The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Augustana Lutheran Church



November 8, 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.

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Rocco–cancer
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Courtney–cancer
Sister Nora
Barbara
Joel–cancer
Larry
Elizabeth–recurring cancer
Rachelle
Deb
Jeanne–cancer
Roy
Jane–cancer
The Steglemann family
Military Service Members

Worship Server Schedule
Pastor – Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller
Accompanist – Ethan Ford
Assisting Minister – Nancy Tinder
Lector – Nancy Tinder
Acolyte – Cayden Abner
Technology Server – Randy Tinder
Ushers – Deb Rowland
Altar Guild – Emily Moyer & Heidi Scupham

Children's Church 11/8
Emily Moyer and Leah M./Dorothy M.

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

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Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 8, 2026 thru Sunday, November 15, 2026

Sunday, November 8 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after
Pentecost 24 including Community Listening Forum

Wednesday, November 11 ~ 4 PM – Middle School Youth Group at Grace
~ 4:45-5:45 PM – Confirmation Class at Grace

Thursday, November 12 ~ 10-11 AM – God's Gifts Pantry
~ 4 PM – Holy Communion at Grace

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

Community Listening Forum TODAY! In Worship today, we welcome some guests from our neighborhood and community to be a part of a special panel. As part of our year of listening, we'll take time to listen to folks outside of our church about their life, their work, their challenges, and joys. What a great way to get to know Augustana's neighbors.

Our Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, November 22. Reports are available for pick-up.

Monday, November 9th at 7 PM various choir members from St. Vincent's, Elkhart; St. Hildegard Project, Mishawaka, and St. John's Episcopal, Ekhart will be performing W.A. Mozart: Requiem. Free admission. A freewill offering will be taken at the door in support of future musical events at St. Vincent's. All are welcome!

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

Gratitude Calendar: Our November gratitude calendars were included in the November newsletter, and extras are available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary. There is one small prompt every day to help you consider something for which you are thankful for. You could write your answers down in a journal or on a wall calendar, speak them aloud in prayer, or at the dinner table with family, text or email them to a group of friends. If you miss a day or two, don't give up!
Keep cultivating gratefulenss within yourself. This can be a formative spiritual practice when taken up with intention. Practicing gratitude even on days when it doesn't come as easily helps us to remember God's goodness not only during this time of year when we might be prodded to do so, but to also remember God's goodness, grace, and nearness when we really need it, on those days when it would be so much easier to forget. This will help us cultivate a spiritual hardiness that can carry us through dark winter days and so much more.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

+ GATHERING +

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

GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

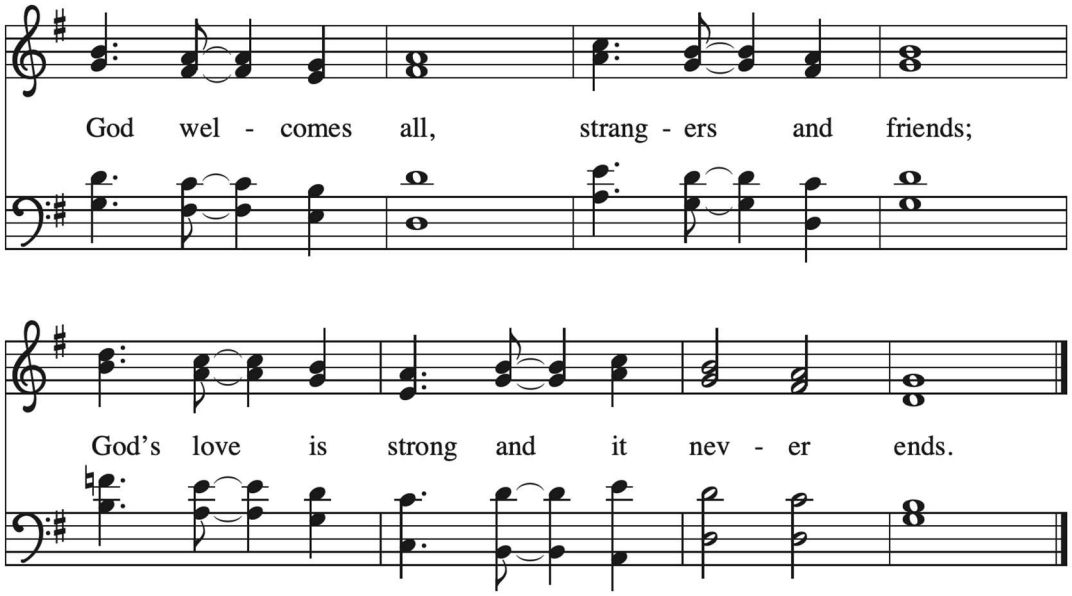
Welcome to our year of listening!

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,
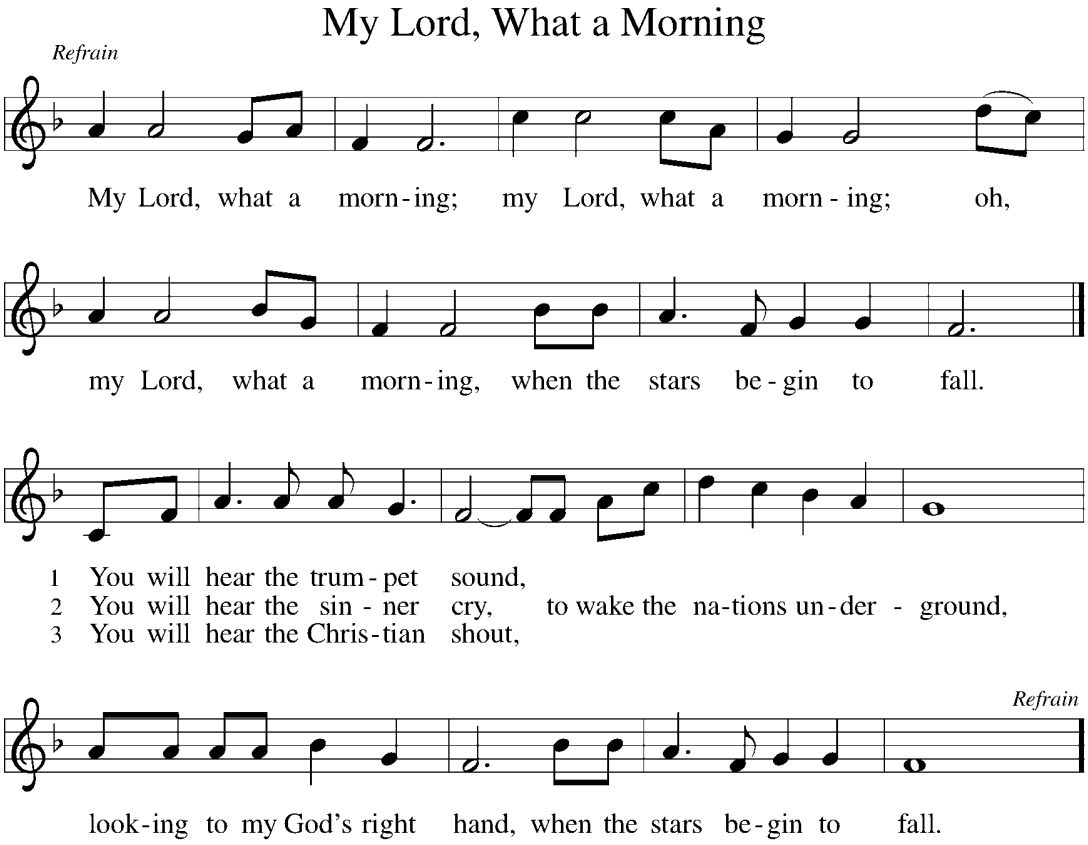
C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 – *My Lord, What a Morning*

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



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Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual
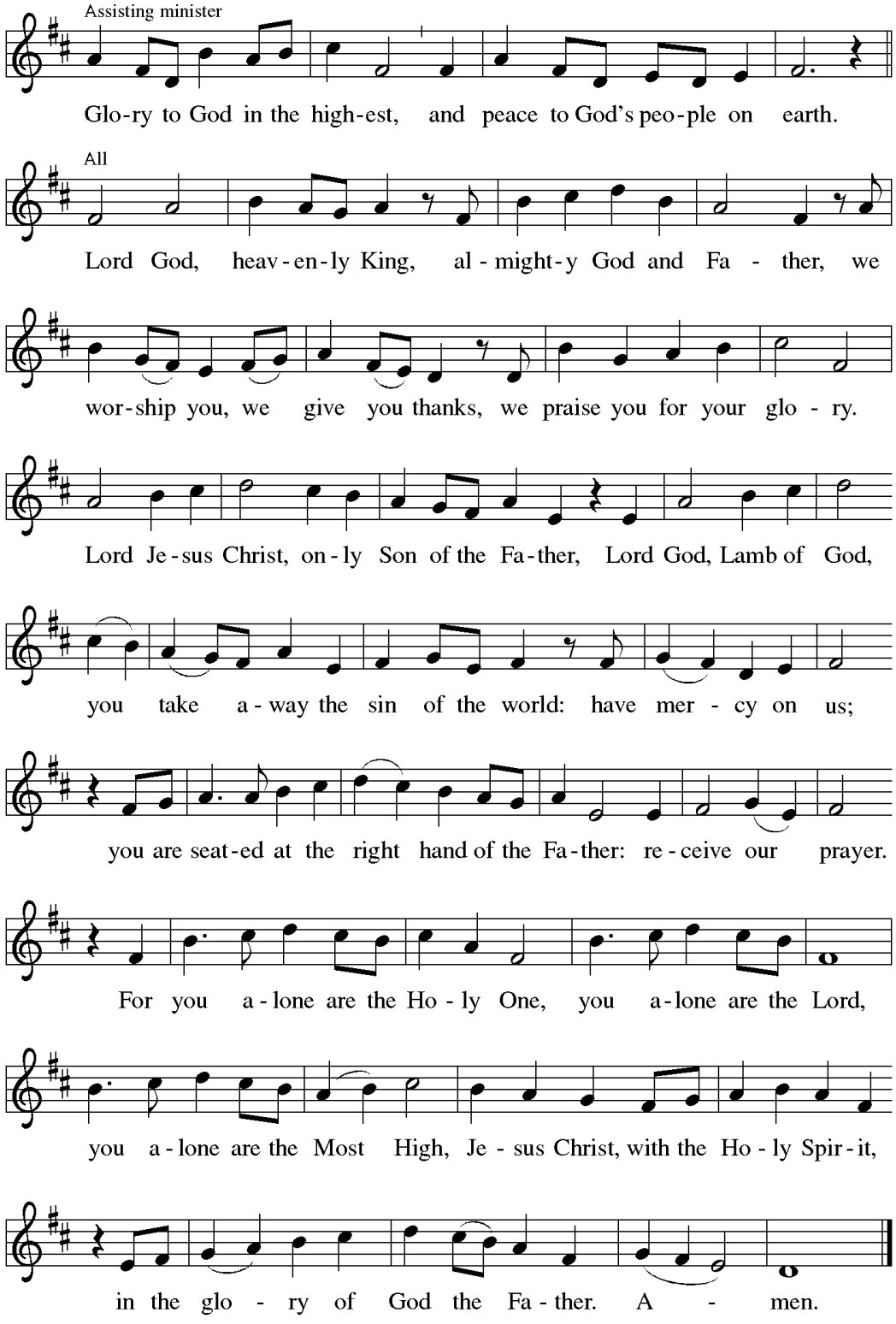
GREETING

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. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

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

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.

A. A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 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.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 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.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 70

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

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 **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.

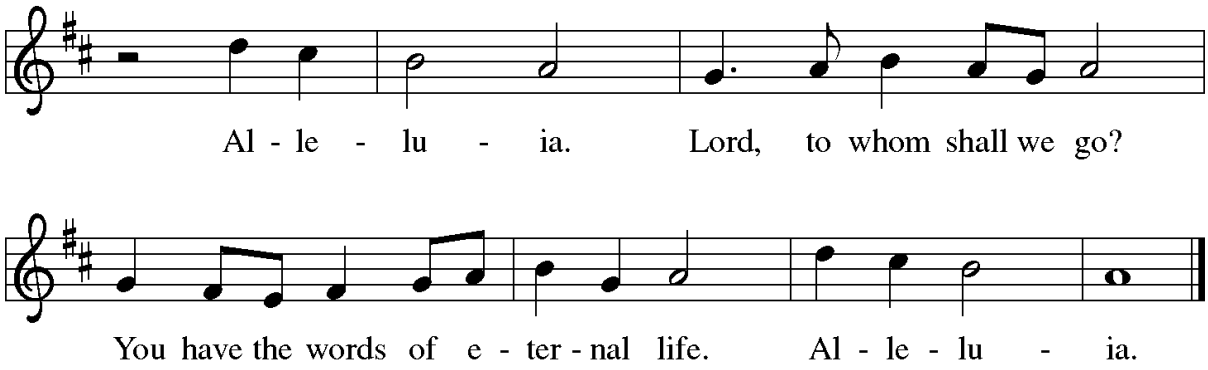
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

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

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. Jesus said to the disciples: [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] 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.' [10] 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. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.
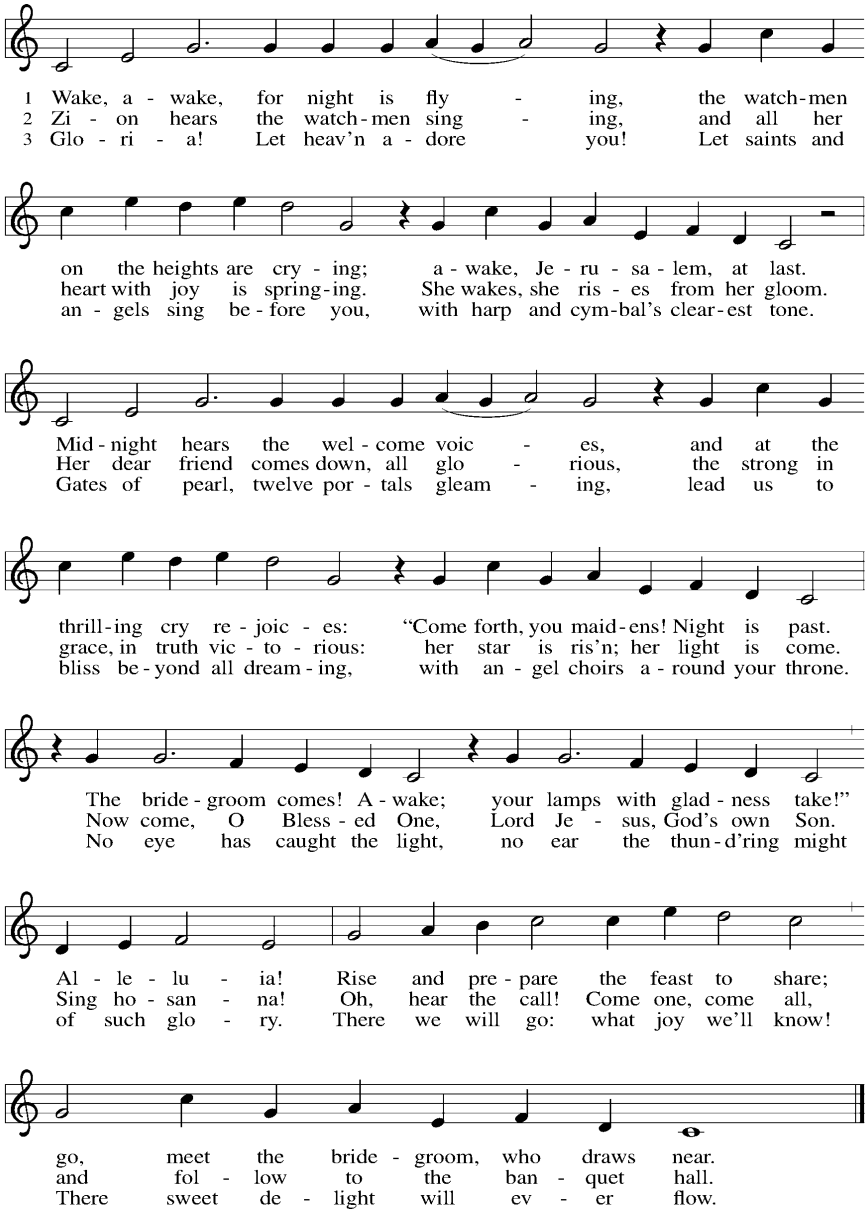
COMMUNITY FORUM

In place of our sermon today, we hear from neighbors and community leaders about their life and work in our community. Welcome to our special guests!

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

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

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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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 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
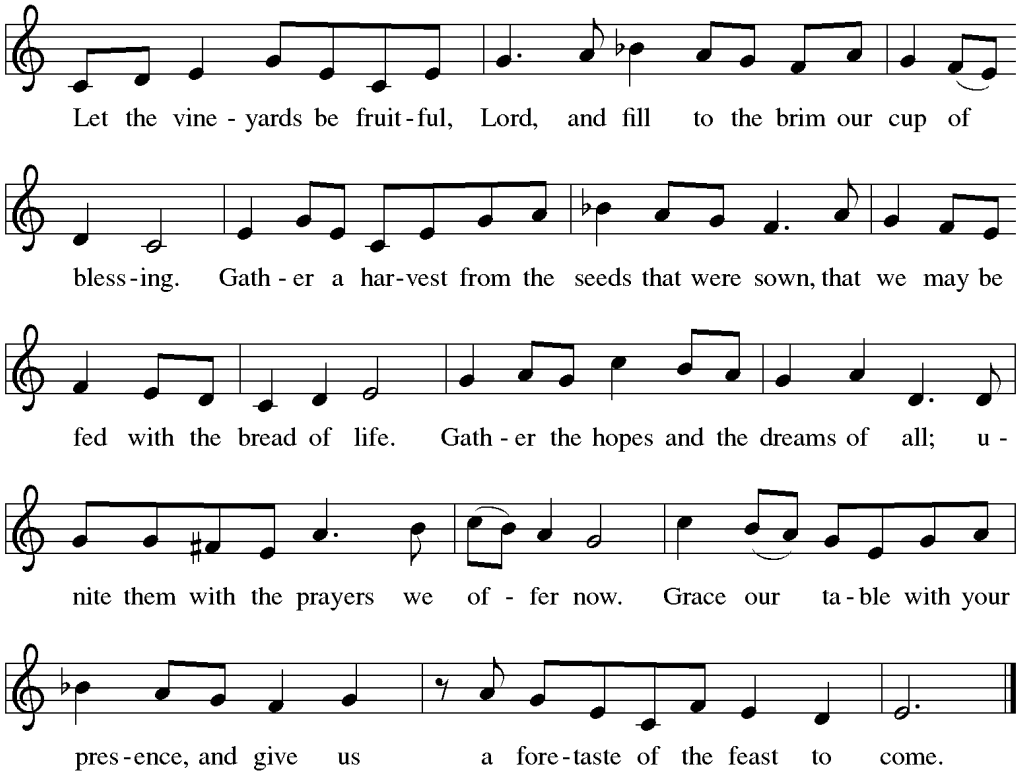
As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.

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.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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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.

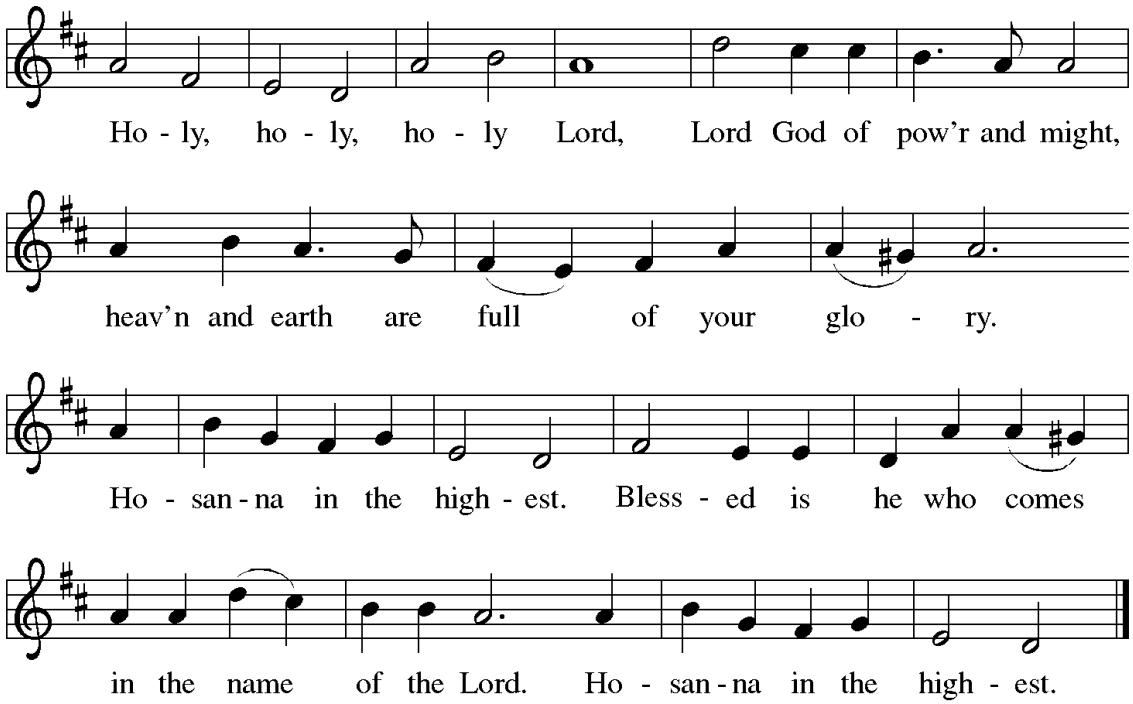
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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!

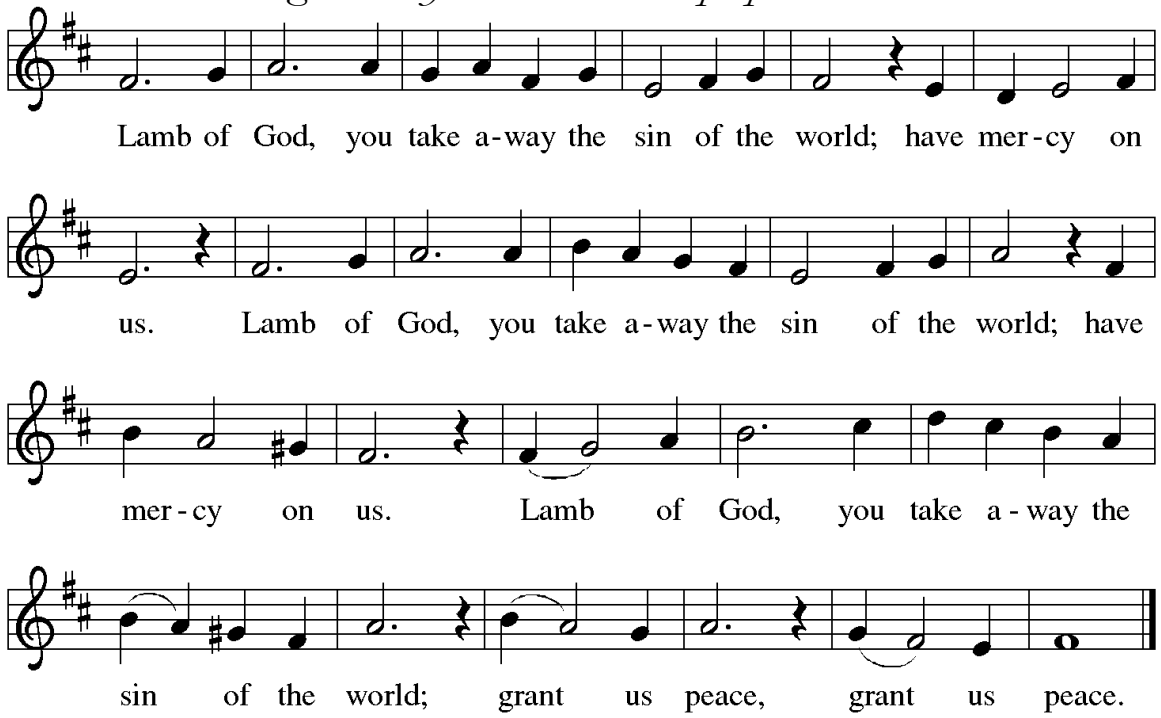
You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION
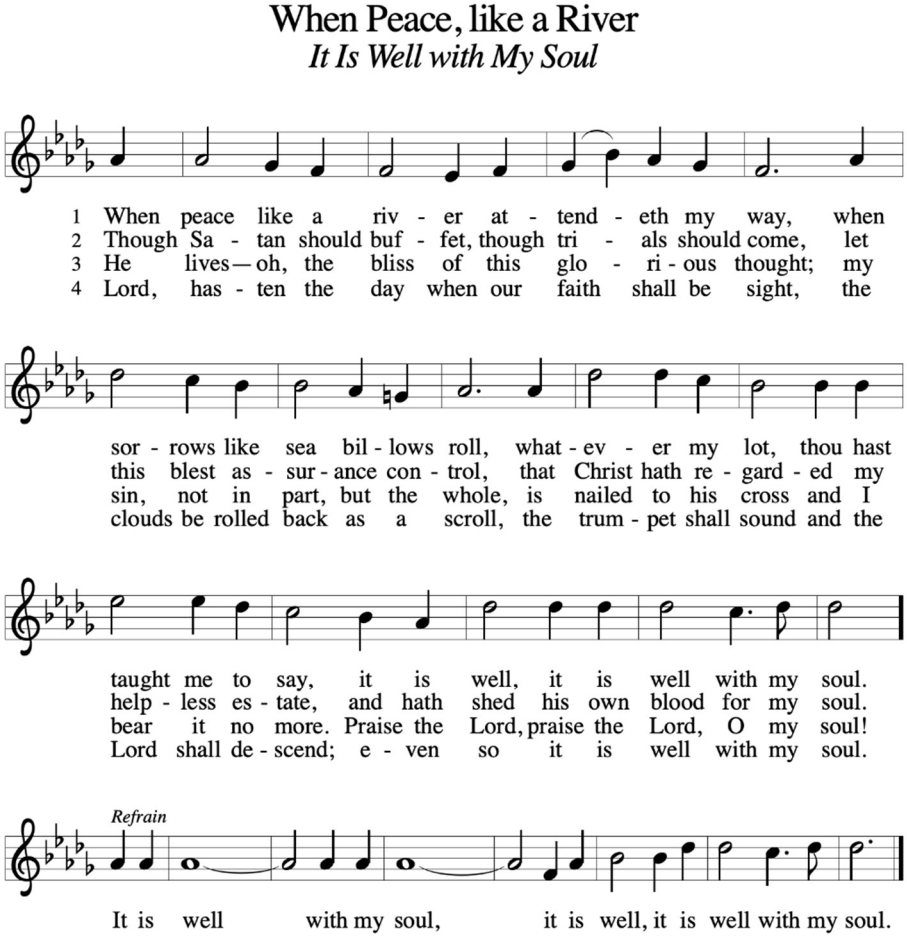
All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you. An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants 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 – *When Peace Like a River*



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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.

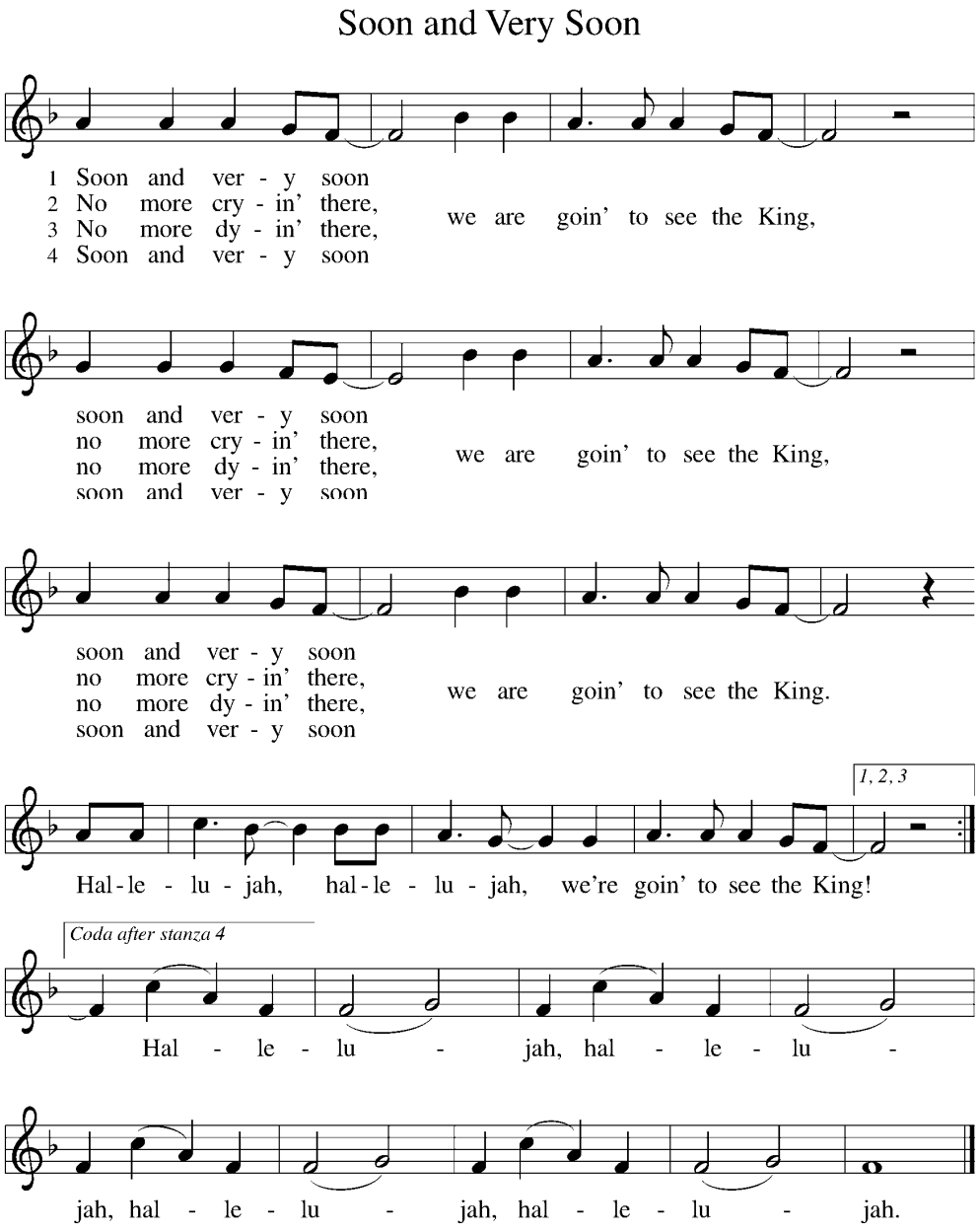
BLESSING

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 – *Soon and Very Soon*

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



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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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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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