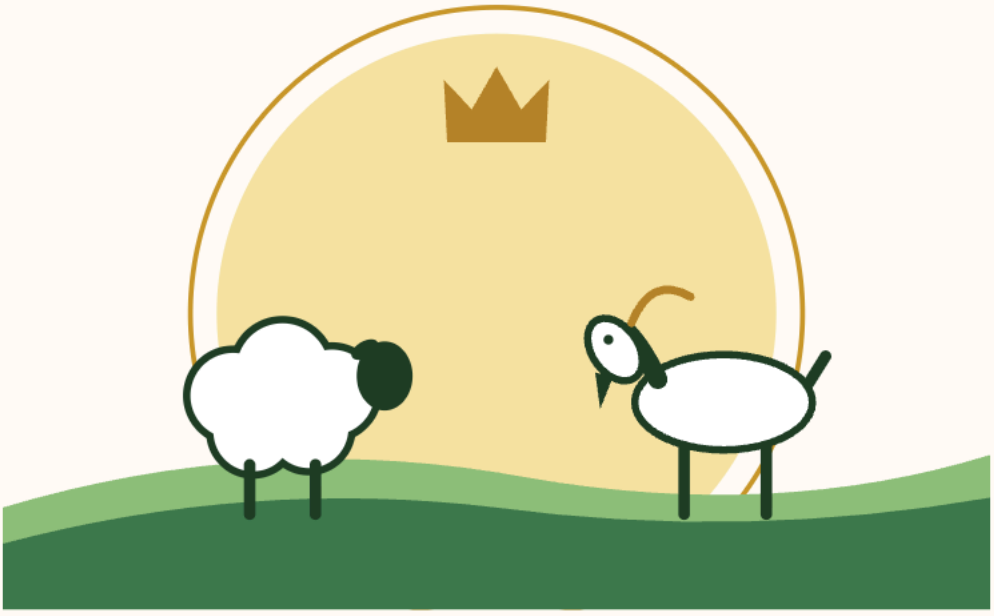
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



The Animal Kingdom

Animal Husbandry and Considering the Sheep and the Goats

Matthew 25:31–46 · Sunday, November 22 · 9:30am

Faith Lutheran Church · Reno

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 Reign of Christ Sunday!: On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come.

-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

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 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** **ELW #634**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

2 **O seed of Israel's chosen race**
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

3 **Hail him, you heirs of David's line,**
whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.

4 **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget**
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

5 **Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe**
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

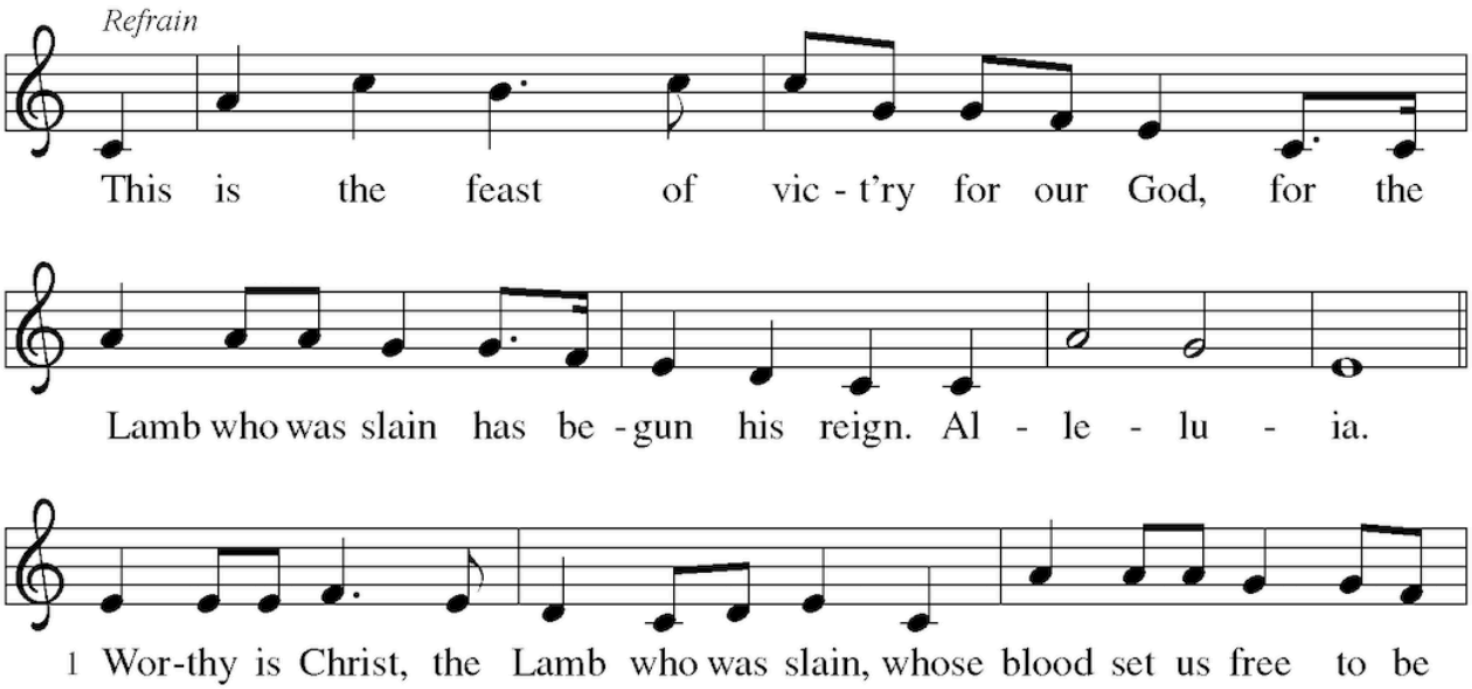
6 **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng**
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4;

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

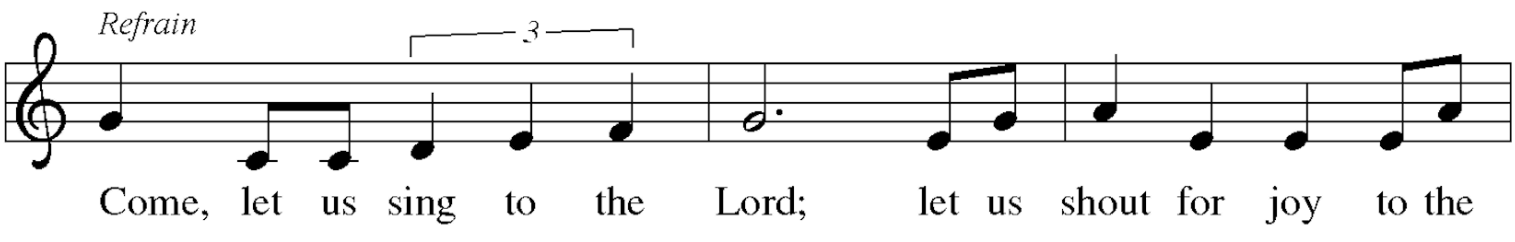
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 95 *(refrain from the "Venite" from Morning Prayer Liturgy)*





[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

[3] For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours. ***Refrain***

[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

[7a] For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. ***Refrain***

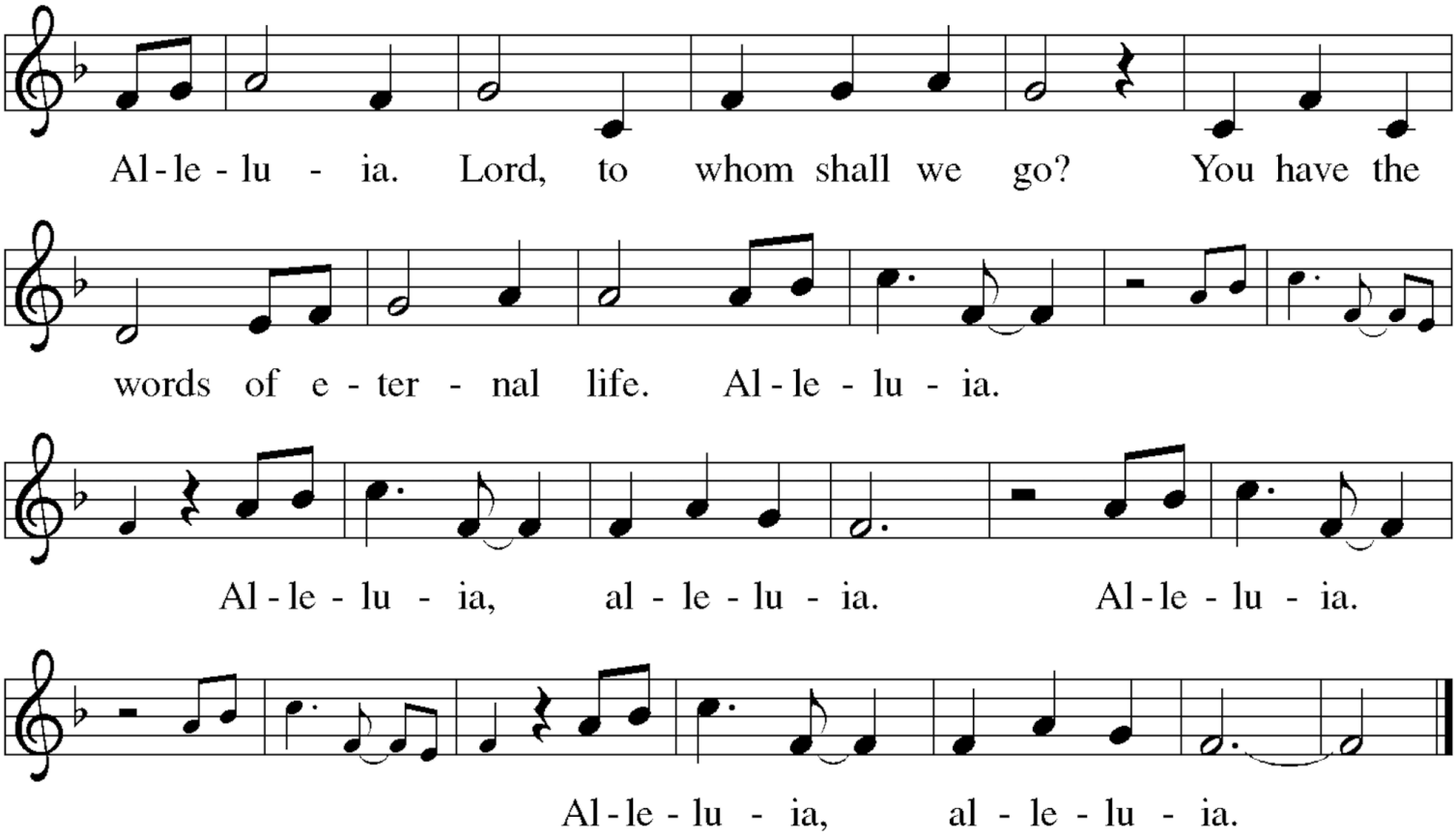
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.



[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. 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 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the

eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON ***The Animal (Husbandry) Kingdom*** **Pastor Shaun O'Reilly**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*** **ELW #659**



Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2 **We are pilgrims on a journey,**
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 **I will hold the Christ-light for you**
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 **I will weep when you are weeping;**
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 **Will you let me be your servant,**
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

RESPONSE OF FAITH **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

OFFERING ***"Many and Great, O God"*** ***instrumental version of ELW #837***

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.

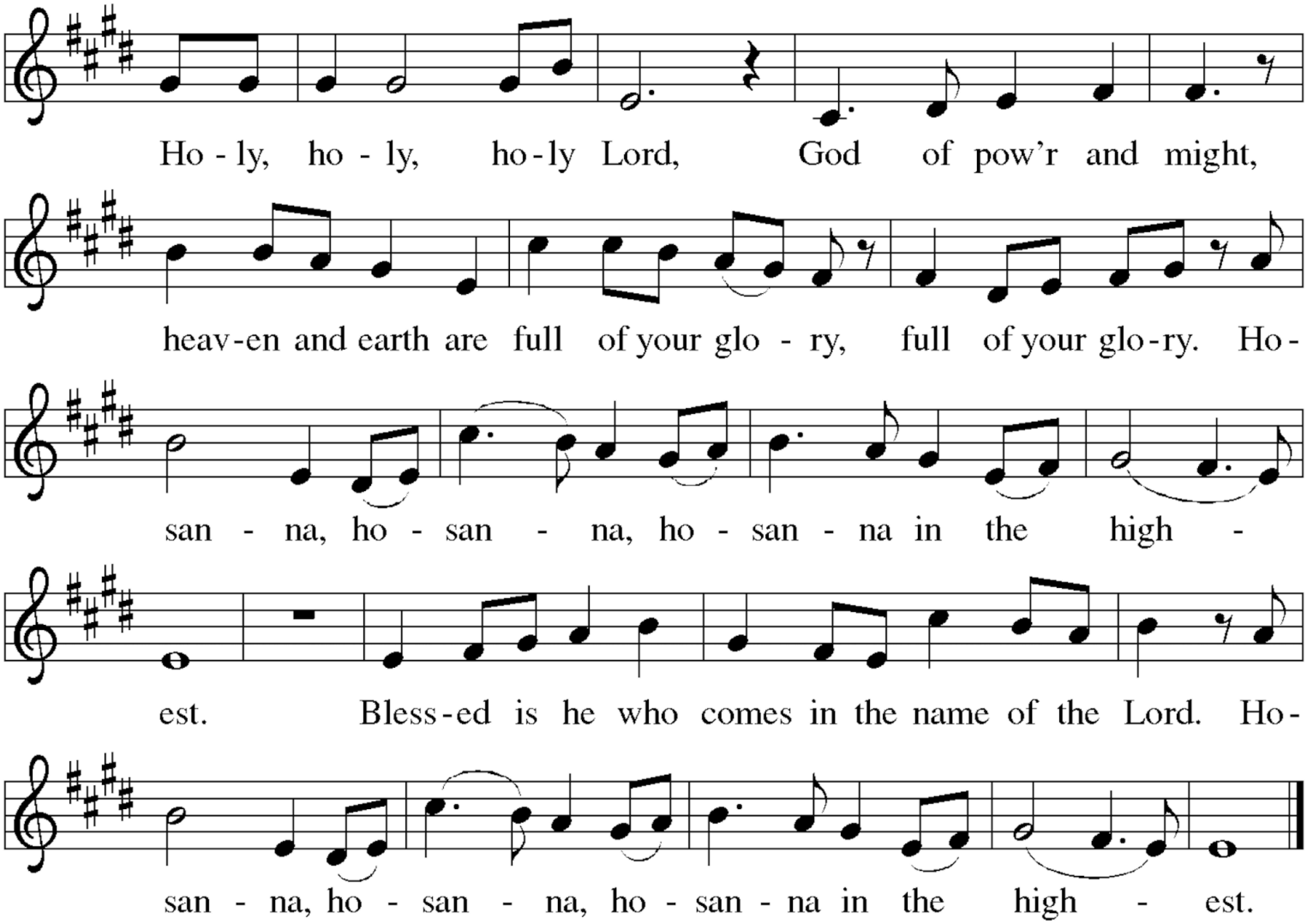
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

SANCTUS



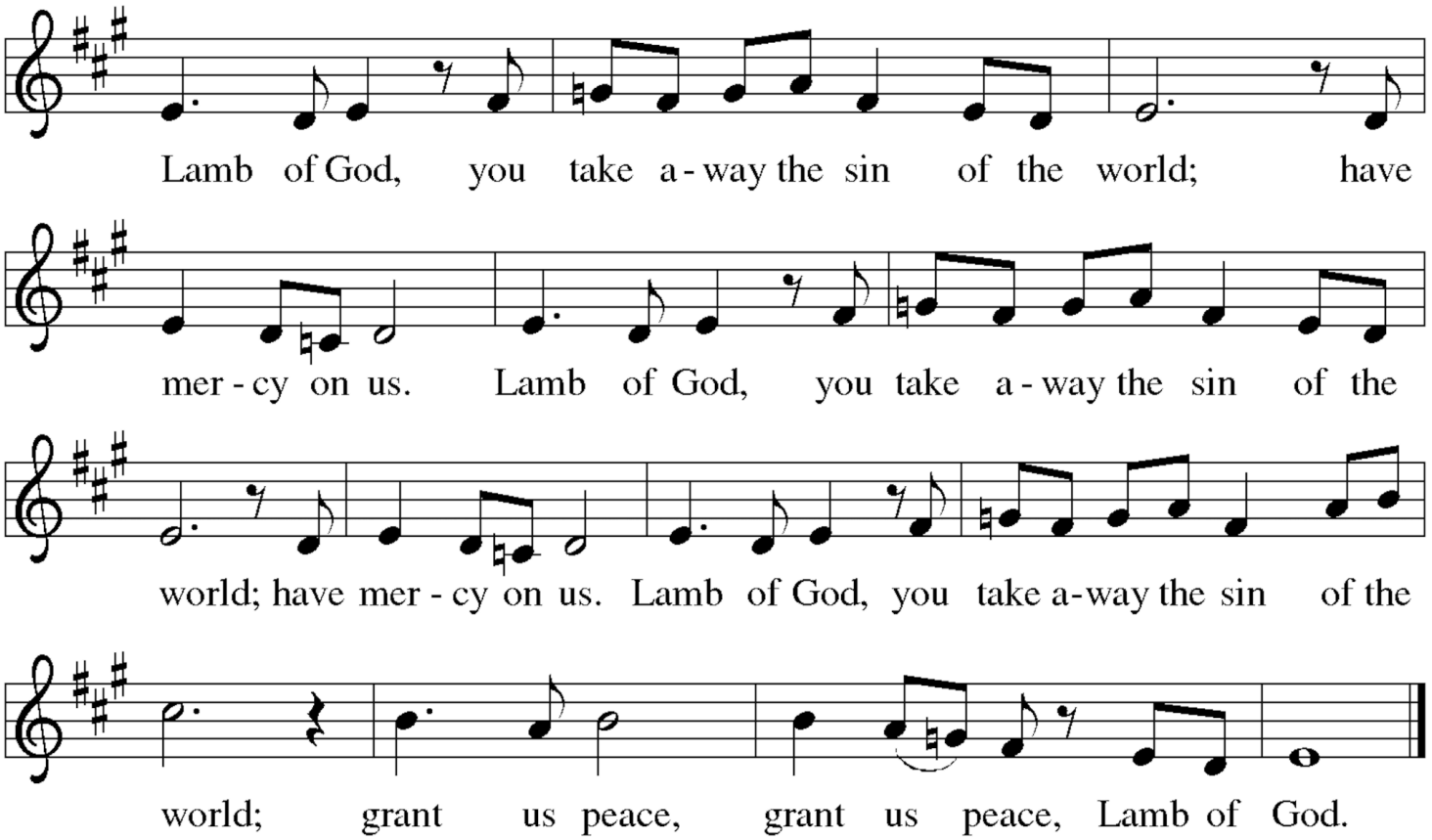
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 ***As We Gather at Your Table*** **ELW #522**

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.



Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Communion Hymn ***The King Shall Come*** **ELW #260**



The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,
to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Communion Hymn ***Come Ye Thankful People Come*** **ELW #693**

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 ***All the world is God's own field,***
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 ***For the Lord our God shall come***
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 ***Even so, Lord, quickly come***
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ***Christ is the Truth, the Way*** *(tune of "crown him" ELW#855)*

1 **Christ is the truth, the way,**
the endless light of life.
Christ shares the struggles of our day,
our earthly joy and strife.
Redeeming what is lost,
and healing human pain,
Christ walks the valley of the cross,
that all may rise again.

2 **Christ is the living bread**
and source of grace outpoured;
our deepest hungers shall be fed
and life will be restored.
All those who thirst rejoice,
by living water filled.
The good shall welcome with one voice
the justice God has willed.

3 **Christ sends the Spirit now,**
that we may all be one,
all people joining hands in love
that justice will be done.
The lion shall lie down
in peace beside the lamb.
The mighty shall lay down their crowns
before the great "I am."

4 **Christ is the gift of love,**
forgiveness, joy and grace,
that all may live in unity
and hope in ev'ry place.
We go where Jesus led
when others' pain we bear;
responding to our neighbors' needs,
Christ's cross and crown we share.

Text: Ruth Duck 1947-2024

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 the Zimmerman's in honor of Amy's Birthday!

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 comfort and peace to **Connie Anderson,** assigned to hospice this week.

for presence and healing to **Carolyn Cramer,** healing after hip replacement Monday, Nov. 16th. Thanks be to God for health thus far.

for continued healing to **Ruedi Sommer** after a stomach surgery, home and recovering.

for healing strength to **Cole Powell**, and 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.

Serving November 29th —->

Task	29th
Greeter	Linda Z
Reader	Matthew R
*Asst. Minister	Erica W
*Cantor	Wes G
Usher	Tom L
*Altar Guild	O'Reillys
Tech Support	Alex K
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Linda Z Alissa S
Coffee after Worship	Zimmermans

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!)



Blessed Thanksgiving to ALL this week.



- 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. :)

CHRISTMASTIME