

# November 15, 2026
## 25th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Rev. James Thomas Preaching and Presiding**

**8:30 am Worship**
In person in the Chapel

**10:30 am Worship**
In person and on Zoom
In the Sanctuary

## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH!

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Welcome. A growing international community of faith, Christ Lutheran Community Church, is strengthened by your presence. Whoever you are, however you came, **welcome**!

## Gathering

**Please stand as you are able* *Congregational responses are indicated in bold*

**Prelude**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**
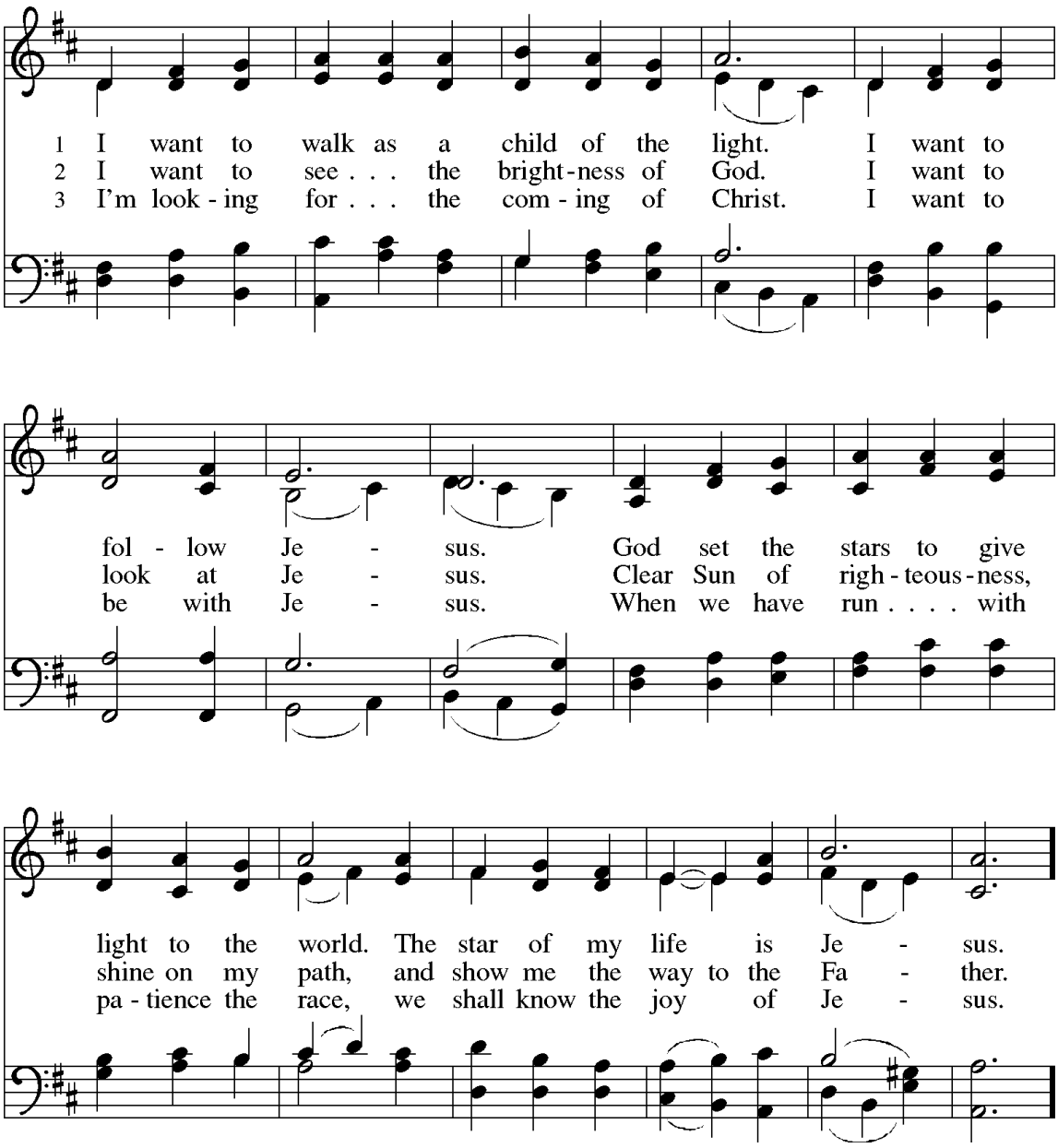
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW #815**
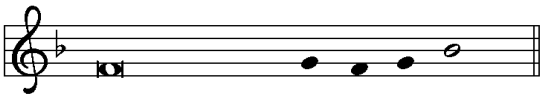
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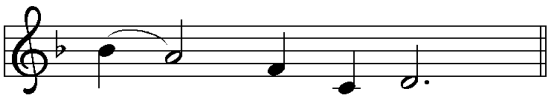



***Greeting** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

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.**

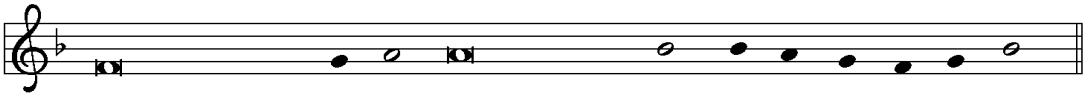
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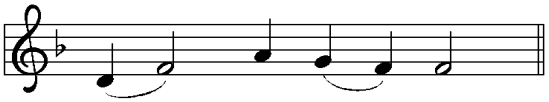


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
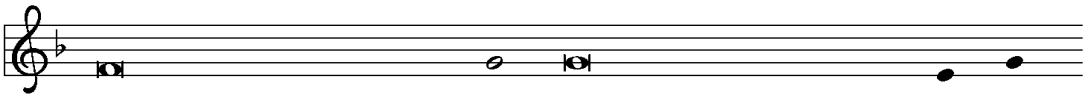


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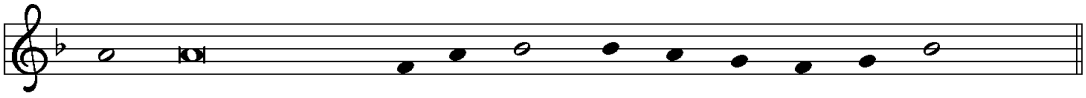
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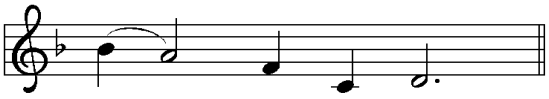


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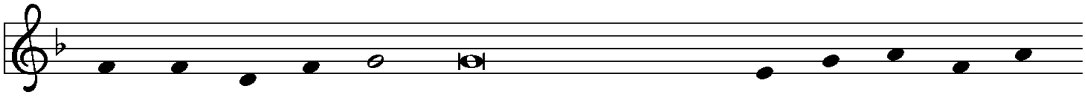
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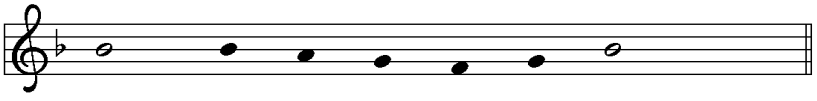


God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
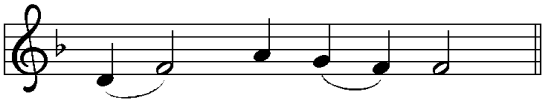


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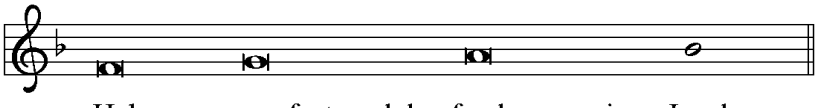
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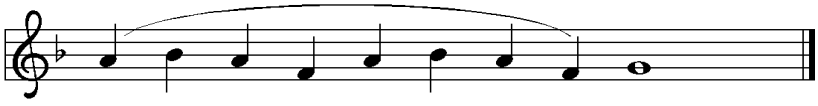


praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.**

## Word

**First Reading** **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

A reading from Zephaniah.

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.

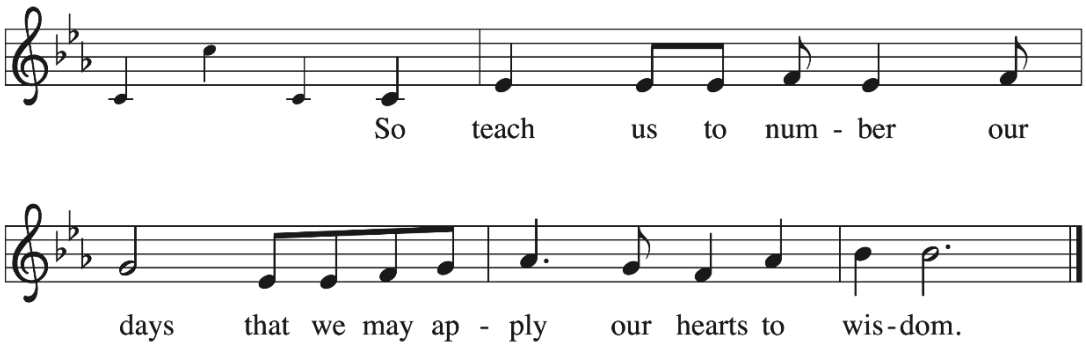
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
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.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 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**
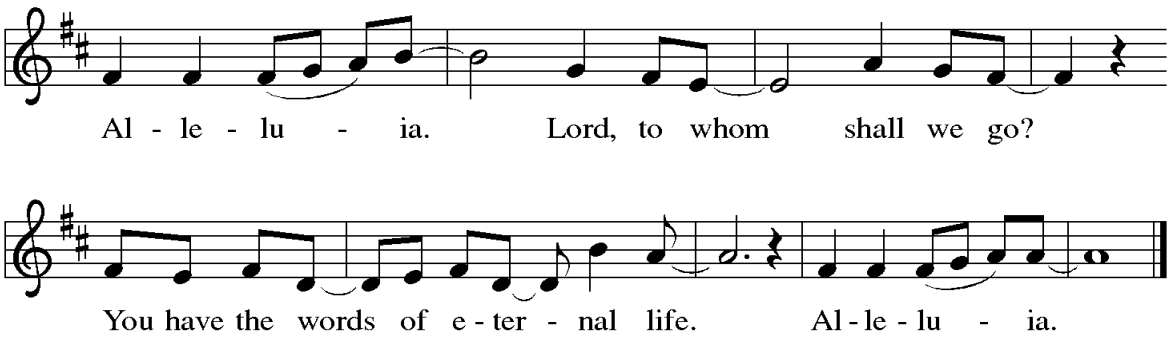
**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from Thessalonians.

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.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**




***Gospel Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**
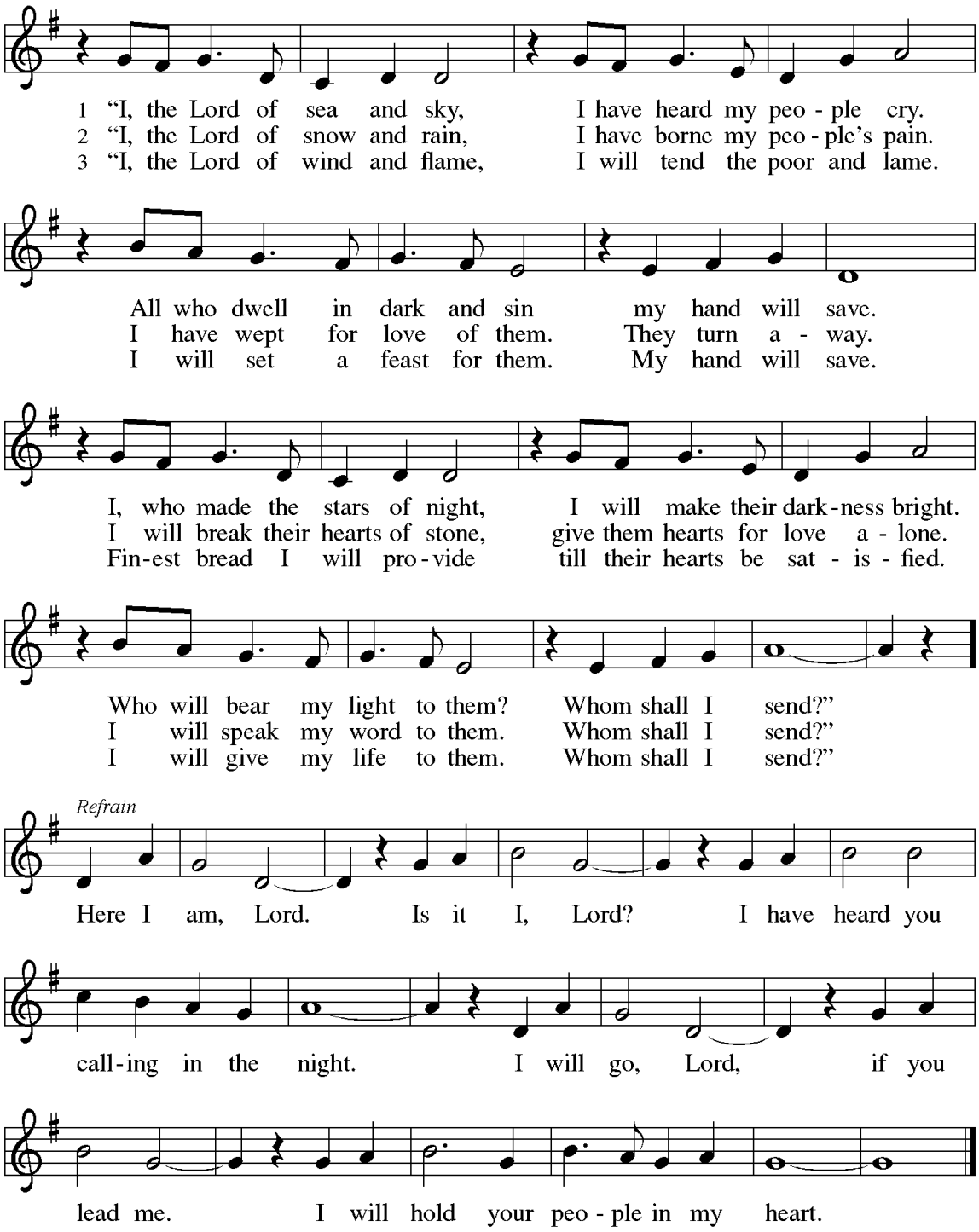
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At
once 16 the one who had received the five talents 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.**

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

***Hymn of the Day** **“Here I Am, Lord”** **ELW 574**




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**APOSTLES' 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

Hear us, O God.
**Your mercy is great.**

## *Peace

*We greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, using these or similar words:* ***Peace be with you.***
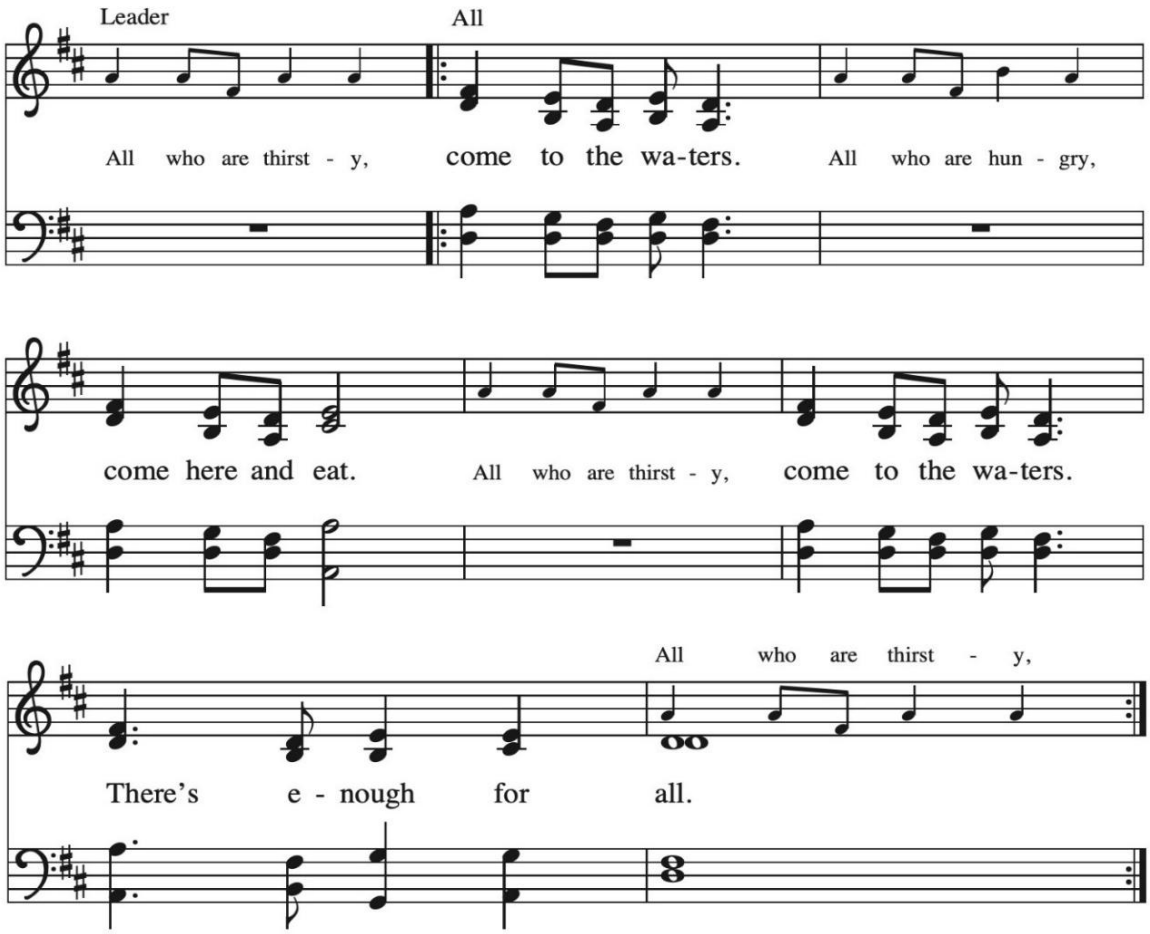
The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

## Announcements

## Offering

***Offering Hymn** **"All Who Are Thirsty"** **ACS #981**

## All Who Are Thirsty




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### *Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

## The Meal

### *The Great Thanksgiving

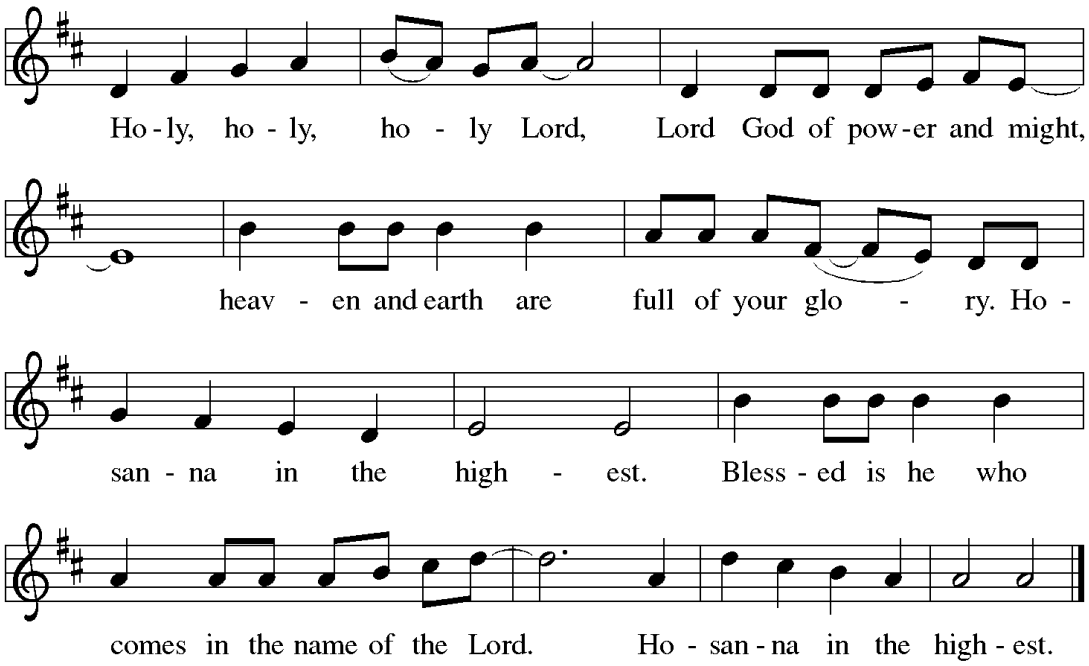
The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*The presider continues with the preface for the day or season, concluding:*

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, at the conclusion of which all are invited to join in the Lord's Prayer.*




## *Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

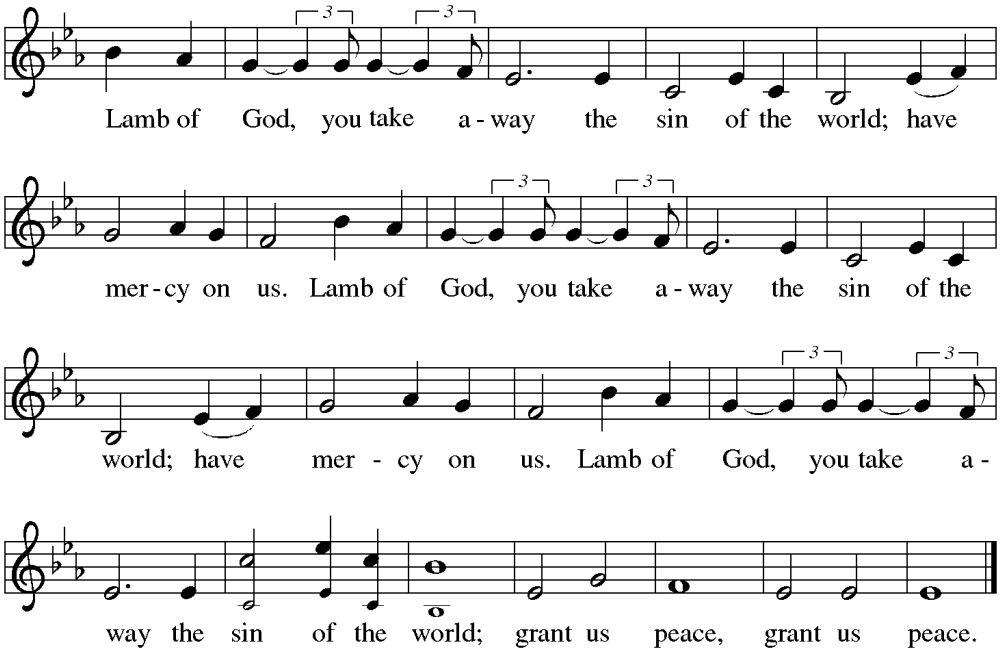
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## *Invitation to Communion

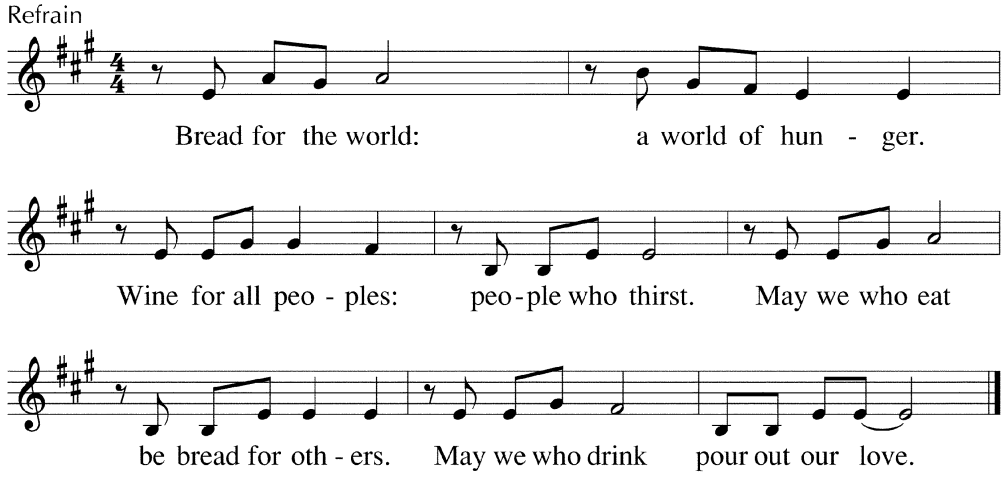
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

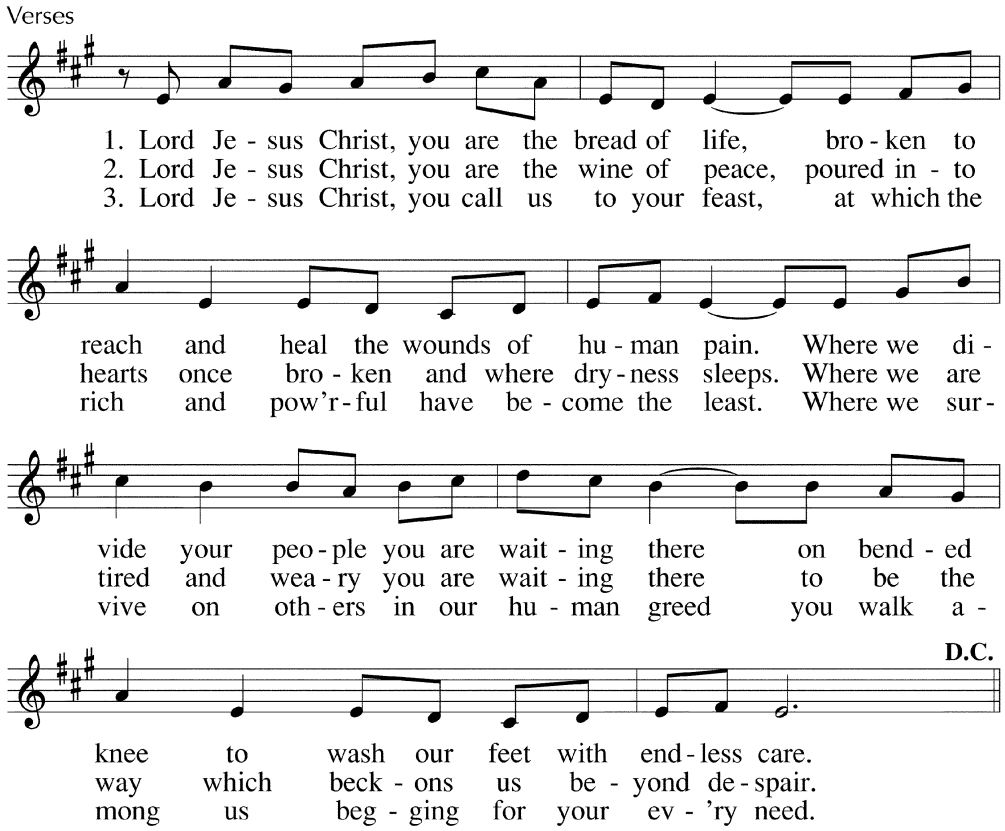
*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion via intinction. Simply dip your wafer into the chalice of wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Know that this is Christ's table, and you are welcome here.*

## *Lamb of God




## Communion Hymn "Bread for the World" ELW #477






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***Post Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer After Communion**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

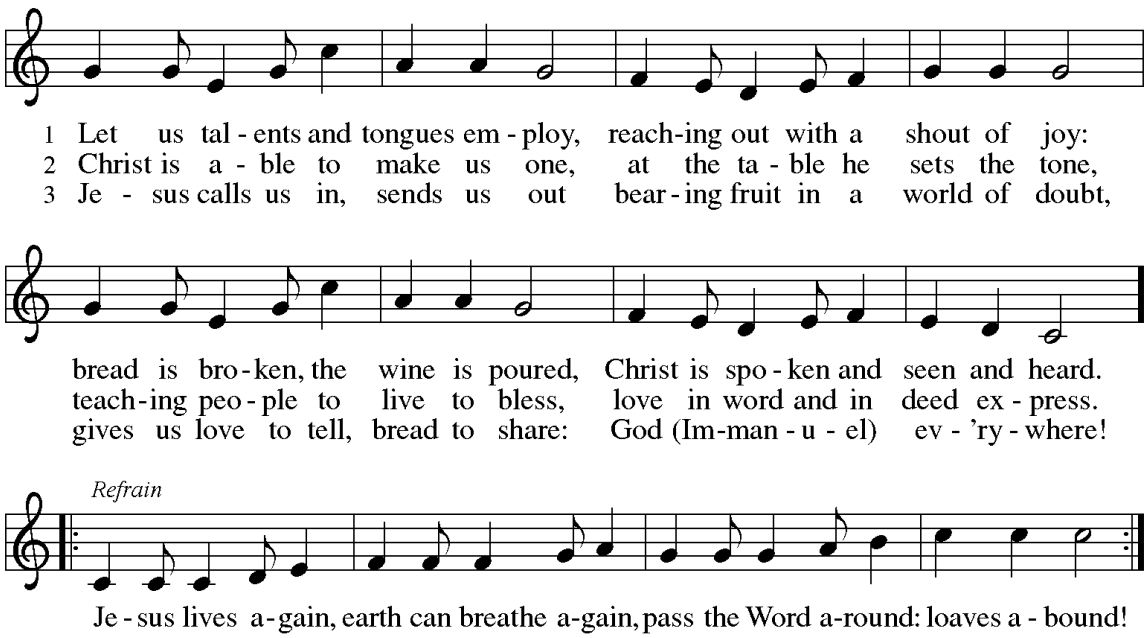
## Sending

***Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
**Amen.**

***Sending Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674**

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ




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### *Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## CLCCUD Announcements, Events and Meetings

**The Flowers and the Candle on the Altar** are given by Andrea Williams Iin memory of Fred & Anna Early & in honor of Paul & Jane Williams and by Paul & Leslie Forberger.

**Please Pray For a**ll in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Penny, Marian, Claude, Gracie, Julia, Pat, Daisy, Alice, Emily Ben, Jimmy, Barbara, Andrea, Gene, Marie Josie, Maria, Miles, Peggy, and Dianne.

**Celebrating Birthdays** this week are Eva Bartoletti, Sakini Moultrie and Becky Algeo.

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive** – Please help by donating frozen turkeys, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, gravy, canned green beans and corn, instant mashed potatoes, corn bread or corn muffin mix. ***Donations are to be placed on the designated table on the altar in the sanctuary.***

## Looking Ahead

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| Today, Sunday, November 15 | 11:45 am – Thanksgiving Basket Assembly |
| Monday, November 16 | Thanksgiving Basket Distribution |
| Tuesday, November 17 | 9:00 am - Philabundance Turkey Delivery |
| | Thanksgiving Basket Distribution |
| | 4:30 pm – Feast Incarnate |
| Wednesday, November 18 | Turkey Delivery |
| | Thanksgiving Basket Distribution |
| Friday, November 20 | 9:30 am – Fresh for All |
| Sunday, November 22 | 11:45 am – Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets |




## Food Ministries Schedule

CLCC Food Closet: Closed until all repairs to space completed
Emergency Food Closet: Ongoing as emergencies arise
Feast Incarnate: Tuesday, December 8 – 4:30 pm
Fresh For All: Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent
Senior Boxes: Wed, December 2 – 9:30 am

## Worship Leaders and Assistants*

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. James Thomas
Music Director: Sal Scinto
Altar Guild: Penny Algeo and Carolyn Phipps
Lesson Reader:
Prayer Leader:
Ushers: Victoria Foster-Lee
Zoom Host:
A/V:
Hospitality:

**Having lay member participation in worship has been a vital part of our worship service. Please consider volunteering to help in one or more of the opportunities listed above.*