Welcome! All are invited into this house of God! Our liturgy is printed within or is found in the ELW Hymnal Setting 8; Congregational responses are in **bold** in the bulletin.

Prayer cards are available at the end of the row. You can fill one out and hand it to our usher during the Hymn of the Day (follows the Sermon).

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart—especially during communion time as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Today Amos calls for justice to roll. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells a parable of the wise, and we implore each other to keep awake.

Serving Today ***Greeter:*** Debbie Hansen ***Usher:*** Amanda O'Reilly ***Altar Guild*****:** Annette Warner ***Musicians:*** Juliana Carmona, Heinz Denoyo, Todd Mauldin, Wesley Gray ***Reader:*** Kristine Sandmeier ***Asst Min/Cantor:*** Matthew Rhiley ***Tech*****:** Eric Weldon ***Counters*****:** Alissa Sykes & Linda Zimmerman ***Coffee Hour:*** Erica Wilfrid ***Pastor:*** Shaun O'Reilly

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-GATHERING-

The bell is rung and calls all to a time of silence in preparation for worship.
Prayers for this time are found on pg. 72 in the front of the hymnal.

PRELUDE *Deep River* -arr. Pamela York

Traditional African American Spiritual

"Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast?
That promised land, where all is peace?"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *please stand as you are able*



The presiding minister invites all to a time of silent confession.
After each silence, a part of the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

GATHERING HYMN ***Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*** **ELW #244**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

2 **The watchers on the mountain**
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

3 **The saints, who here in patience**
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.

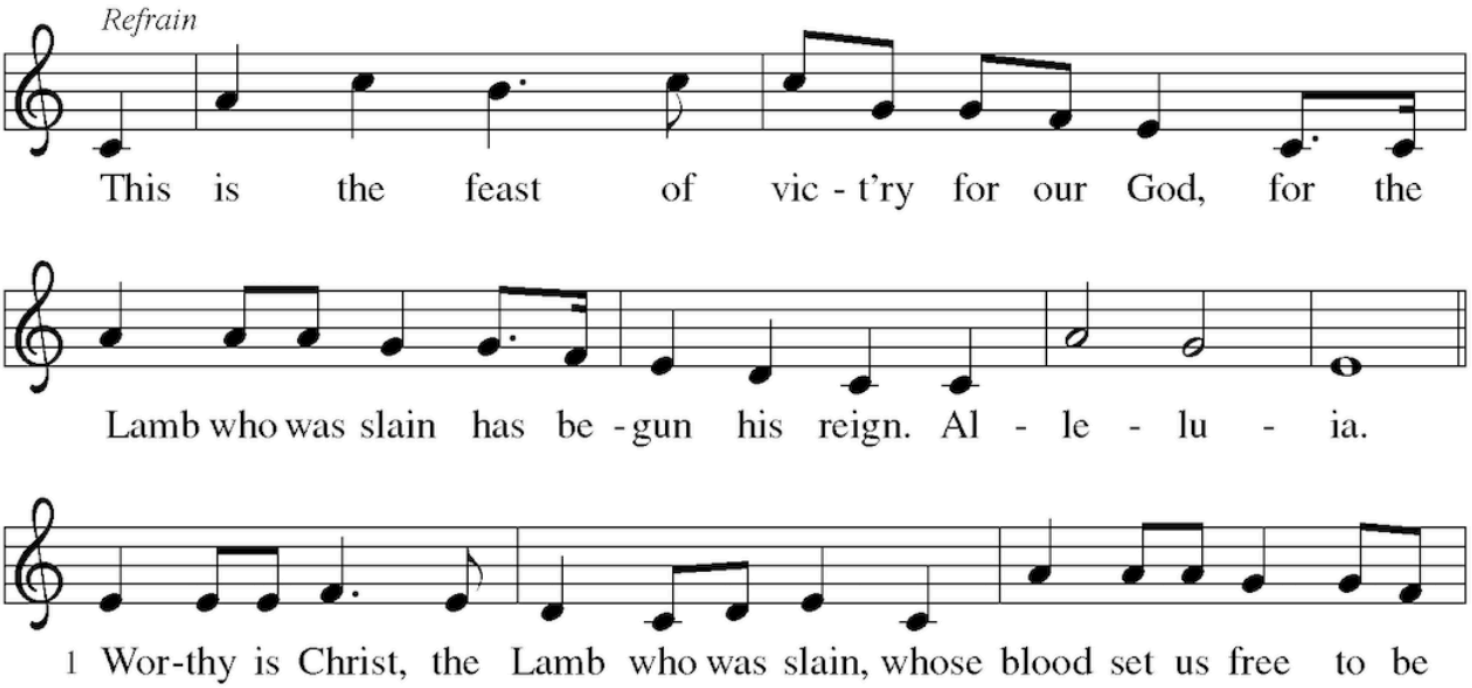
4 **Our hope and expectation,**
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ***This is the Feast*** **ELW Setting 8**




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-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.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
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.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
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.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
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.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

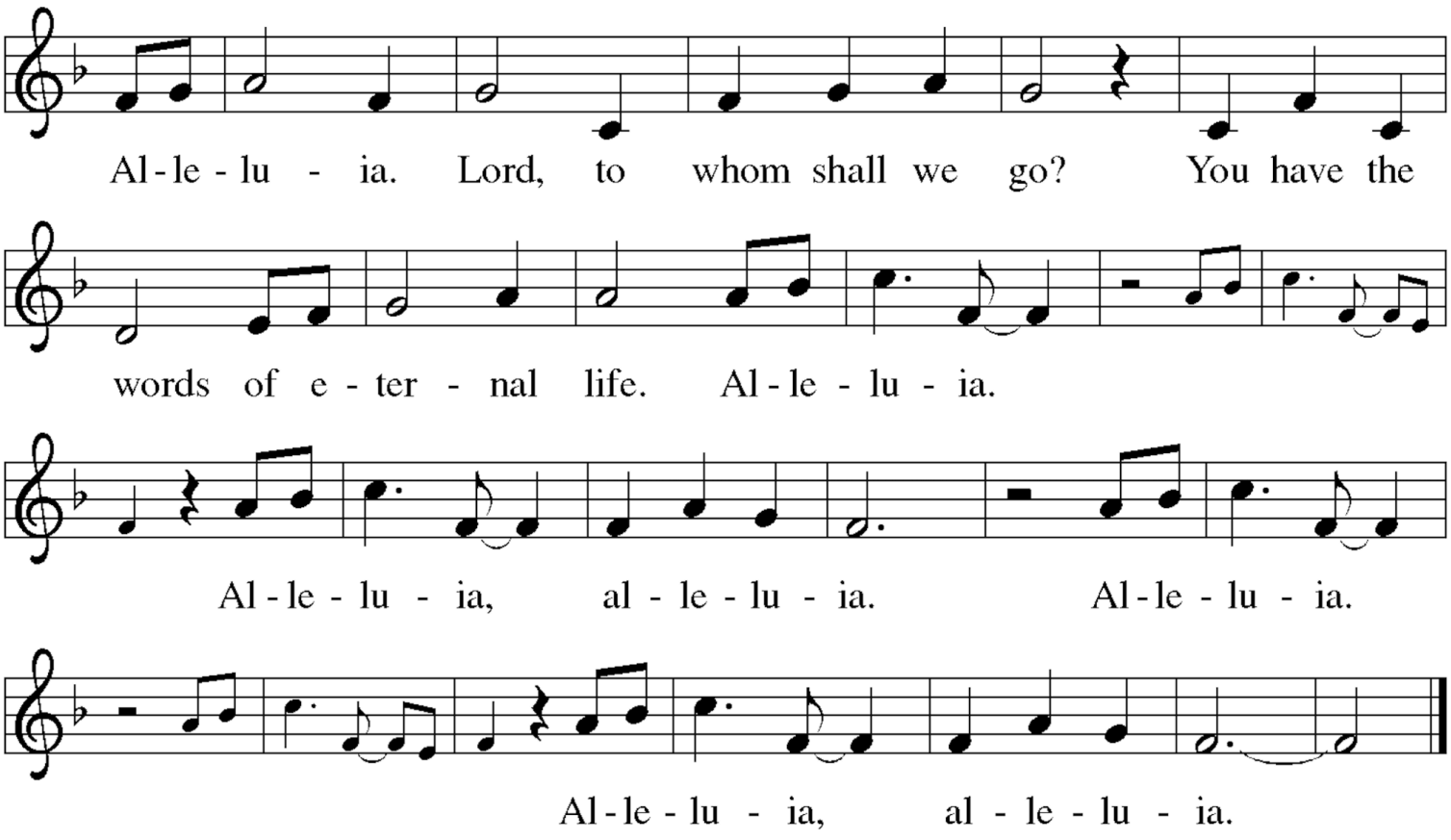


Some of the Christians are worried that the dead will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand as you are able*



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON ***A Party or a Performance Review?*** **Pastor Shaun O'Reilly**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*** **ELW #436**

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.



Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.

She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.



Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr.

RESPONSE OF FAITH **Apostle's 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 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

OFFERING ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** *- Todd M and Wes G*

We are faithful community together, and so we give together.
You can also scan the QR code or give on our website.



PRESENTATION HYMN ***Let Justice Flow like Streams*** **ELW #717**

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

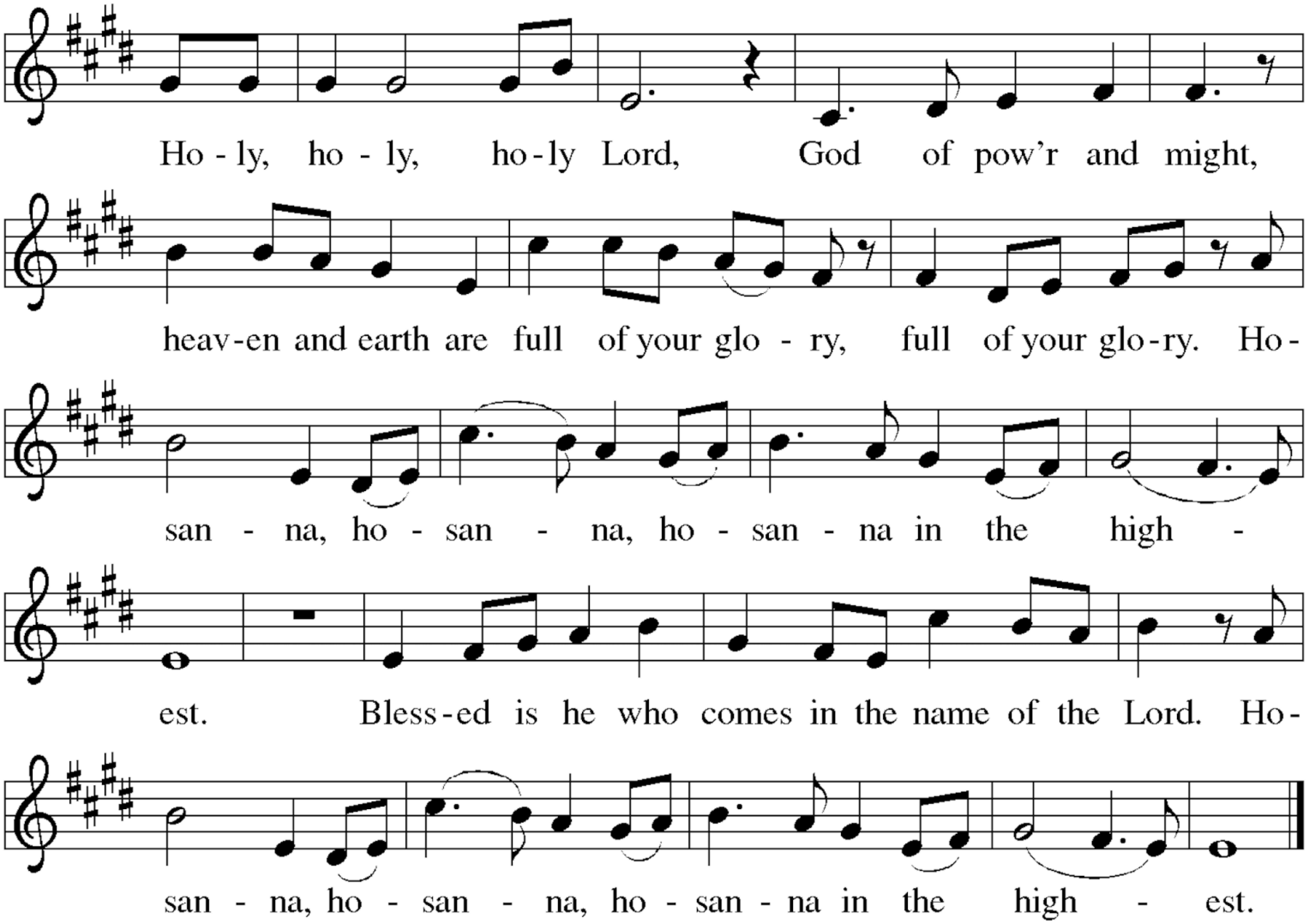
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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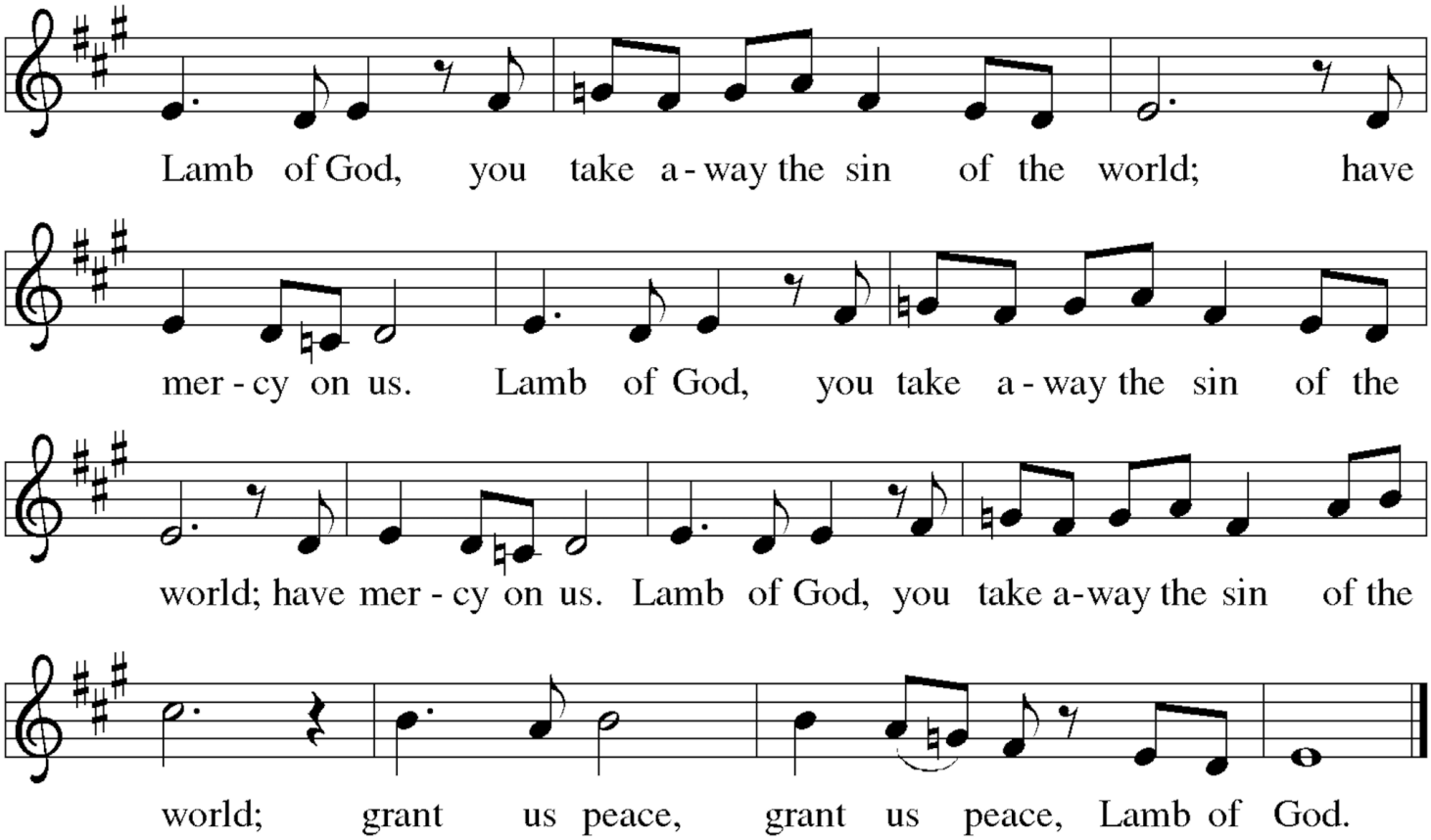
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI



Communion Hymn ***Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*** **ELW #464**

Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.

2 ***Bread now break and wine now pour,***
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love.

3 ***Grant forgiveness in the feast***
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love.

4 ***Thank you for this gift we share.***
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, Rusty Edwards

Communion Hymn ***All My Hope on God is Founded*** **ELW #757**

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me,

only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
call my heart to be thine own.

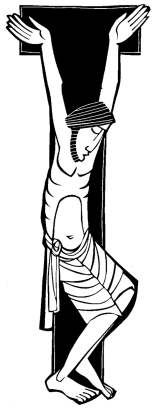
Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.



Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930



<u>Communion Hymn</u> ***Jesus, Remember Me*** **ELW #616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ***God, Whose Almighty Word*** **ELW #673**

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Art Used in this Bulletin: Martin Erspamer, OSB, Art for Year A, 2026



We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:
Given today by Debbie Hansen, in honor and memory of her son, Jake Miller

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Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **$17,169.17**
Recent giving for the month of **October 2026** was **$14,799.**

In Our Prayers

To add a prayer request, please contact the church office or email your request to prayers@faithlutheranreno.org

We pray for presence and healing to **Connie Anderson,** hospitalized this week for respiratory distress.

For healing strength to **Cole Powell**, continued wellness for **Katie Weldon, Pat Porter, Sharon Scagliotti, and Charley Watts.**

with **Davyann Schalnat,** for healing & strength after her hip replacement on 10/26.

with **Theresa Wolken** for friend, **Dawn**, dealing with bladder cancer, and friend, **Gail**, hospitalized with meningitis.

with **Cheri Daur,** for healing and strength.

with **Ray Olson** for healing after knee surgeries.

with **Sonja Dresbach who writes:** I want to say thank you to everyone who has been praying for my family. God hears our prayers and all are doing well. *Son in Law, **Chuck** had his kidney transplant surgery on the 27th and the surgery went very well. The kidney started working right away and he is being released from the hospital today, Friday. He will stay at their hotel and continue at Mayo for follow up. Everything has gone much better than we expected. *Great grandson, **Austin** is gaining weight and doing very well. Now at 9 lbs 2 ozs. *God Daughter, **Karen** (Lindsay) Burke came thru her gall bladder surgery and all is healing. She is still in CA doing follow up. Thank you for your prayers.

With **Lynn McLellan**, giving thanks for the safe birth of **Martina**, praying for healing to **Joan** who suffered a stroke, and continued prayers for **Sam** battling cancer and **Theresa and family** after the loss of their husband and father.

With **Sharon Scagliotti for** continued healing and strength to **Carlo DeSantis** after a bad motorcycle accident.

We pray with and for those who are home bound...
For all those affected by war and armed conflict around the world, especially in Iran, Gaza, Ethiopia, Syria, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Myanmar...
For ongoing protests and demonstrations around the world...
For flooding in southern California and all those impacted by coastal flooding...
For those impacted by the Jordan church attack and impacted by religious violence....
For those injured in the shooting at Florida A&M, and for an end to gun violence...
For victims of the high-speed train crash in Spain...
For free and fair elections around the world...
For all victims of violence and their loved ones...

For safety and support for refugees
and asylum seekers everywhere...
For all affected by natural disasters and climate change...
For those serving in the military
and leaders in our government...
For those recovering from surgery...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

"The foolish maidens were foolish because they expected everything to be on schedule. No delays. The foolish didn't anticipate a sudden change of plan. They didn't prepare for every possible contingency so as to insure their presence at the feast. They didn't realize that this feast was everything, that to be there called for investment of one's total being and every resource—surplus included. The foolish didn't know the importance of the meal. What now are the expectations of your heart? How do you rank this feast? Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Foolish are you, or are you wise? Expecting a delay, we are all tempted to look here, there and everywhere for a taste of something, of something—how should we day—divine. Foolish ones, we seek here a morsel which will supply relief from the complexities of schedule and vocation. A taste among many. But the wise were wise because they brought a flask of extra oil. Large quantities of oil in single flasks. It didn't matter that there might be other feasts, other seeming purposes to life. These had no value. There was nothing else for which to save the oil. This feast was everything. This bridegroom was worth feasting with. To be wise today is to receive the power of the signs." —Mark P. Bangert

[Homilies for the Christian People, ed. Ramshaw (New York: Pueblo, 1989), 167-69.]

November Worship Schedule 2026					
Task	**1st**	**8th**	**15th**	**22nd**	**29th**
Greeter	Erica W	Debbie H	Judy C	Kathy W	Linda Z
Reader	Judi H	Kristine S	Linda Z	Sigrun C	Matthew R
***Asst. Minister**	Todd M	Matthew R	Sharon S	Louis L	Erica W
***Cantor**	Todd M	Matthew R	Sharon S	Louis L	Wes G
Usher	Sam S	Amanda O	Debbie H	Eileen W	Tom L
***Altar Guild**	Kathy W Eileen W	Annette W	Annette W	Sharon S Diane Y	O'Reillys
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D	Juliana C Heinz D	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
***Counters**	Theresa W Linda Z	Alissa S Linda Z	Alissa S Sigrun C	Theresa W Sigrun C	Linda Z Alissa S
Coffee after Worship	All Saints' Day	Erica W			Zimmermans

Prayers from ELCA Resources:

A prayer for peace (ELW):

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for faithful living in society (ACS):

Eternal God, your Word brought forth creation, and your Spirit brings order out of chaos and confusion. You breathe upon us, and we are able to hear one another with language we can understand. Pour out your Spirit upon us now, that even when we disagree on the way forward, we may remain united in Jesus Christ, in whom we are known and accepted with a single love. Amen.

Activities at Faith

-Adult Forum and **Kids' Place meet today!** The November Adult Forum considers **The End Is Near… and So Is the Beginning -** As our year with the Gospel of Matthew wraps up, the readings take us into Jesus' final parables. Each week we'll take up one of the questions Matthew leaves ringing in our ears: *Are you ready? What did you do with what you were given? Who did you see?*

-Save the Date for the Adult Forum: PRAYERS FOR OLD FOLKS - All of Faith's old folks are invited after worship on **Dec. 6 and 13, 11am – 12 pm,** to gather to learn and explore two prayers that speak to some of the significant experiences of older people.
Grab a flyer in the Narthex (They are blue!)

- Save the Date: **Faith Christmas Concert** (with our musicians and members!) **Saturday Dec 12 at 2:00pm** with the theme of "Christmas Memories." Friends welcome! Players, please turn in your music choice to Pr Shaun & Sharon. :)

- **Men's Breakfast, Saturday Nov. 14th 8:30am** at Faith. Guys: join us!



-This Month's **Evening Vespers** will be like a ***Thanksgiving Service.*** Join us! 6pm on **Wednesday night, Nov. 18th.**

-Young Adult Group **LovingKindness Collective** – Meets **Thurs. 11/19,** this time at Sheppard Gallery at UNR. 5pm-8pm for a reception for Art Installation: *Without Mountains and Rivers Without End.*