24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:30am

ELW setting 10

Grace Lutheran Church
Wenatchee, WA



Welcome to Grace!

The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.

We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.

You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.

As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.

Holy Communion: *We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!*

If you are worshipping with children: *Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options especially for our young worshipers.* ***Children's bulletins*** *are available from the ushers. We have a* ***Cozy Corner****, with books and quiet activities, in the back part of the sanctuary. We also have a staffed* ***nursery*** *available during our worship gathering. You will find it down the administrative wing, on the left. We also encourage parents and guardians to point out* ***Kids' Cues*** *during the service, as a way to help younger worshipers be more fully engaged.*

Our Mission Statement: *"To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."*

Grace Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

Introduction to the day
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. 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.

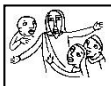
A note to children and families: watch for "kids' cues" throughout today's service. These are opportunities to engage in worship and stay connected as all generations of Grace worship together. Parents and other helpers - we encourage you to help your children notice these cues and participate at whatever level is appropriate for them.



WELCOME & KIDS' TALK

PRELUDE *Be Still, My Soul* Jean Sibelius, arr. Robert J. Powell

Please stand as you are able.



Kids' Cue

Join Pastor at the baptismal font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

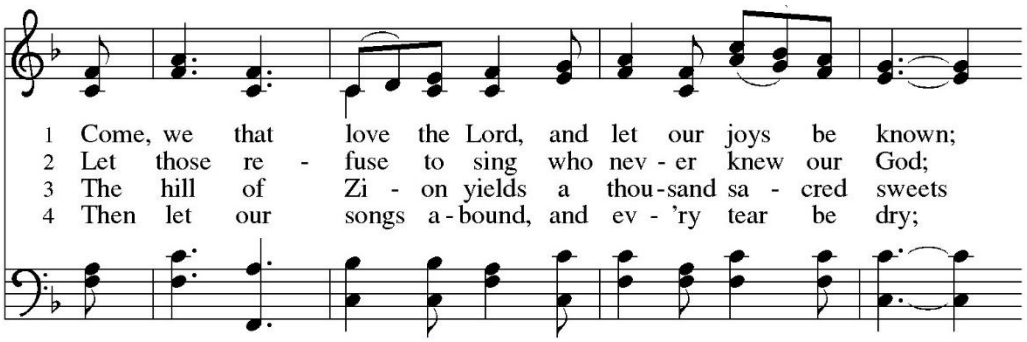
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

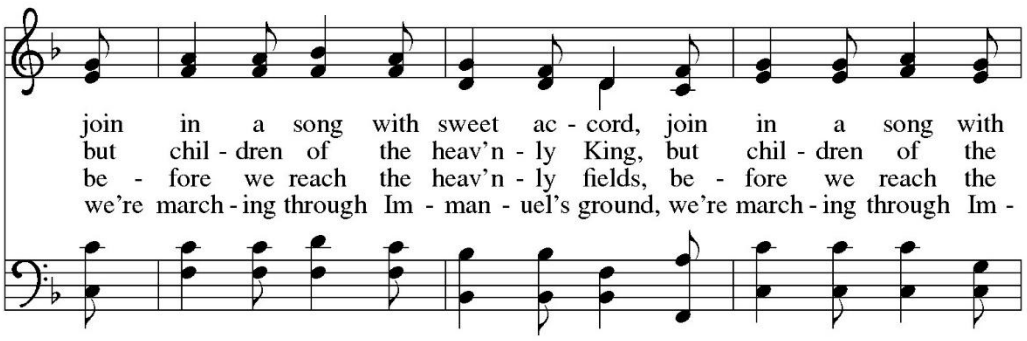
Silence for reflection.

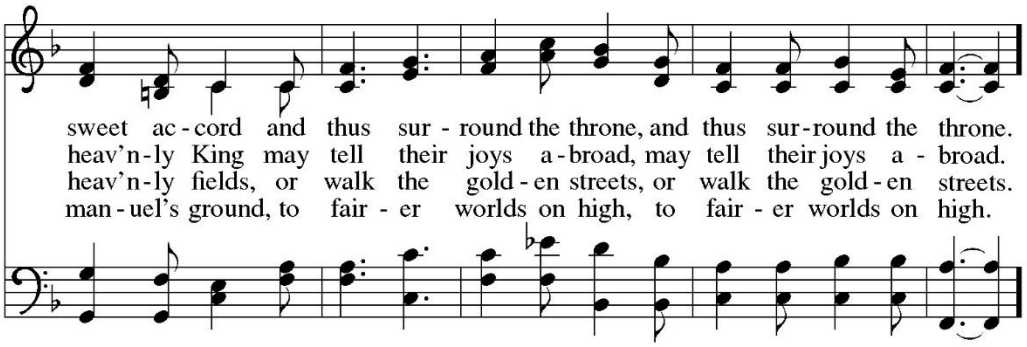
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

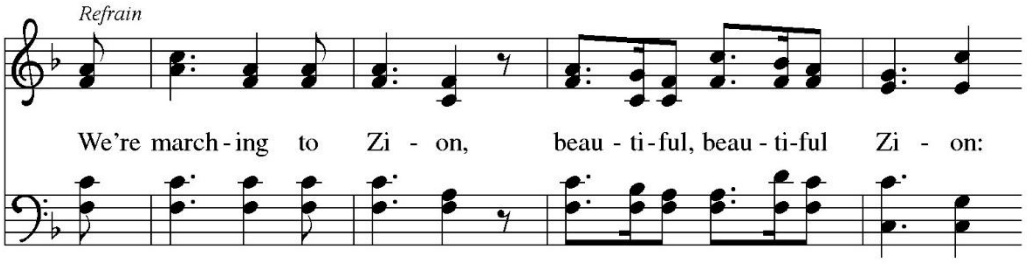
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW #625, *Come, We That Love the Lord*











Kids' Cue

Walk with Pastor to the front, then go back to your family.

GREETING

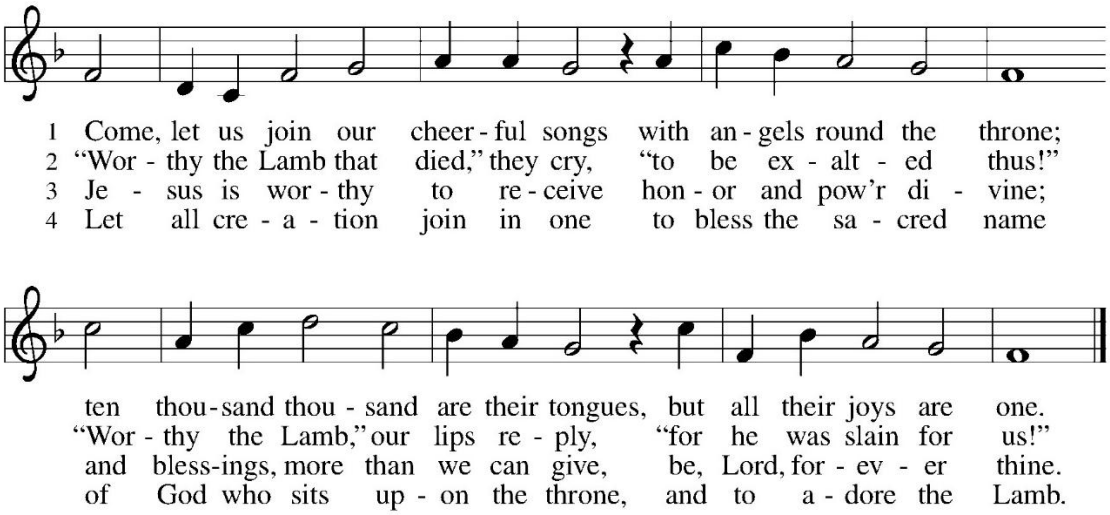
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



Kids' Cue

Extend your hands to also share your blessing with Pastor.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Kids' Cue

Throughout the canticle, ring a chime.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **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 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.

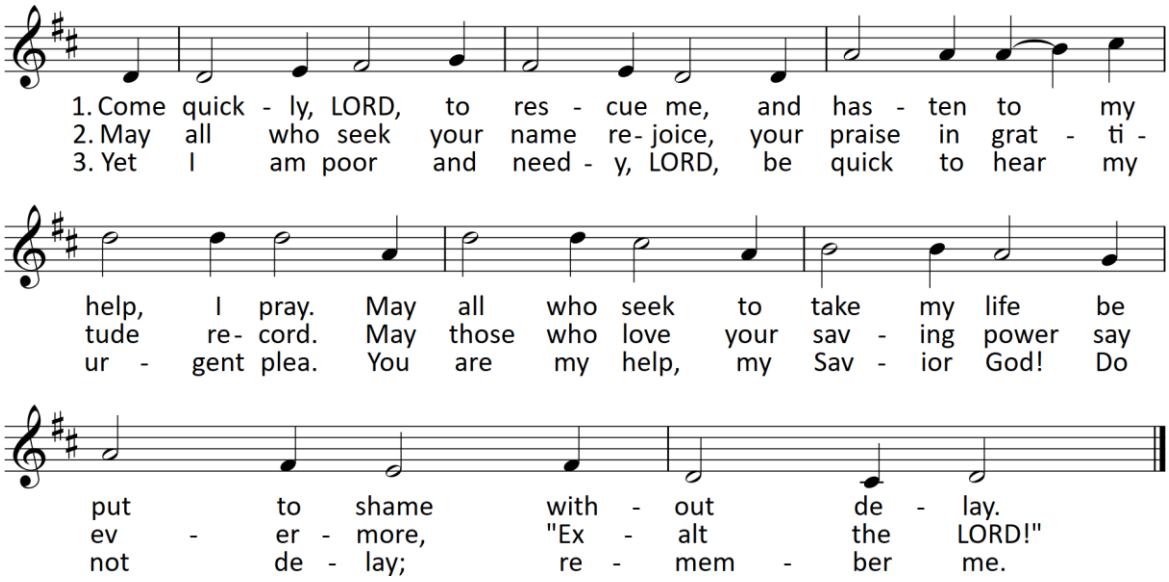


Kids' Cue

Draw a waterfall or stream of God's justice.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70



SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

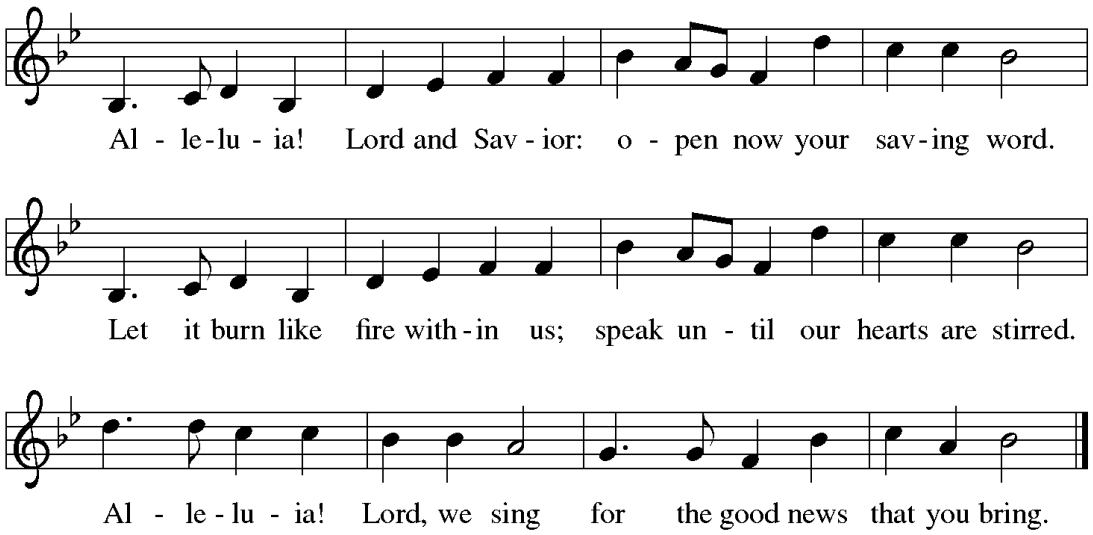
A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may
not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of
God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with
the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Kids' Cue

God's word warms our hearts like a cozy fire!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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."

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

Kids' Cue

When have you needed to wait for something special to happen?

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



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.



Kids' Cue

What does it mean that Jesus ascended into heaven?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

After each portion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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



Kids' Cue

Listen for a prayer for the natural world around us.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

+ + + MEAL + + +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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MUSICAL OFFERING *Pilgrim's Hymn* Stephen Paulus
Voices of Grace

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer. unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You; endless Your Grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.
Amen.



Kids' Cue

What are some of the gifts you have received from God?

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

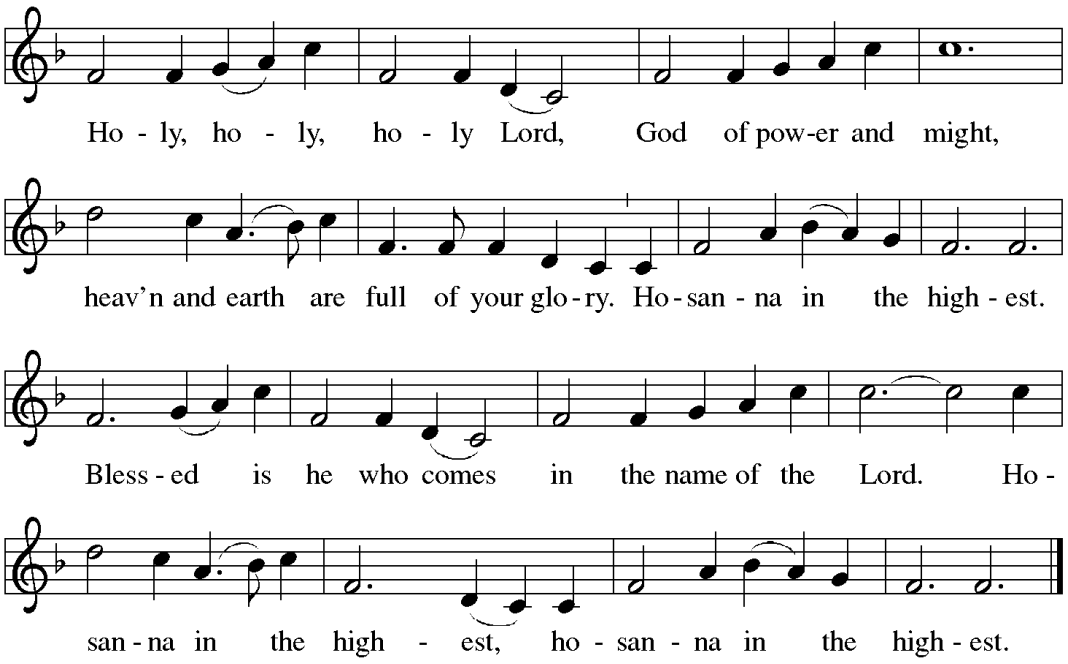
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right … join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God … both now and forever. **Amen.**

Kids' Cue

Why do we use "altar" and "table" for the same piece of furniture?

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Kids' Cue

What does "forever" mean?

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION SONG ELW #638, *Blessed Assurance*



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISTRIBUTION SONG ELW #785, *When Peace like a River*



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

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.



Kids' Cue

What does it mean for us to be "awake to God's presence?"

+ + + SENDING + + +

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

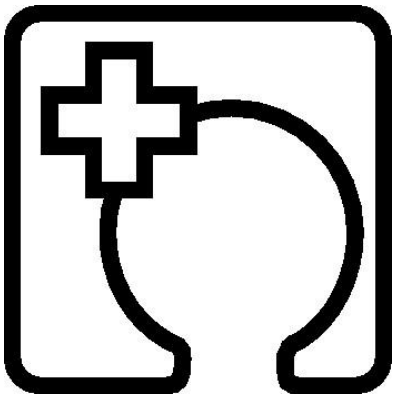
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MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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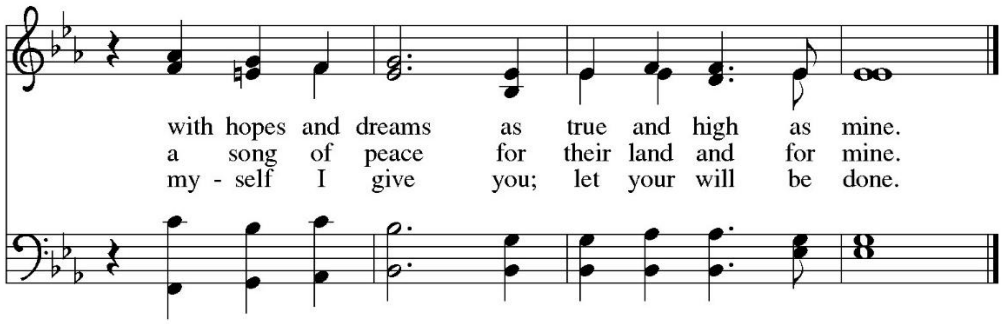
BLESSING

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



SENDING SONG ELW #887, *This Is My Song*





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Kids' Cue

Respond with loud joy.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Präludium und Fuge* Johann Kuhnau

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Serving in Today's Worship

Presiding Minister:	Rev. James Aalgaard
Assisting Minister:	Kate Gregg
Director of Music Ministries:	Deacon Ruth Anderson
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Lector:	Dee Ann Gregg
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