St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Community of Faith for 242 Years

Wednesday, November 25, 2026



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Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service- 7:00 PM
Rev. Marie Meeks and Rev. Kenneth McDowell, Pastors
Holy Communion
*stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE……

"Now Thank We All Our God" by J.S Bach; arr. by Virgil Fox

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C - Amen.

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

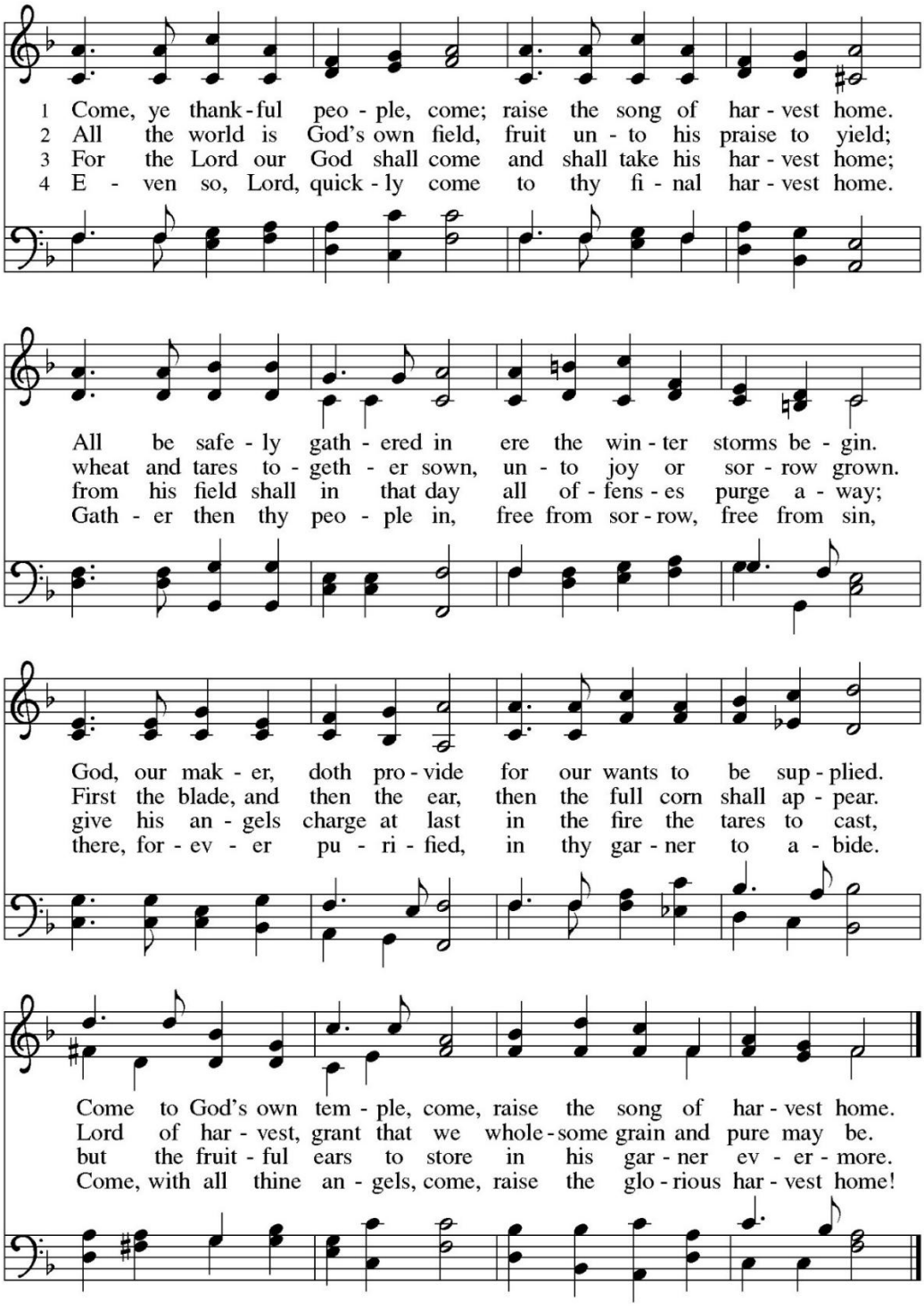
P - Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C - Amen.

*GATHERING SONG……

“Come Ye Thankful People Come” (ELW 693)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

*KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all
who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P - Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C - Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land
with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters
welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of
vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,
9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will
lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills
you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD
your God for the good land that he has given you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by
failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes
that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill
and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds

and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, [14] then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, [15] who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. [16] He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. [17] Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' [18] But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

R - The word of the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65 (Read Responsively)

[1] You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.
[2] **To you, the one | who answers prayer,**
to you all | flesh shall come.
[3] Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.
[4] **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple. R**
[5] Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

6 **You make firm the mountains | by your power;**
you are girded a- | bout with might.
7 You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.
8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.
10 **You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**
11 You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.
12 **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,**
and the hills be | clothed with joy.
13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your
mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every
blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of
everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9

As it is written,
"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."
10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will
supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest
of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for
your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God
through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies
the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings
to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by
your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the
generosity of your partnership with them and with all others,
14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the
surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God
for his indescribable gift!

R - The word of the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

P - The holy gospel according to Luke.
C - Glory to you, O Lord.

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region
between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men

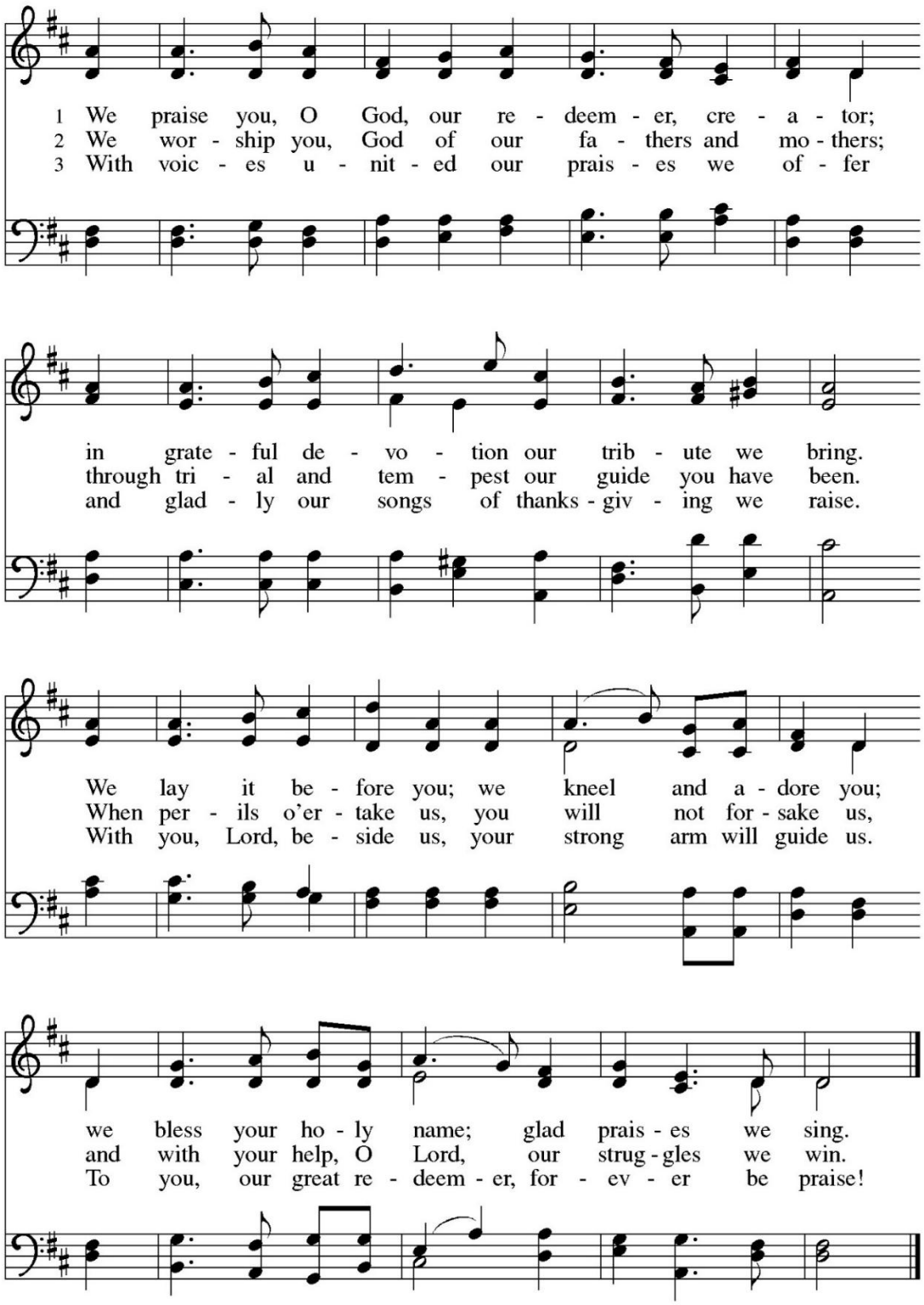
with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, [13] they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” [14] When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. [15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16] He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. [17] Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? [18] Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” [19] Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P - The gospel of the Lord.
C - Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**…"We Praise You, O God" (ELW 870)

We Praise You, O God



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

***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

P - United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,

C - hear our prayer.

P - We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy,

C - hear our prayer.

P - We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy,

C - hear our prayer.

P - We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,

C - hear our prayer.

P - We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy,

C - hear our prayer.

P - We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. 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

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P - The peace of Christ be with you always.

C - And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING 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**

P - The Lord be with you.

C - And also with you.

P - Lift up your hearts.

C - We lift them to the Lord.

P - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C - It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P - It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P - Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C - Amen

*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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

***COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

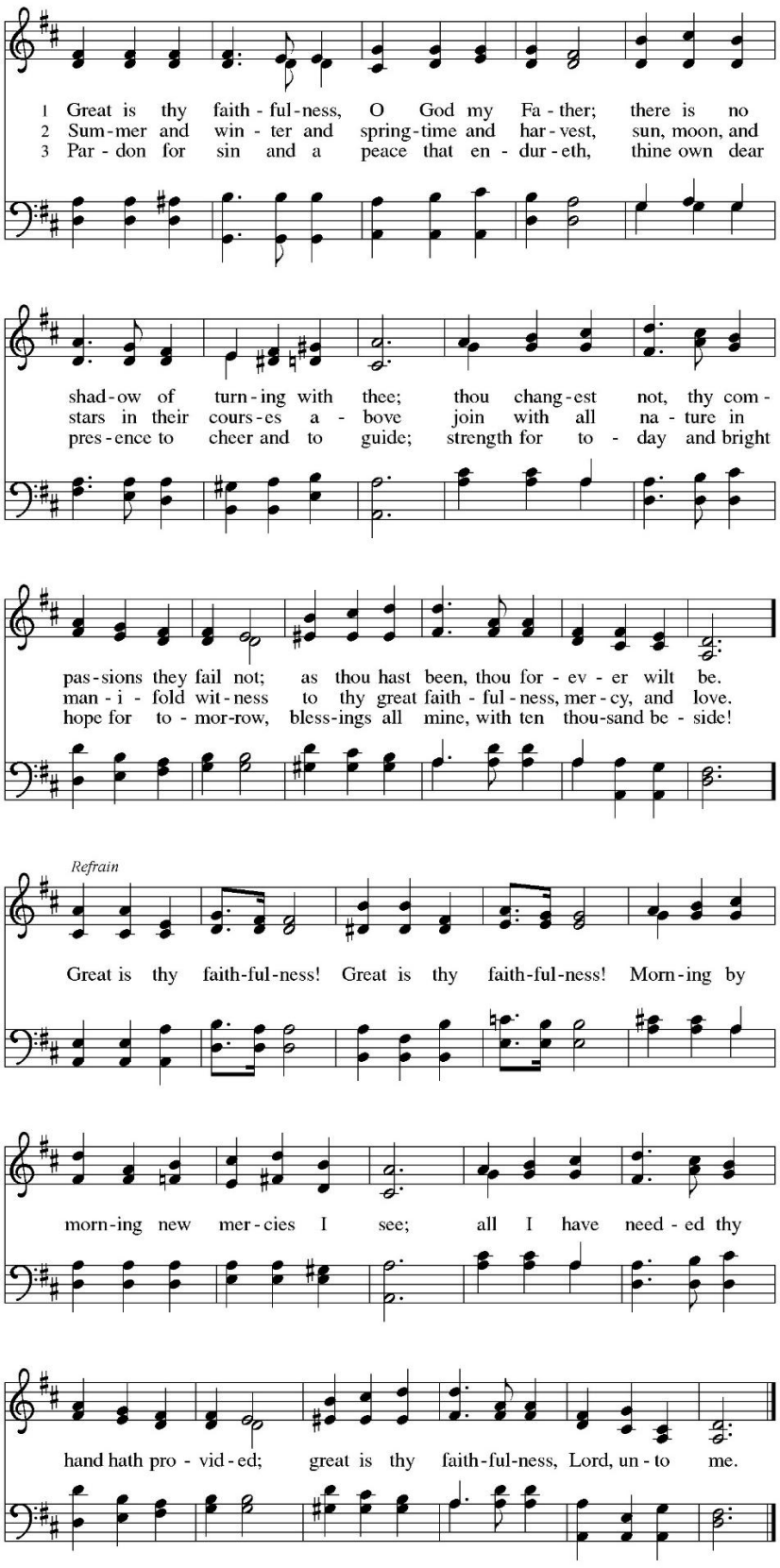
P - The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C - Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN……

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (ELW 733)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

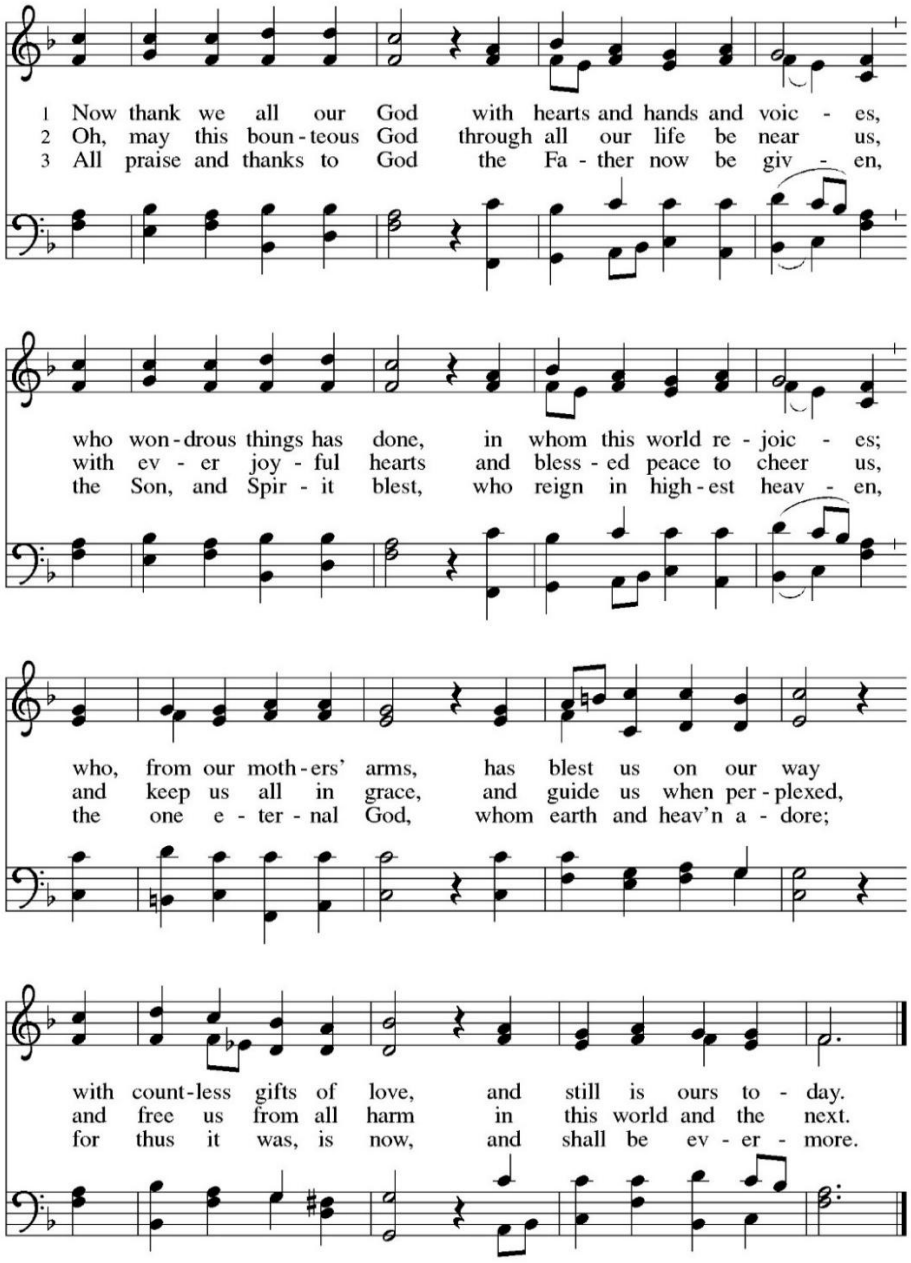
*BLESSING

P - The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C - Amen.

***SENDING SONG**…"Now Thank We All Our God" (ELW 840)

Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*DISMISSAL

P - Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C - Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE…

Nun Danket Alle Gott "Now Thank We All Our God" by Sigfrid Karg- Elert

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Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Visitors, or members with a change of address, please complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors may also include the name and address of your home church so they can be notified that you have received communion.

Prayer Requests: Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of the worship service.

The Social Ministry's Angel Tree is in the narthex with ornaments with children's names from Schuylkill Children and Youth and some ideas for Christmas gifts for them. Please select an ornament and write your name on the paper at the appropriate place. Everything listed on the ornament does not have to be purchased for the child. Please have gifts wrapped or bagged, with the ornament attached to the gift, under the tree by next Sunday, December 6th.

The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. After the Christmas season, these items will be donated to Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All.

The Church Council will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, December 2 beginning at 7:00pm in the church Annex.

Summer Hill Youth Group – Disaster Relief Bucket Challenge: The Summer Hill Youth Group will gather Friday, December 4 from 6:00–8:30 PM at St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC to assemble five-gallon Disaster Relief Buckets for people in need. Youth will learn about serving their neighbors while working together in a fun, friendly relay-race competition! Food will be provided. RSVP to Laura Carll at (484) 269-4405 is appreciated, but not required.

A Saturday Spoken Worship Service will be held Saturday, December 5, beginning at 5:00pm.

Christmas trees will be decorated Sunday, December 6 following the 10:30am worship service. Please come and lend a hand– get in the holiday spirit too!!

Caroling: Sunday, December 6th, our Social Ministry Committee will sponsor Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins and elderly. We will be joining our sister congregation, St. Paul's U.C.C. for this event. Everyone is invited to join us. We will be carpooling and leaving from St. Paul's U.C.C. at 2:00 pm.

Faithful Fellowship: A time of fun, fellowship and yummy treats will be held following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 13. We would like our treats to be Christmas cookies. If anyone would like to donate two dozen cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Sandy Wentz if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Join us this Christmas Eve, December 24. There will be a 6:30pm musical prelude followed by the 7pm worship service. The service will feature candlelight and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Check Out Our YouTube Channel: We're livestreaming our worship services on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!! We'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You can chat, comment, and worship together live just like always. Our website features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find recorded services beginning in February, our past livestreams, and our scheduled upcoming livestreams. So head on over, click Like, hit Subscribe, and ring that little bell 🔔 to be notified when livestreaming begins! 👉 Check us out here: https://www.youtube.com/@summerHillLutheran

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship: There are many openings available throughout the year to sponsor the fresh altar flowers and bulletins on a Sunday morning. Sponsorships can be in honor of, or in memory of someone. There are sign-up sheets for a few months at a time on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church office and speak to Kelly to be added at any time throughout the year. The cost of altar flowers is: $17.50 to sponsor one vase, or $35 to sponsor both vases. The bulletins are $10 per sponsored Sunday.

Pastoral visits and home communions are available at any time. Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office.

Reminder for hospital visits: The church is not informed by the hospital when someone is admitted. Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office to let us know if a pastoral visit is desired.

Helping Harvest donations take place the first Sunday of each month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

The 2026 Weekly giving needed for budget is $2,951.25

Week of November 15, 2026– November 20, 2026

Current	$1,721.87
Benevolence/Synod	$ 137.00
Local Benevolence	$ 237.75
Thanksgiving	$ 20.00
Initial	$ 3.00
Plate	$ 49.00
Total	**$2,168.62**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 PM -Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (Lutheran Church)

Thursday, November 26 -Thanksgiving Day -Church offices closed

Sunday, November 29 -First Sunday of Advent
9:15 AM -Sunday School
10:30 AM -Worship Service

Wednesday, December 2
7:00 PM -Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3
6:00 PM -Bell Choir

Friday, December 4
6:00 – 8:30 PM -Summer Hill Youth Group Event (meet at the UCC)

Saturday, December 5
5:00 PM -Spoken Worship Service

Sunday, December 6 -Angel Tree Deadline
9:15 AM -Sunday School
10:30 AM -Worship Service
-Christmas decorating following worship
2:00 PM -Christmas Caroling (meet at the UCC)
2:00 – 5:00 PM -Event hosted here

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Thursday, November 26: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13
Friday, November 27: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Saturday, November 28: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31
Monday, November 30: Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
Tuesday, December 1: Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
Wednesday, December 2: Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
Thursday, December 3: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Friday, December 4: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
Saturday, December 5: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33

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Tonight's Greeter- Brian Staller



Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Stephen Curtis, John & Betty Strauch, John Strauch, Jr., Greg Phillips, Jerry Heffleger, Harry Russell, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Tonia McKague, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis, Earl & Grace Paxson, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Wayne Brensinger, Ralph Hueske, Shawnette Keller, Brittany Gallagher, Kay & Jerome Hayes, Debbie Toro, Pete and Stacy Smulligan, Terry Tryon, Carol Keesey, Nancy Sweitzer, Carol Boyer, Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner, Bob Ebling, Joan Axtt, Elizabeth Hand, Janet Pavlick, Diane Surdel, ***Harry Schwenk***

Those serving in the military: Jacob Edwards, Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Mark Weinus, Jr., Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast

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