The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Augustana Lutheran Church



November 15, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today. Yes, we're talking to YOU! you are new to our church, here are a few notes we hope help you feel at hc

- ALL ARE WELCOME in our faith community: Whether you were in church last Sunday, last year, or this is your very first time; no matter who you are or what your life experiences are; no matter your background, address, age, or income. We're glad you're here!
- In our Lutheran tradition, it's all about grace! Everything begins with the freely given gift of God's love for us and for all creation. We hope you find that reflected in our worship and preaching today.
- In our Lutheran tradition, we think a lot about the words we use for and with God, and we tend to use a lot of words in worship. You are invited to participate by joining us in saying any part printed in bold and singing. Sit/stand where indicated if it's comfortable for your body.
- Please do not feel obliged to make an offering as a visitor. If you would like to give anyway, you can do so by putting your contribution in the offering plate or giving electronically (see our announcements for instructions). We know that financial offerings are only one way people give back to God.
- Hymns can generally be found in the red hymnal in your pew, listed by number. Hymns are printed for you in large print bulletins.
- All are welcome at the table of Holy Communion. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor before or after worship.
- If you are new to us, and are so inclined, we would love to have your contact information. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in our pew and put it in the offering plate. We promise not to spam you!
- Our church isn't open only on Sunday mornings! See the announcements for a hint of everything going on.

GET IN TOUCH!

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Please Pray For:
Spencer
Ken
Rocco–cancer
Ryan
Jerry
Courtney–cancer
Sister Nora
Barbara
Joel–cancer
Larry
Elizabeth–recurring cancer
Rachelle
Deb
Jane–cancer
Roy
Jeanne–cancer
Keenan–recovering from heart surgery
The Roberts family in their time of grief
The family of Sadie Saylor in their time of grief
The Steglemann family
Military Service Members

Worship Server Schedule
Pastor – Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller
Accompanist – Ethan Ford
Assisting Minister – Maralee Macumber
Lector – Maralee Macumber
Acolyte – Leah Moyer
Technology Server – Cayden Abner
Ushers – Dave & Janet Ermis
Altar Guild – Emily Moyer & Heidi Scupham

Children's Church 11/15
Stacy F. and Brian F.

Children's Church 11/22
2 volunteers needed

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Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 15, 2026 thru Sunday, November 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after
Pentecost 25

Tuesday, November 17 ~ 6:30 PM – Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18 ~ 4 PM – Middle School Youth Group at Grace
~ 4:45-5:45 PM – Confirmation Class at Grace

Thursday, November 19 ~ 4 PM – Holy Communion at Grace

Sunday, November 22 ~ 10:30 AM – Annual Meeting
Christ the King ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after

Our Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 AM. Reports are available for pick-up.

Please Note: Our church offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you enjoy the holiday!

The Advent Season begins on November 29, and we are OUT OF TIME!
You know those calendar push notifications that regularly pop up on you phone? The ones that remind you that you have a doctor's appointment or a lunch date? They may have saved your reputation as a responsible person once or twice! Those notifications remind us of the birthdays, deadlines, and events that would otherwise be lost in a sea of distractions. When Advent arrives, it's as though a push notification appears in our collective Christian consciousness: ***The day of the Lord is coming up!*** As the church year barrels to its close in November and then careens into a new beginning, the texts we'll hear in worship are preoccupied with time: the day of the Lord, God's time versus our time, the mysterious scheduling of the day and the hour when God will appear. Our Advent series this year – *Out of Time* – invites reflection on how people experience time and on how God uses our experience to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings. Join Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches in this Advent season as we explore this theme in take-home devotionals, preaching, worship, and more.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

+ GATHERING +

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

GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

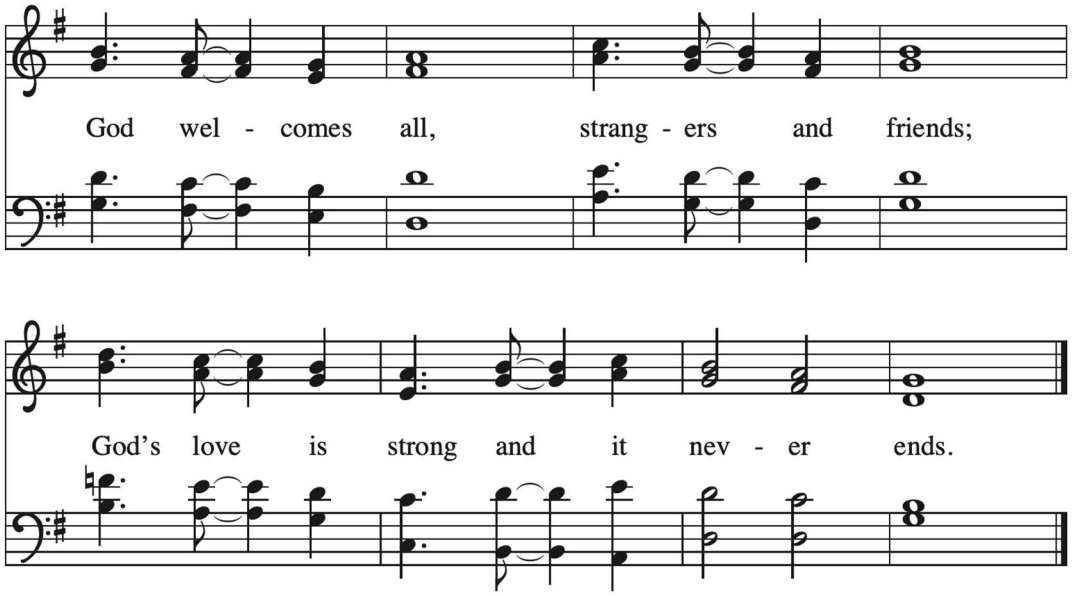
Welcome to our year of listening!

At Augustana Lutheran Church we are amid a year of listening. During this year we are taking intentional time to listen more closely to the voices of God, one another, and our neighbors.

In worship, this means spending time in quiet as we begin to center ourselves and prepare to listen for God's voice. We will start with song, sit in silence, then be called to worship by the singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation). Of course, during this time we anticipate some noise and wiggling from little ones. If you need guidance to begin, consider placing both feet firmly on the floor, gently closing your eyes, and taking long, deep breaths. You may also choose a word (such as a name for God) to return to during the time of quiet whenever your mind begins to wander to other things.

You are invited to sing with the leader:

God Welcomes All



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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.
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We sit together into an extended moment of silence. The singing bowl calls us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable, and to face our baptismal font.

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most merciful God,

C. 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.

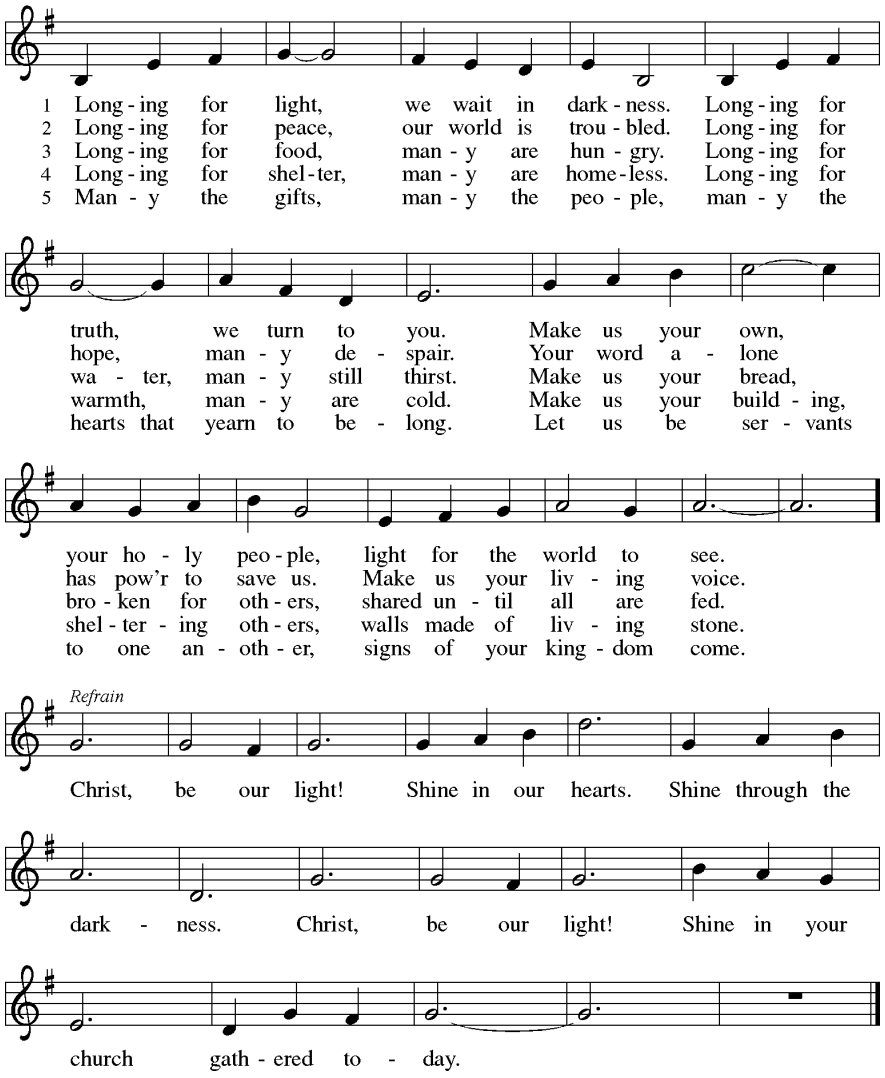
P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *Christ Be Our Light*

You are invited to join in singing and face the cross as it is carried in.

Christ, Be Our Light



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GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You are invited to join in singing.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. God , you are good and full of mercy.
You long for us to simply enter into your joy;
but so often we complicate your grace,
with worries and fears of our own.
You have not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation.
Today tell us again the story of your love,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-16

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

A. 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.

A. Word of God, word of life.
C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 90:1-12

*The psalm for the day is read responsively, with the congregation reading **bold** text.*

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 children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight**
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;

[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.
[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 number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. A reading from 1 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!

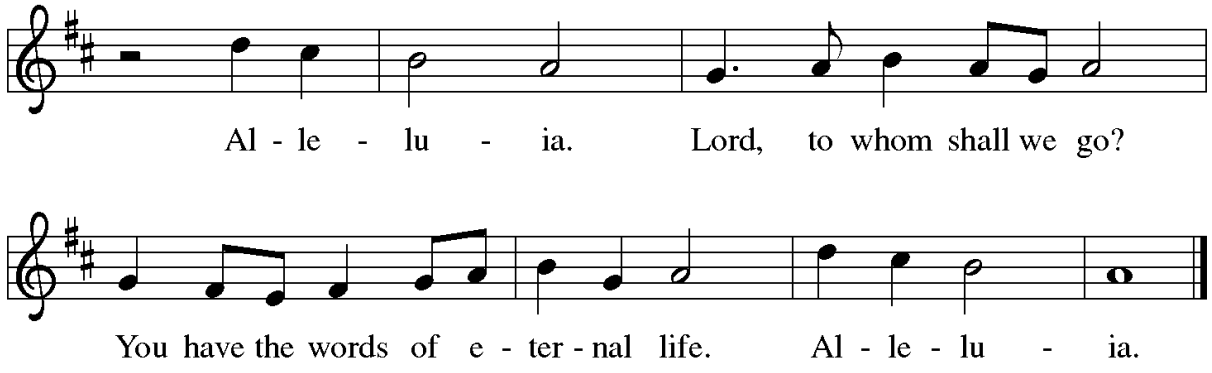
[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
[6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober, [7] for those 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.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You are invited to stand as comfortable and to sing to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL – Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. [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.' "

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come to the first pew for a teaching moment especially for them.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Take My Life, That I May Be*

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable and sing.

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos*
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar*
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté*
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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APOSTLES' CREED

A. With the whole church, we confess our faith:

C. 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

A. United with the great cloud of witnesses,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P. Into in you your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust
all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C. Amen.

PEACE

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then please be seated.

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OUR OFFERING

We offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God in thankfulness for all that God gives us. Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches are grateful for the many ways our friends give to the work of God in the world!

OFFERING MUSIC

As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.

OFFERING SONG – *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Once the offering is collected, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable and join in singing.



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OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. God of creation…*the leader continues*…
through loving care for our neighbors.

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.

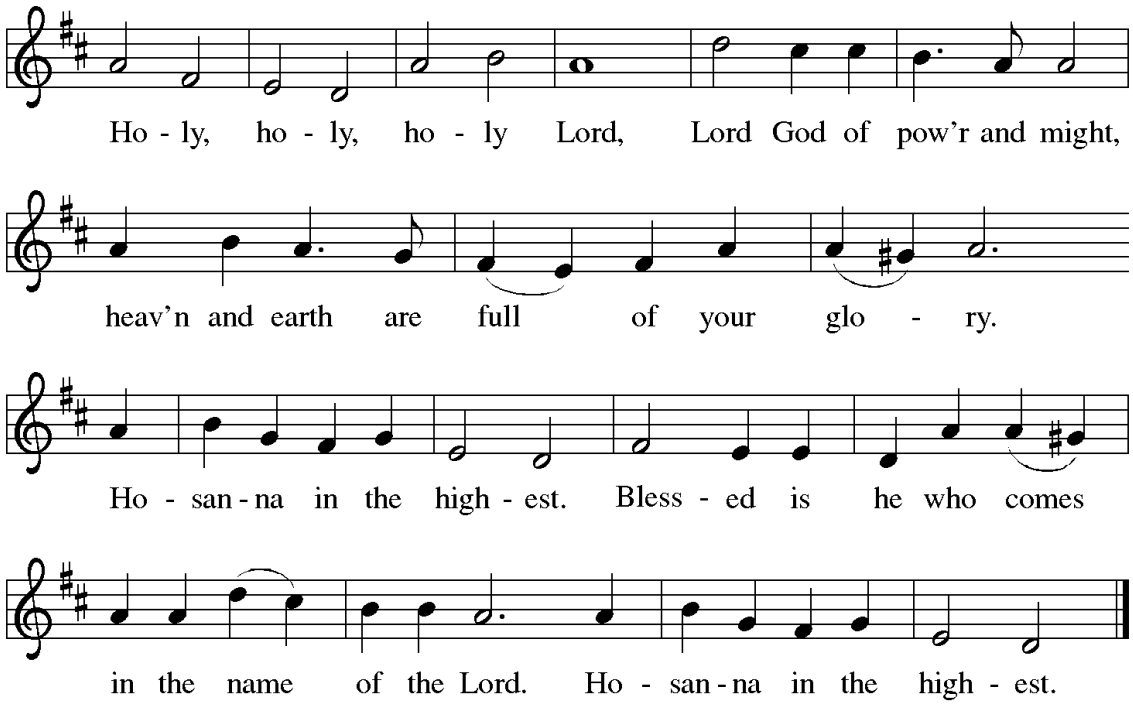
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right…*the pastor continues*…join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are invited to sing.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. O God most mighty…*the pastor continues*…
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C. Amen!

P. Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C. Amen!

P. Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C. Amen!

P. O God, you are Breath…*the pastor continues*…life in you,
now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C. 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. Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C. Thanks be to God!

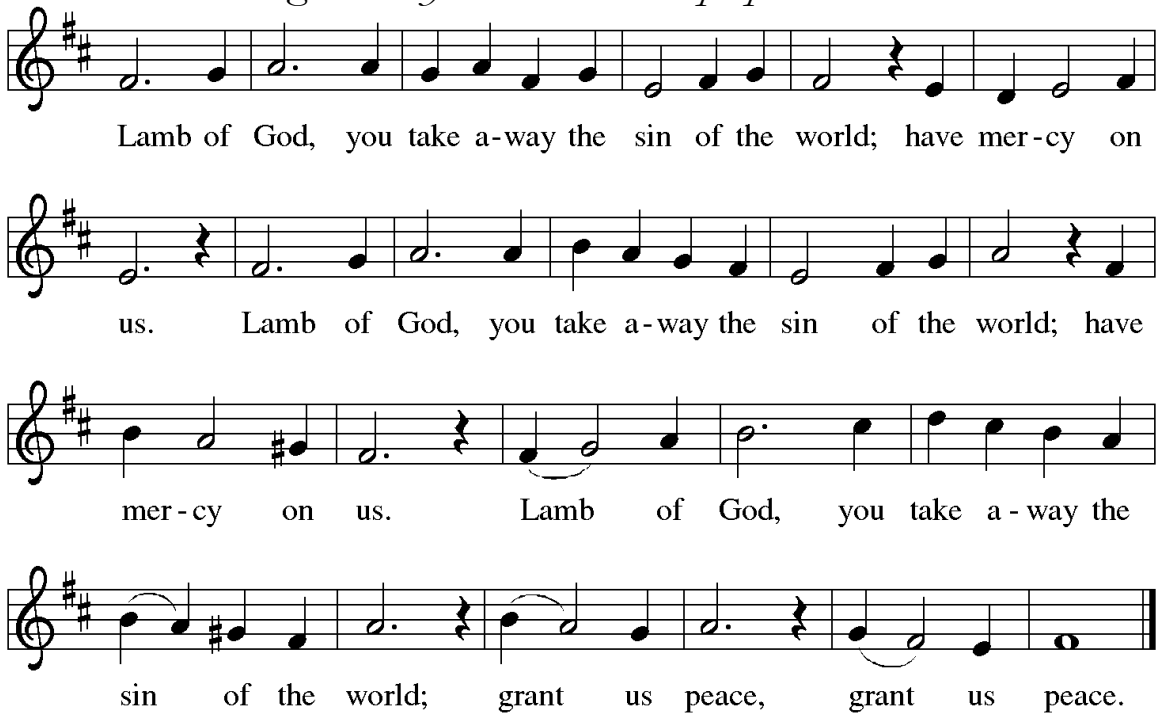
You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

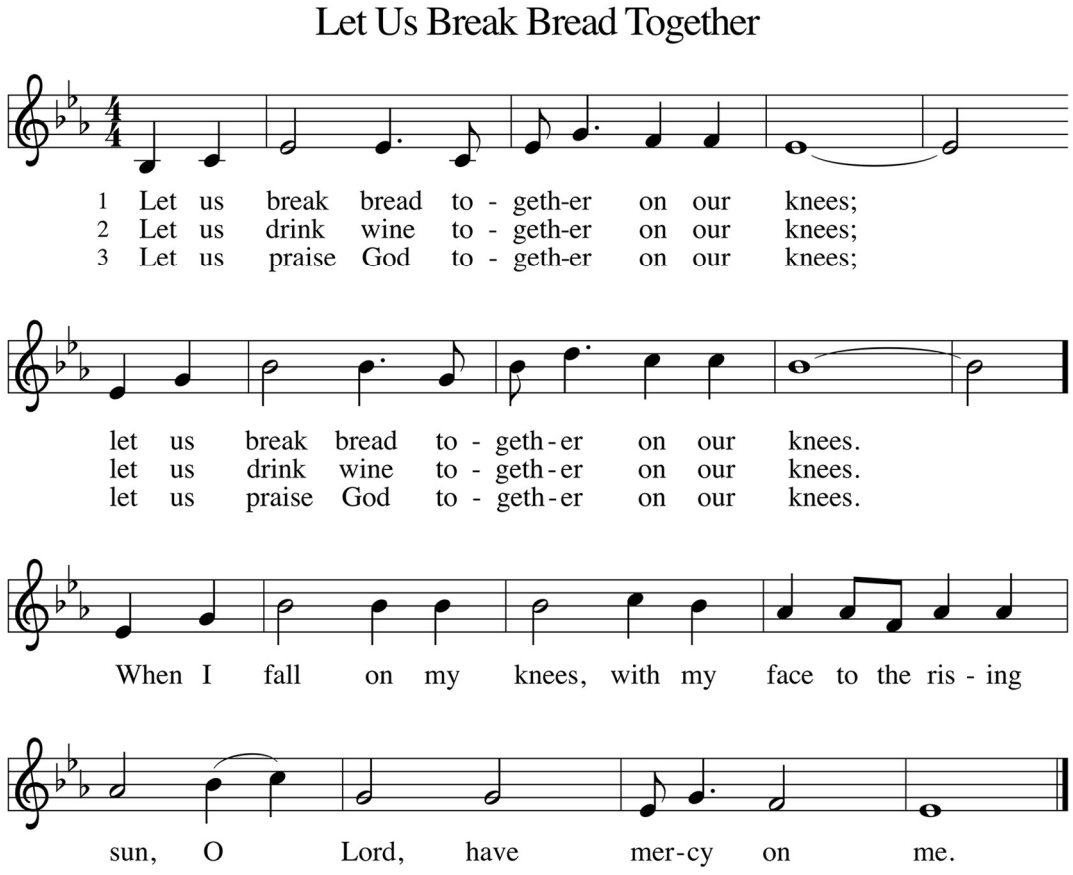
All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you. An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants can show you what to do if it is your first time with us. If you prefer to receive only a blessing today, you may cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

LAMB OF GOD

You are invited to sing as Holy Communion is prepared and distributed.



HYMN DURING COMMUNION – *Let Us Break Bread*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

When Holy Communion has concluded, you are invited to stand as comfortable.

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Sustaining God…*the leader continues...* in whose name we pray,

C. Amen.

+ SENDING +

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

BLESSING

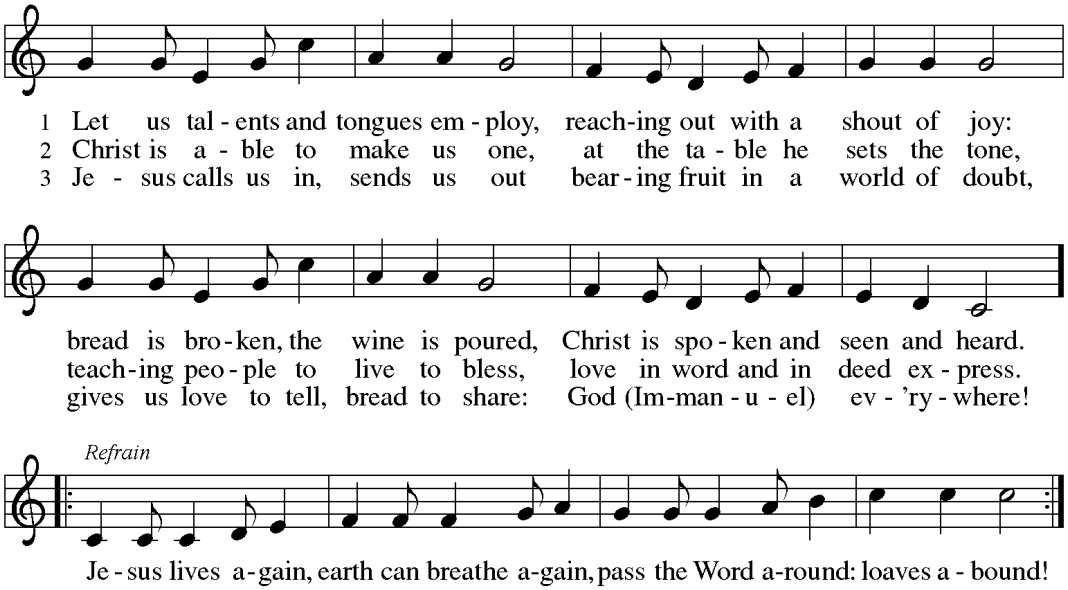
P. The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C. Amen.

SENDING SONG – *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

You are invited to sing and to face the cross as Jesus leads us into the world.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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DISMISSAL

A. We share our mission statement:

C. As the body of Christ, we are called to love all, serve all, and welcome all!

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!



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