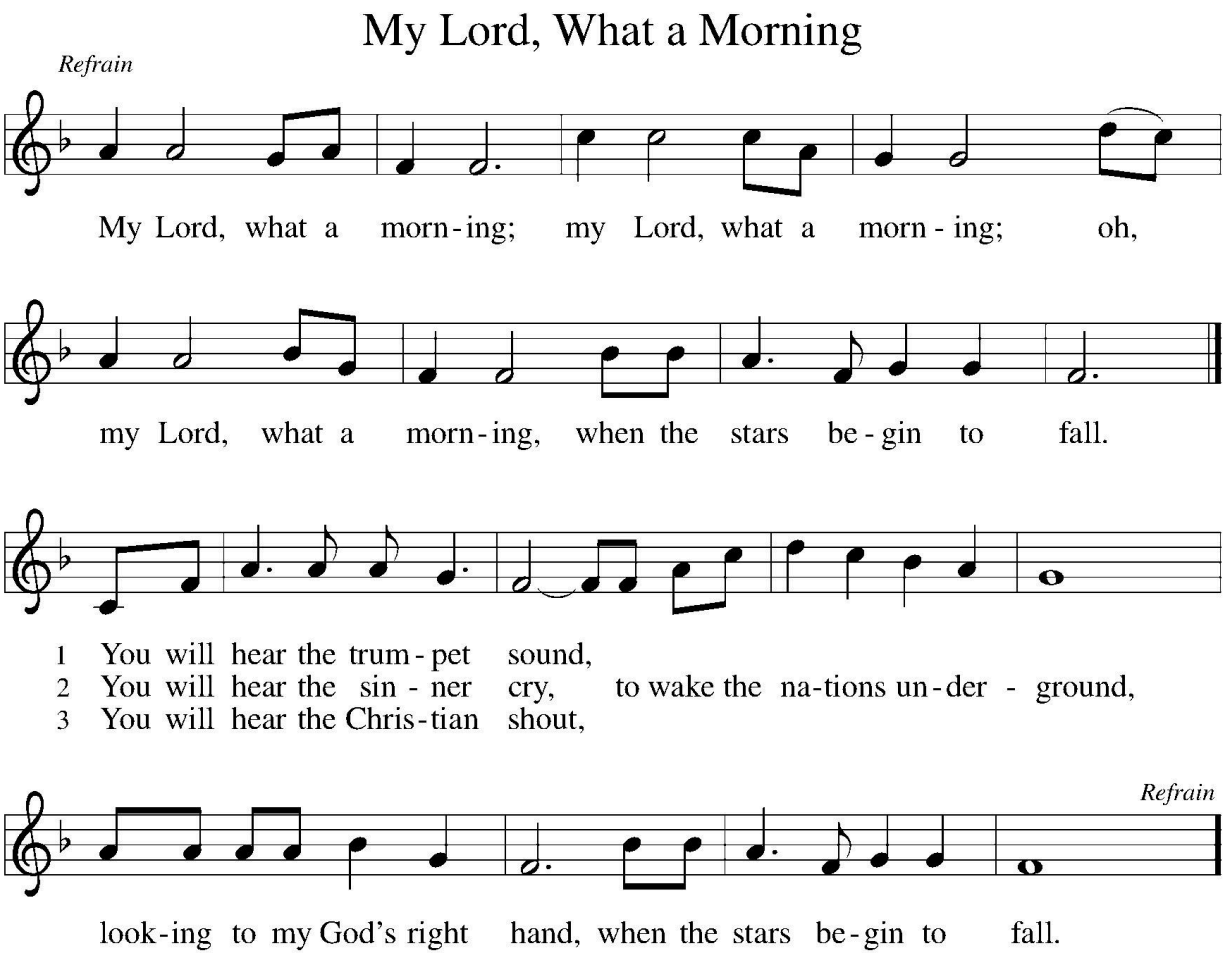
P: Holy God,

**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.

Gathering Hymn – *ELW 438*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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.


Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Call to Worship

P: Welcome this day to the house of our God.
C: We are greeted in peace and in love.
P: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.
C: We worship in hope and with grace.
P: Welcome this day to our community of faith,
C: Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.
P: Friends, let us worship God.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *Now the Feast & Celebration*



Prayer of the Day

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

P: Let us pray,
O God of justice and love, 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.
C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

WORD

First Reading — Amos 5:18–24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 70

(Please read the bold text responsively)

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **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.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] 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

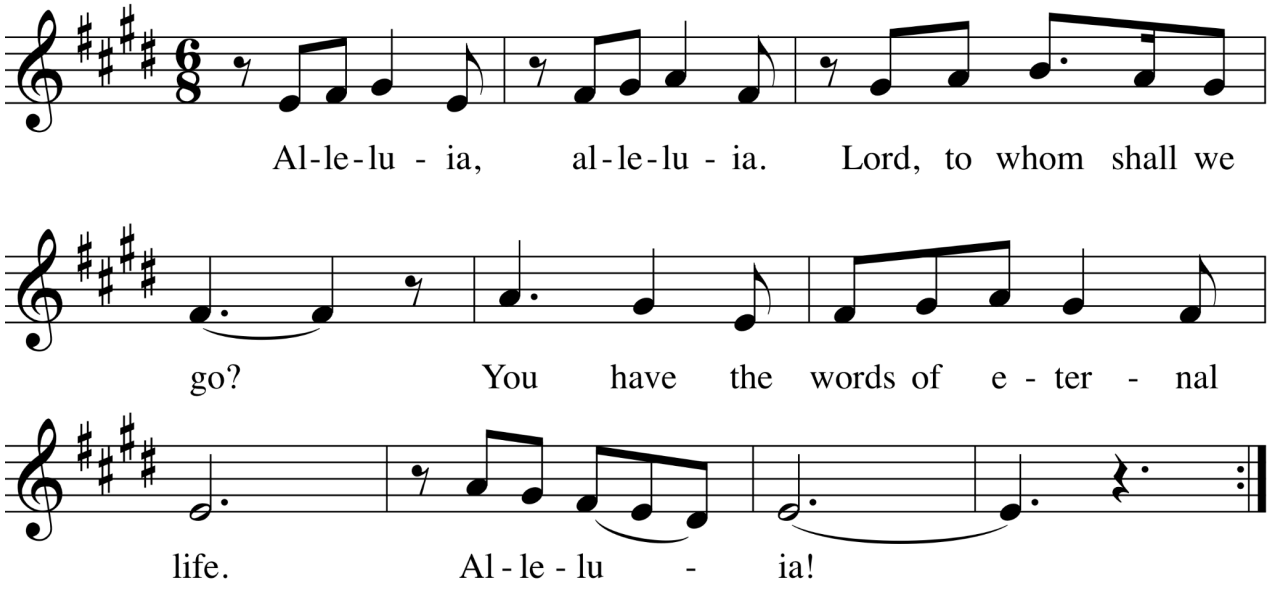
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

[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.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Gospel Acclamation – *Now the Feast & Celebration*



Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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 the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

(Please stand as you are able.)

Hymn of the Day – *ELW 436*

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Apostles Creed

P: Together with the whole body of Christ gathered around the world, let us confess our faith 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.

(Please be seated.)

Prayers of Intercession

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

P: 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.

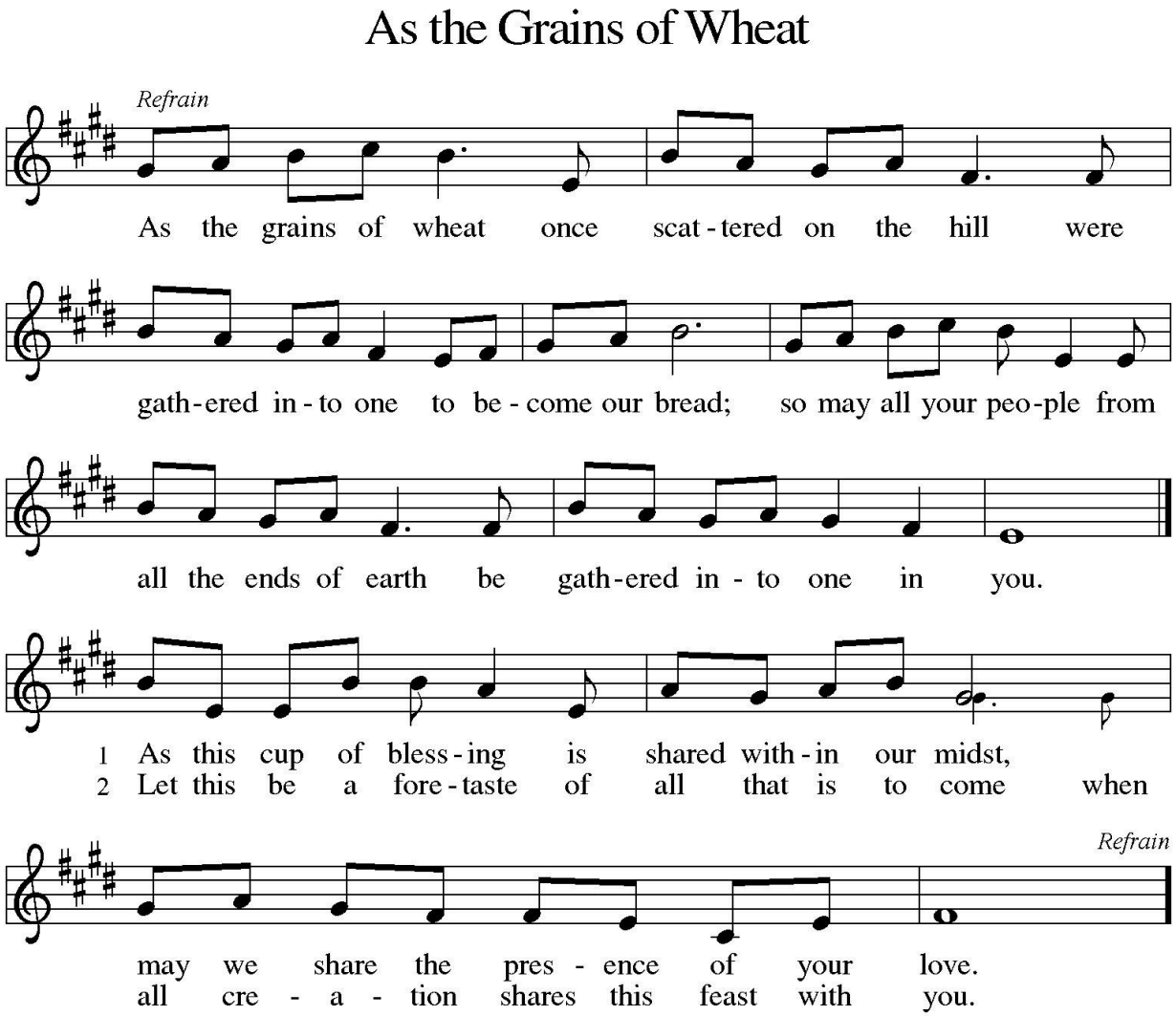
Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able.)

MEAL

Offertory – *ELW 465*



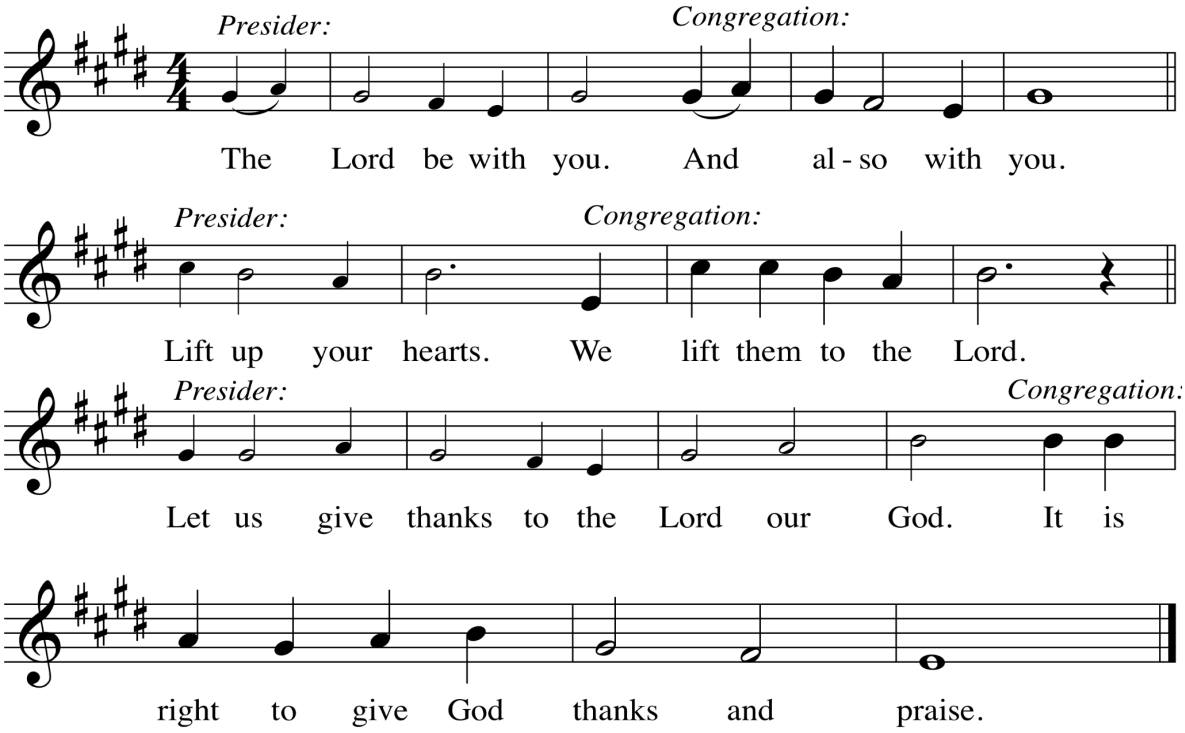
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Offertory Prayer

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.

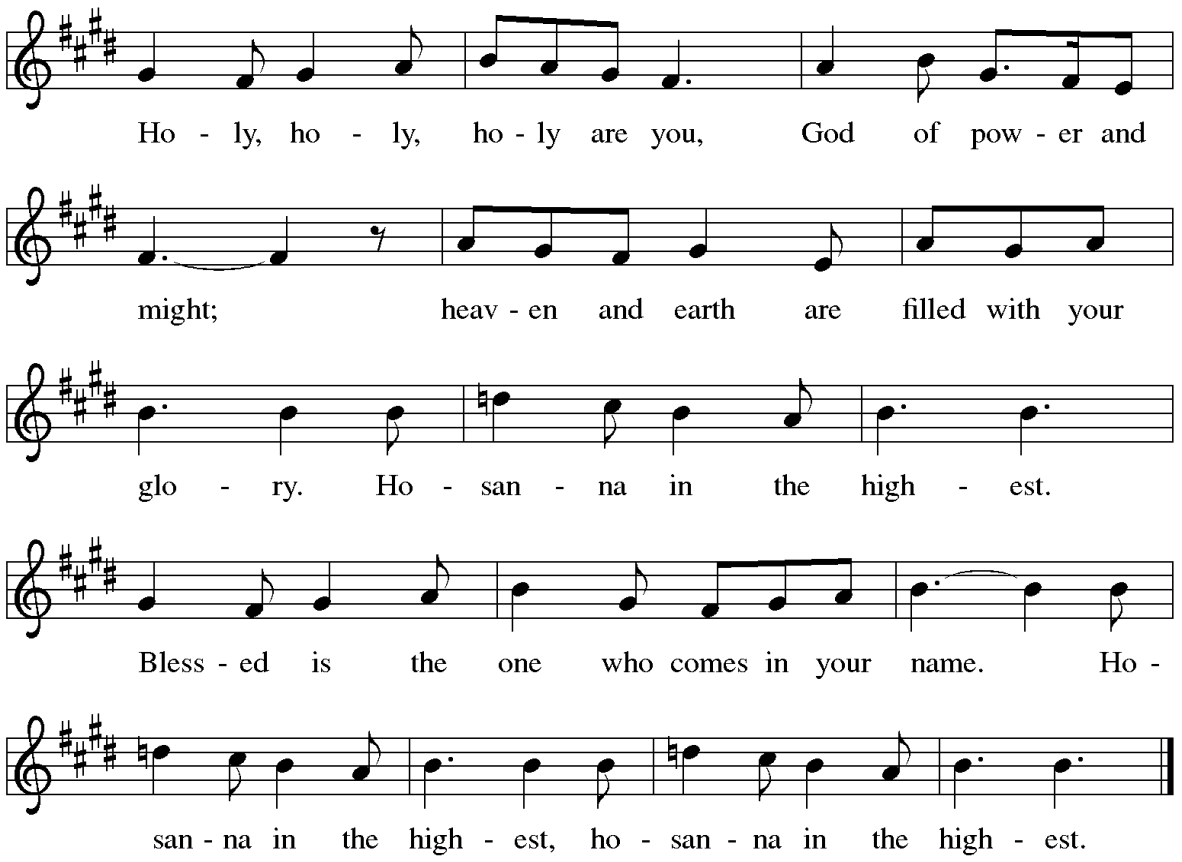
Great Thanksgiving *(May be spoken or sung.)*



Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated.)

Communion Distribution

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Presiding Pastor will provide verbal instructions for communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Gluten free bread is available. Children or those who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn – ELW464 – Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

(Hymn is played while congregation takes communion)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Blessing After Communion

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

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

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.

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister – Rev. Bruce Engebretson
Music – Thomas Smith – Pre-recorded by Ivy McLaughlin
Reader – Thomas Smith
Communion Assistant – Chet Gabris
Ushers – Karen and Ron Millard
Altar Guild – Bev Harris
Head Usher – Norm Harris

Offering

Any offerings (financial gifts) may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship space anytime before or after the service. Your contributions to the congregation help us make a difference in our community by enabling us to share the Gospel and serve in areas of need. You may also make a donation online on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right.

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