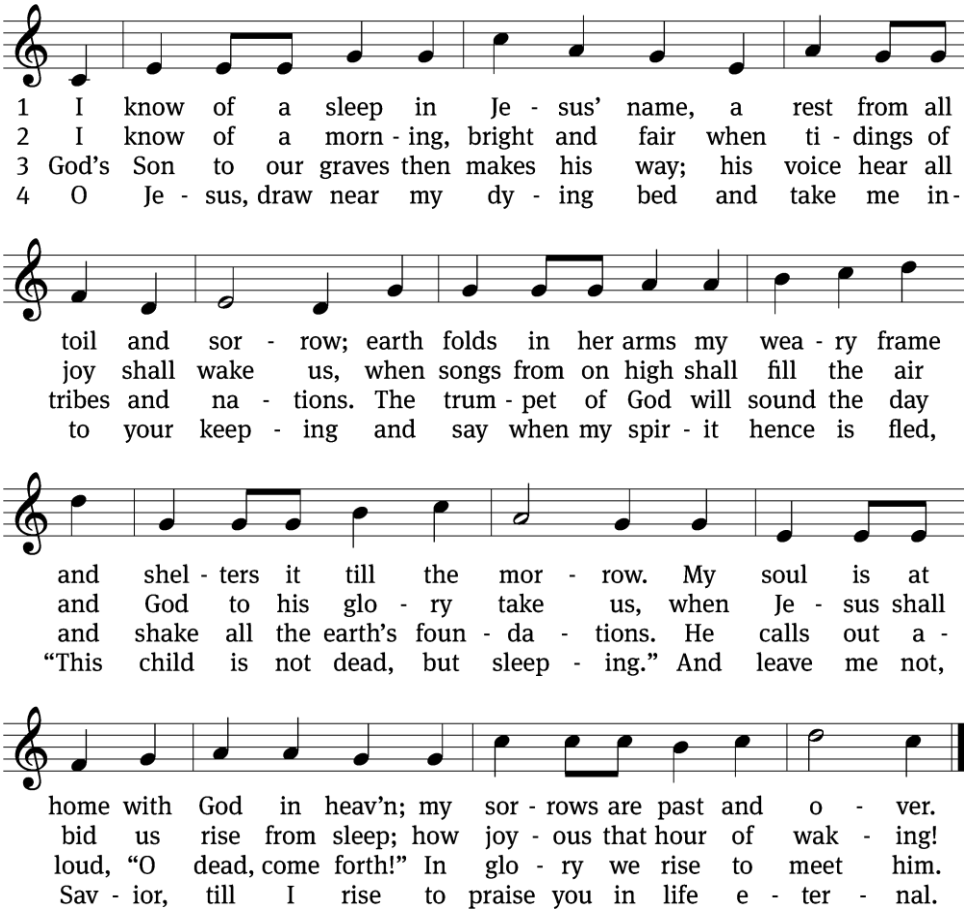

For the Lord himself ...
with the sound
of God's trumpet,
will descend
from heaven,
and the dead
in Christ will
rise first.
1 Thessalonians 4:16, NRSV

Last Sunday of Church Year – SETTING ONE **November 22, 2026**

Hymn 846 – I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



Holy Baptism — Maren Grace Enstad

(8:00 a.m. service) page 151 in the Christian Worship Hymnal

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In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

The LORD has spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
"All humanity is grass, and all its goodness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flowers fade when the breath of the LORD blows on them;
indeed, the people are grass.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever."

Your iniquities are separating you from your God.
Our transgressions have multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us.
All of us have become like something unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment;
all of us wither like a leaf,
and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.

Yet, LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hands.
LORD, do not be terribly angry or remember our iniquity forever.
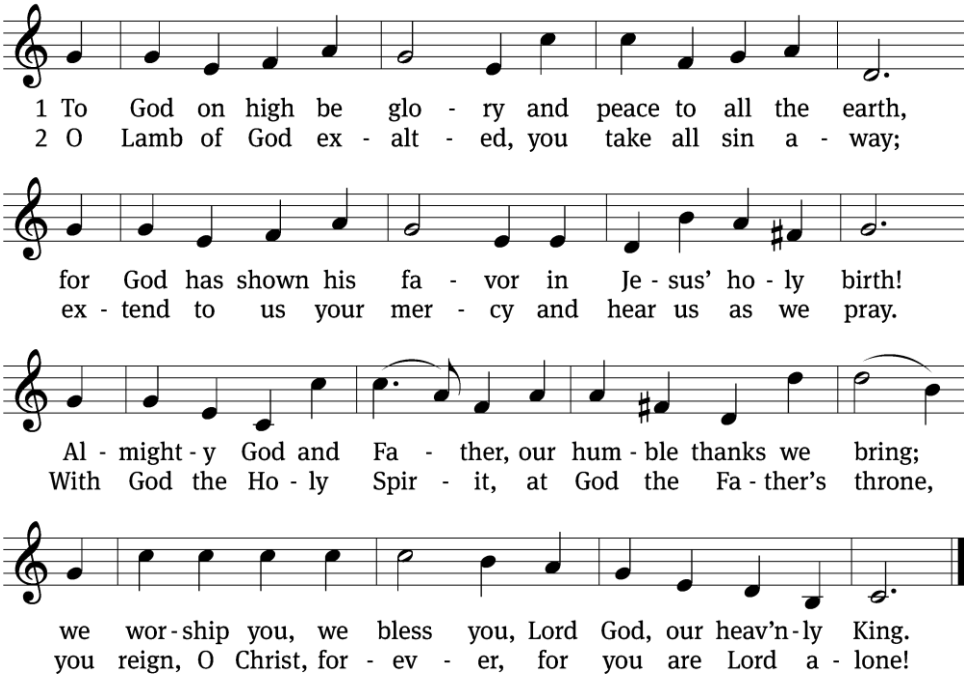
"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.
"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.
I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

In Christ you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.

(8:00 a.m. service continues)

Hymn 1017 – Gloria

Tune: LANCASHIRE



THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Lesson – Daniel 7:9,10,13,14

9 "As I kept watching,

thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was white like snow, and the hair of his head like whitest wool.
His throne was flaming fire; its wheels were blazing fire.

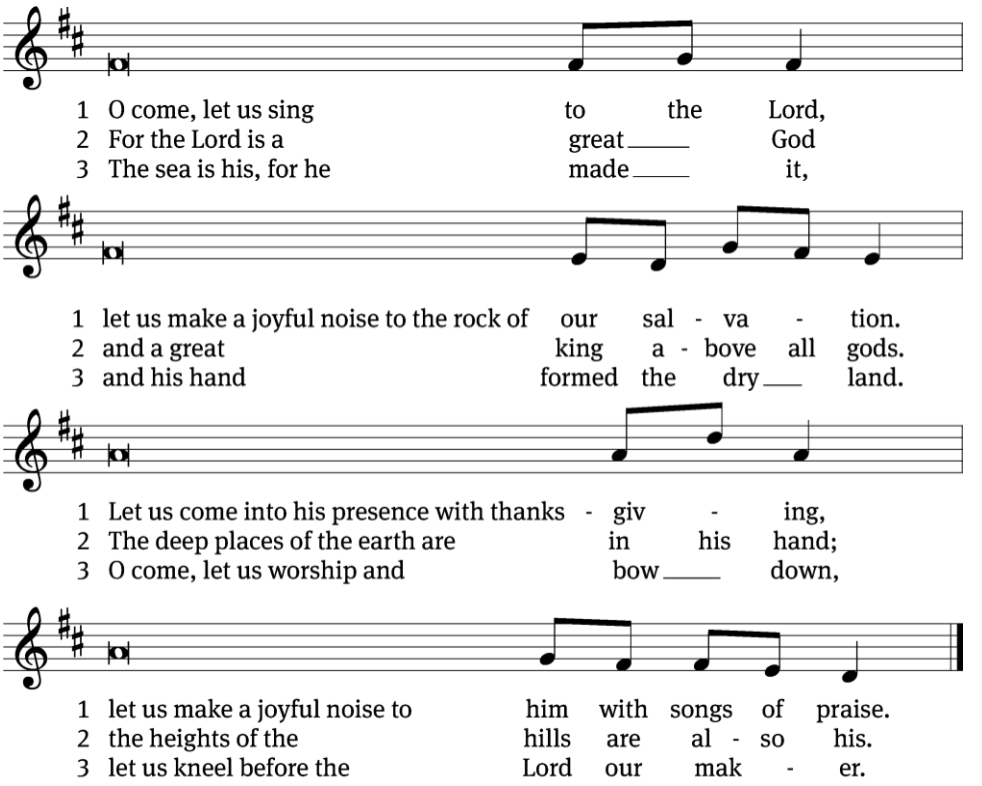
[10]A river of fire was flowing, coming out from his presence.
Thousands upon thousands served him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was convened, and the books were opened.

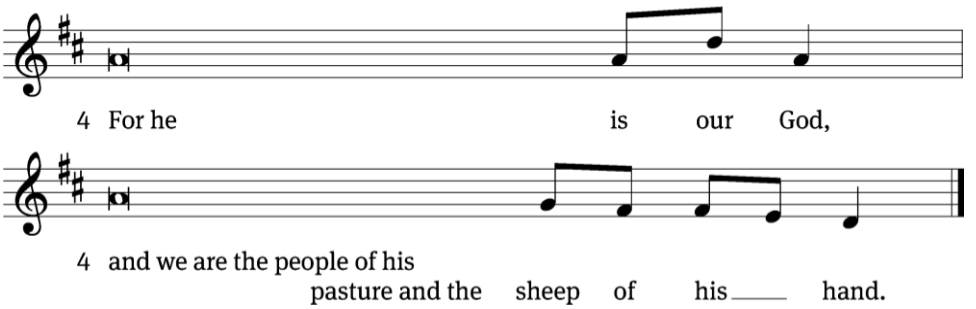
[13]I continued watching in the night visions,

and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven.
He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him.
[14]He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away,
and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 – O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord





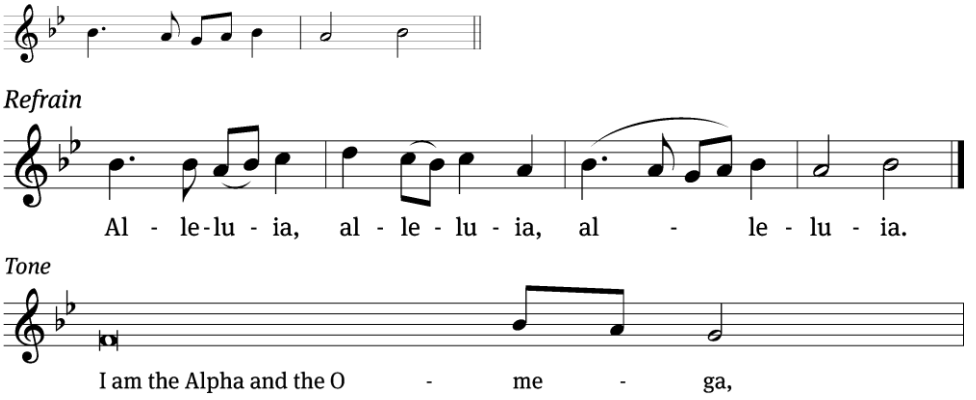
Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
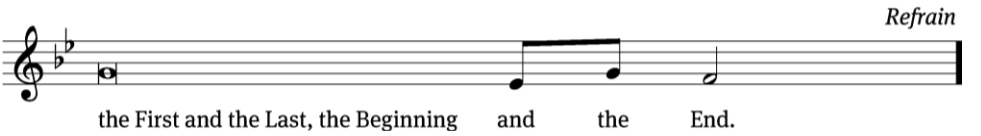
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who
are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will
bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For we say this to you by a word
from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly not precede
those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with
a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always
be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he
will sit on his glorious throne. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he
will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats. 33He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left. 34Then the
King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

35 “‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; 36I was naked and you
clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger
and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick, or
in prison, and visit you?’

40 “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will also say to those on the left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels! 42For I was hungry and
you gave me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; 43I was a
stranger and you didn’t take me in; I was naked and you didn’t clothe me, sick and
in prison and you didn’t take care of me.’

44 “Then they too will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a
stranger, or without clothes, or sick, or in prison, and not help you?’
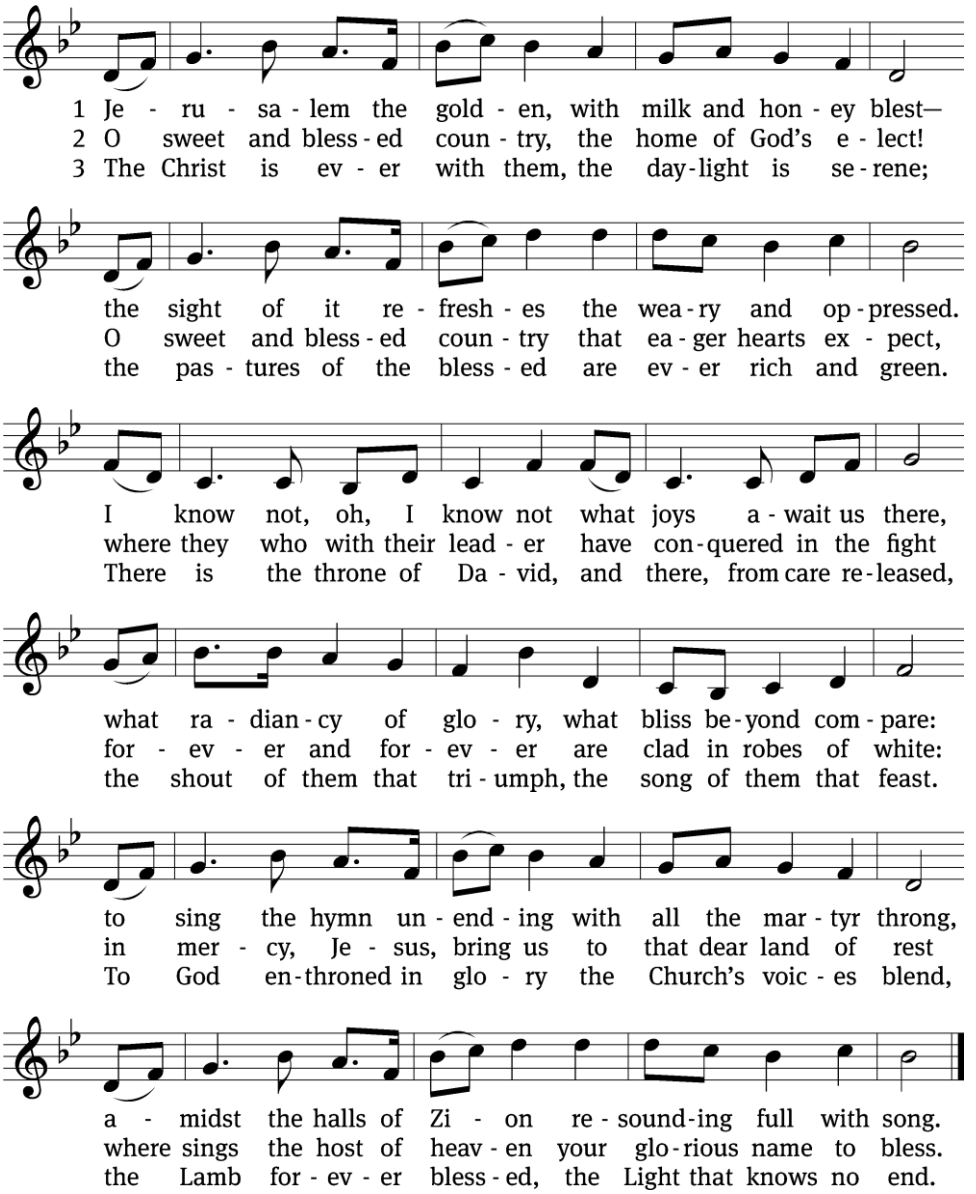
45 “Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of
the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 889 – Jerusalem the Golden



Sermon

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *We'll be together again*

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Offering

We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.
Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.
Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.
Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.
Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.
Silent prayer
Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet.

Lord's Prayer

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

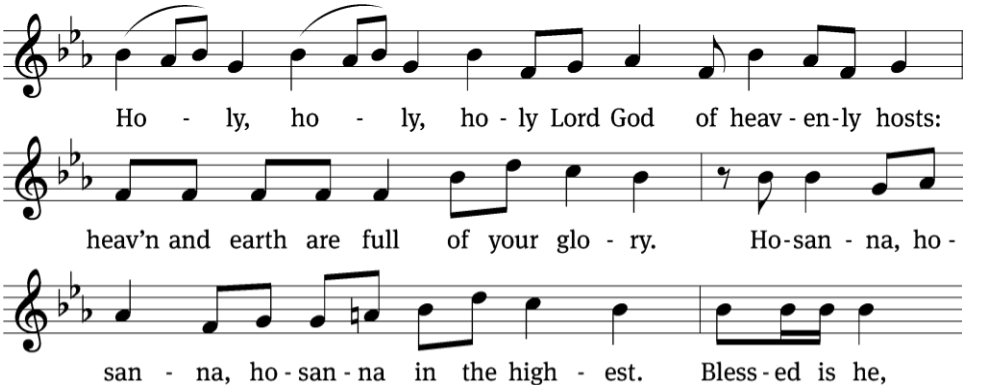
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

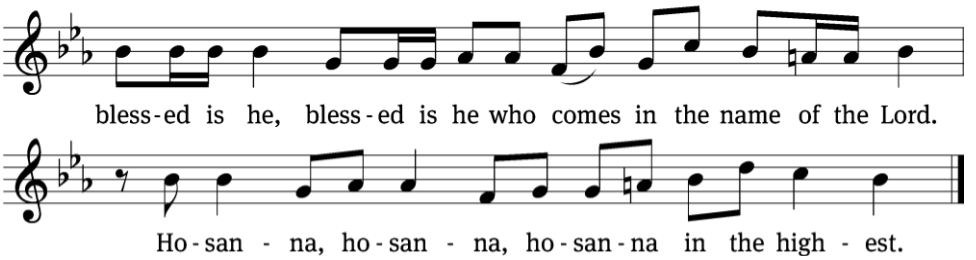
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, dear God, through Jesus Christ, who promised that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy





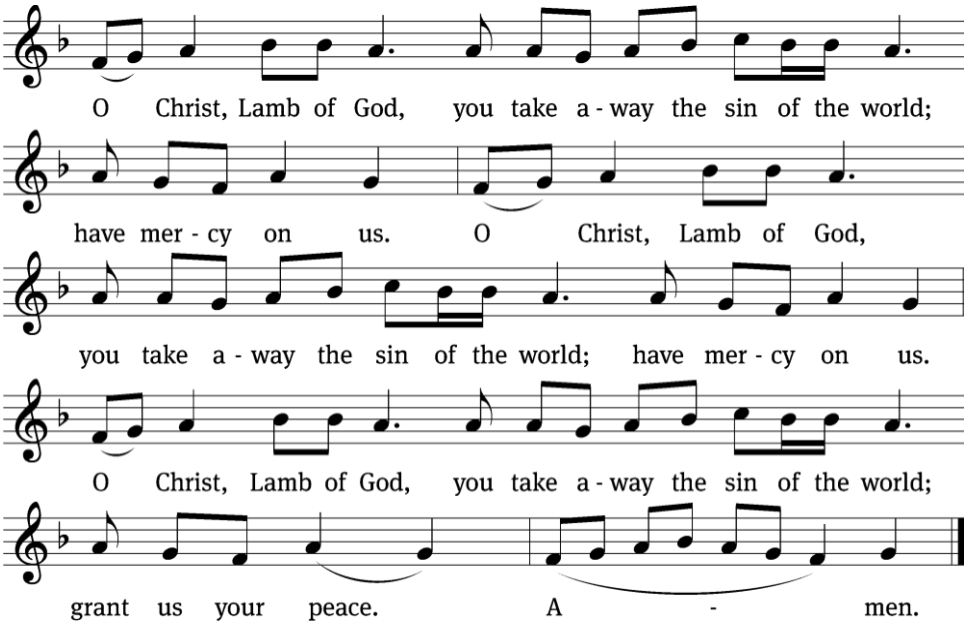
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution

At Holy Trinity we offer the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and fellow congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not yet a communicant member of Holy Trinity and are interested in communing here in the future, please speak first with the pastor for further information. He is glad to speak with you.

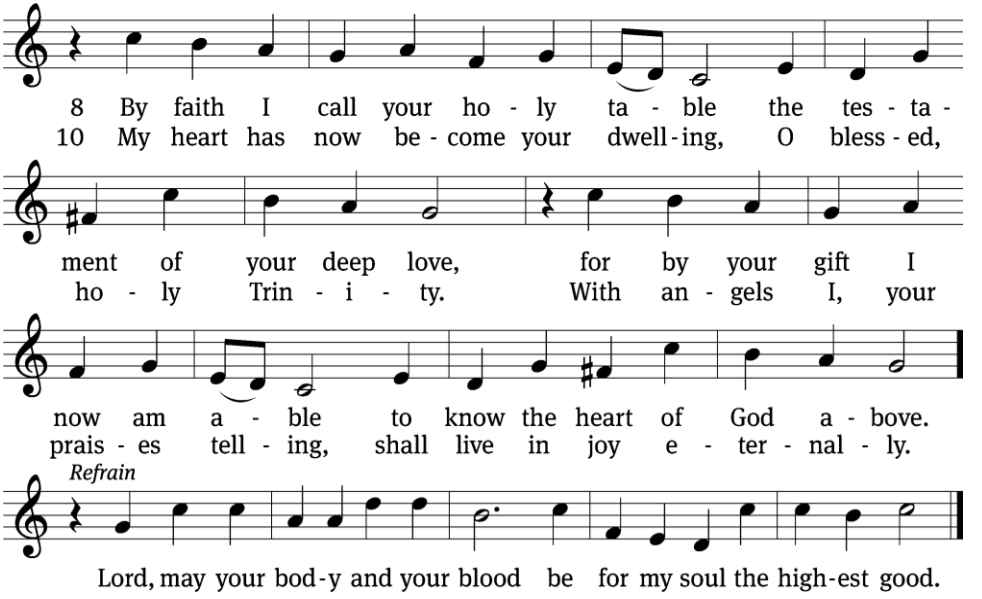
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

How can we thank you, Father, for allowing us to worship in your house today! We have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. We have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. We have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep our faith strong as we live out the tasks of our lives, take away our doubts and fears, and give us courage to share the good news of your Son wherever we go and however we can.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn 670 – I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



Preacher: Pastor Bart Brauer
Accompanist: Dave Kriewall

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Sunday education
Sunday education for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving potluck
We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together with a potluck meal today after second service. Please join us!

Thanksgiving worship
We will worship for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Calls received
Pastor Brauer received a call to serve as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wonewoc, Wisconsin. He welcomes that you share your thoughts with him as part of this process.

Ben Washburn, our 7th-grade teacher, received a call to teach at Garden Homes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We pray for him as he considers this call.

Advent by Candlelight
Advent by Candlelight will be on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. It is an event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. Please join the women of Holy Trinity for a wonderful time of music, fellowship and centering our hearts and minds on Christ Jesus in this holiday season. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite other women, especially those without a church home, to experience the true joy of Christmas.

Help is needed to make this event a success! Contact Dee Eliason-*bdeliason@hotmail.com*, call 253-529-0377, or text 253-486-3712 and indicate if you can help with setup and decorations, readers, music, or clean-up.

Church decorating

Please come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday, December 1, donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform will receive a matching boost of up to $1 for every $1 donated. Our church and school are both participating organizations. This is a wonderful opportunity to maximize support for the ministries of our church and school.

How to Participate:

1. Scan the QR code below to let us know which organization you plan to support, your intended donation amount, and to sign up to receive a reminder email.
2. On Tuesday, December 1, visit *thrivent.com/give.*
3. Search for Holy Trinity Lutheran, refine search to Des Moines, and make your donation online.

Anyone can participate – you do not need to be a Thrivent member.

Important: Donations must be made through Thrivent's giving platform on December 1 to qualify for the matching funds. The QR code is for our church and school to track anticipated support; it does not replace making your donation through Thrivent.

Learn more: *thrivent.com/offers/giving-tuesday*

Donation Envelopes

As the end of the year quickly approaches, we are preparing to order 2027 giving envelopes for members. For pre-printed giving envelopes we have three options available:

Box Set: For those who use envelopes on a weekly basis and special services
26 Pack: For those who don't require a full box set but would like extra envelopes
12 Pack: For those who give monthly

If you would like to update your current option for 2027, please advise us on your preferred envelope style with one of these two methods:

* List your name and option on the table in the church lobby
* Send an email to *finsec@htls-wa.net*

Please update your preference before November 29, as this will allow us time to order the box sets in time for 2027.

HTLS Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday, December 1, help Holy Trinity Lutheran School make Christian education more affordable for families through our Tuition Assistance Fund.

Every donation and every share helps us get closer to our $10,000 goal.
The first $5,000 given will be matched by a generous donor.
Share with friends and family who may want to support our school!

Scan the QR code or visit https://holytrinity.school/giving-tuesday/

Choir rehearsal

The choir will be singing for the Sundays in Advent and on Christmas Day. If you would like to join the choir, please join us for rehearsal on Wednesdays: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 at 7:00 p.m., and Sundays: 11/29 at 7:40 a.m. and 12/20 in between services. You may contact Kathy Rausch with questions (*kathyrauschwa@pm.me*).

This week at Holy Trinity

Today.....	11:45 a.m.	Thanksgiving potluck
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving worship
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Church decorating

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