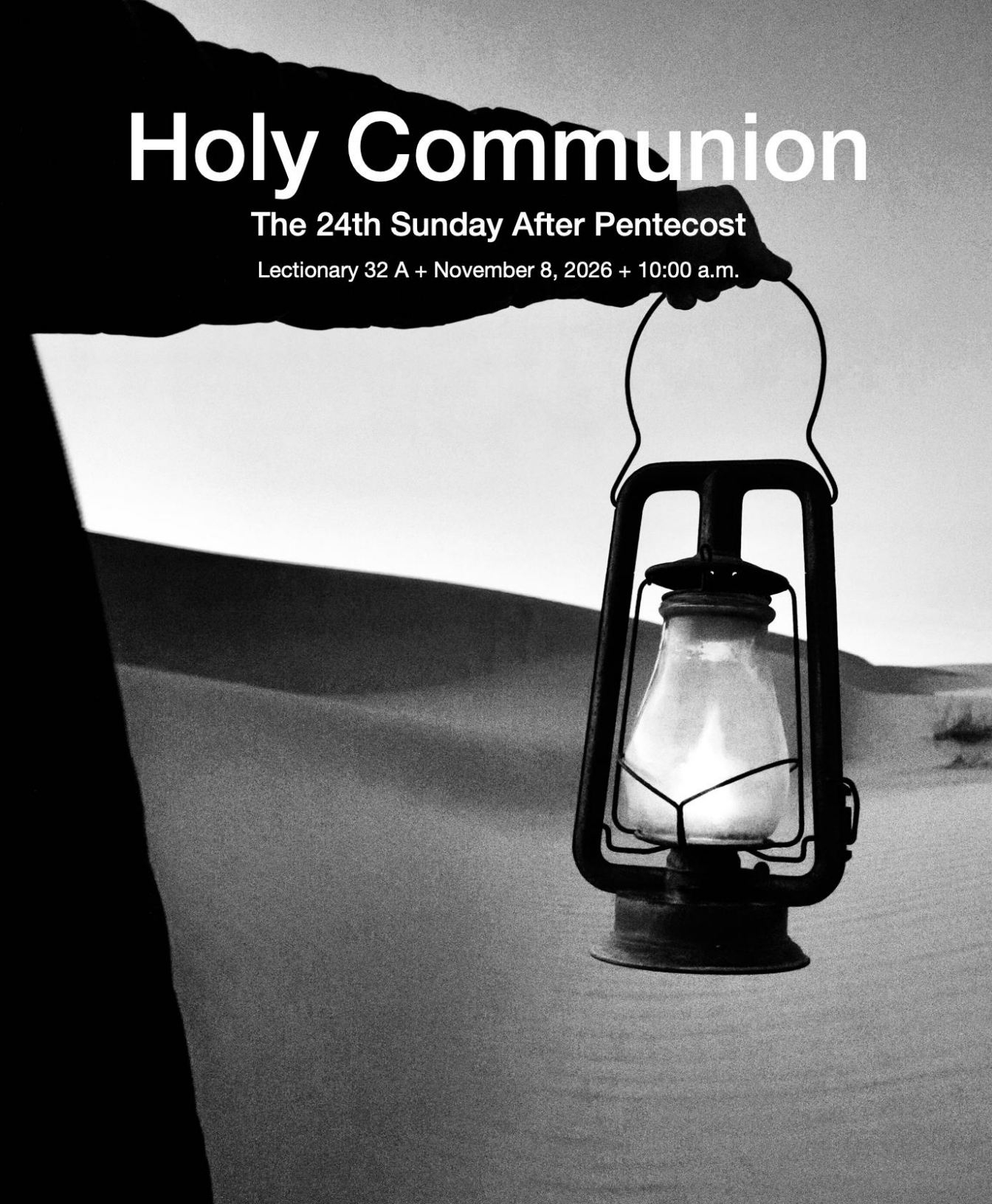
# Holy Communion

## The 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Lectionary 32 A + November 8, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.



# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

Peace be with you in this time after Pentecost. It is good to be together.

We are a community committed to the fostering of faith for young participants. Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship and are encouraged to growth through Sunday School. Classes for all ages are available at 9:00am.

Discover more about the congregation at our website messiahlyndhurst.org or on social media at facebook.com/MLC44124.

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email (pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship or with our Prayer Partners prayer chain ministry.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated weekly. Worshippers of all ages are welcome at Christ's Table. If Communion is new for you or a young one in your family, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

# Serving in Worship Today:

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| Presiding Minister | The Rev. Paul Jones Moody |
| Assisting Minister | Jeff Krestel |
| Organist | Adam Dellinger |
| Choir Director | Vicki Lester |
| Altar Guild | Twyla Lucas |
| Reader | Jeff Krestel |
| Ushers | Carol Sopko and Karen Dickerson |

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# GATHERING

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy"*
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
arr. Gordon Young

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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 is kept 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.**

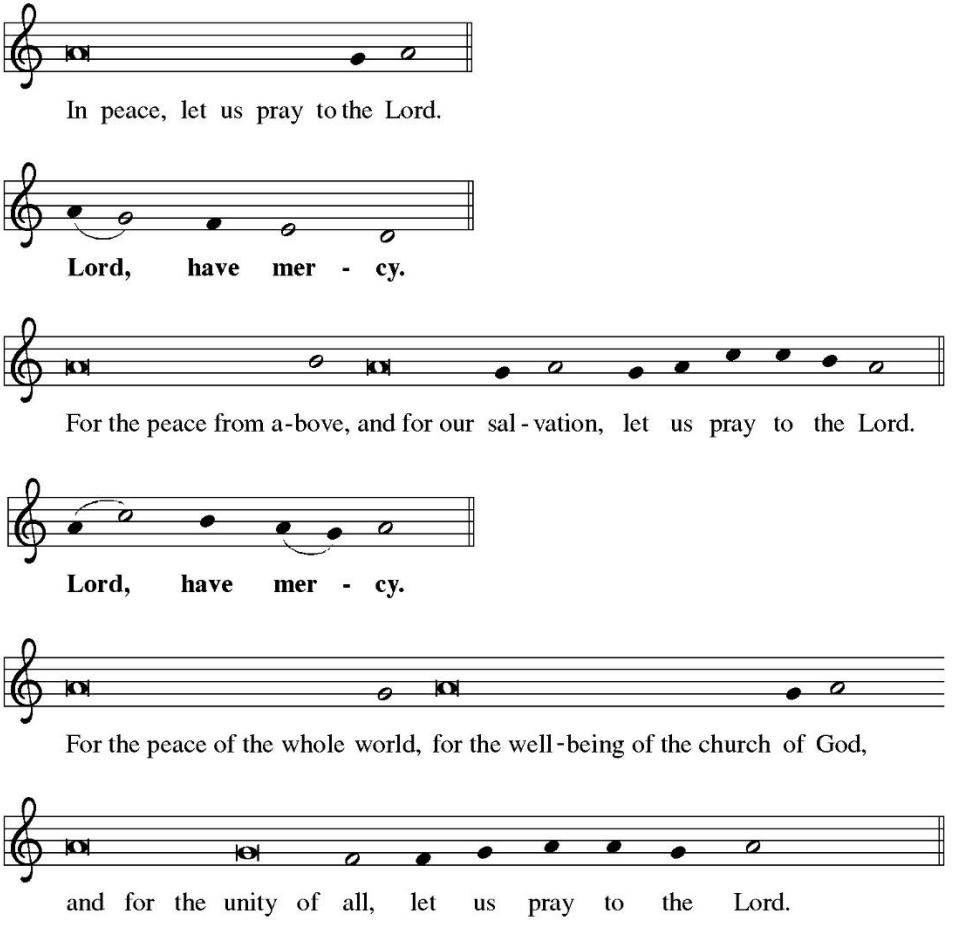
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
**Amen.**

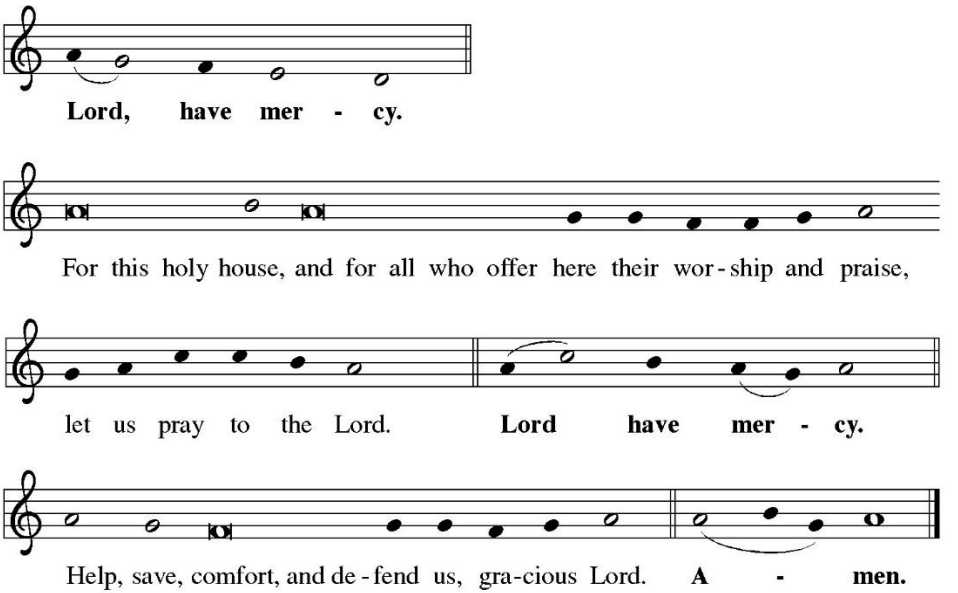
**GATHERING HYMN** *The Church's One Foundation*

## GREETING

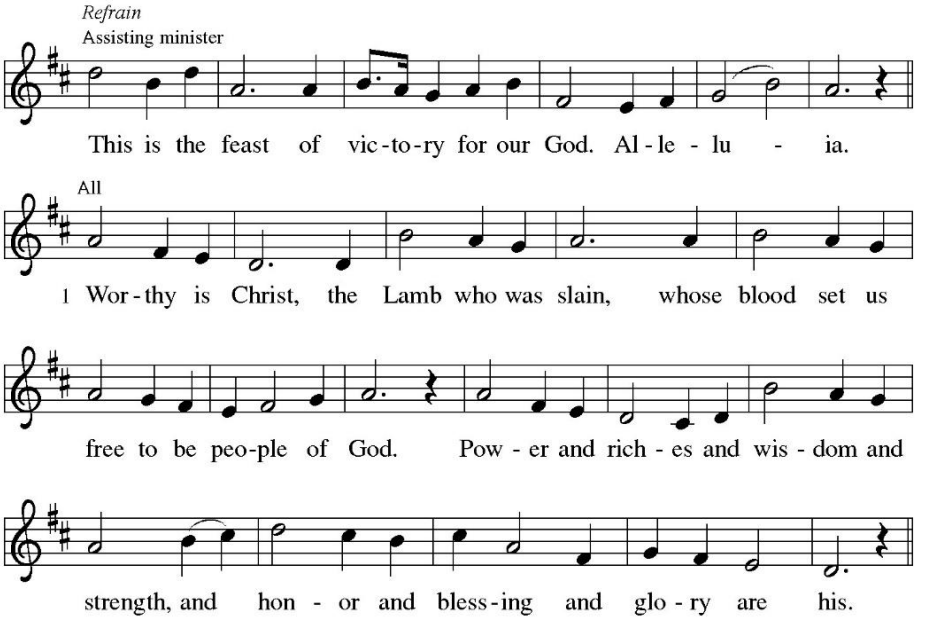
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**And also with you.**
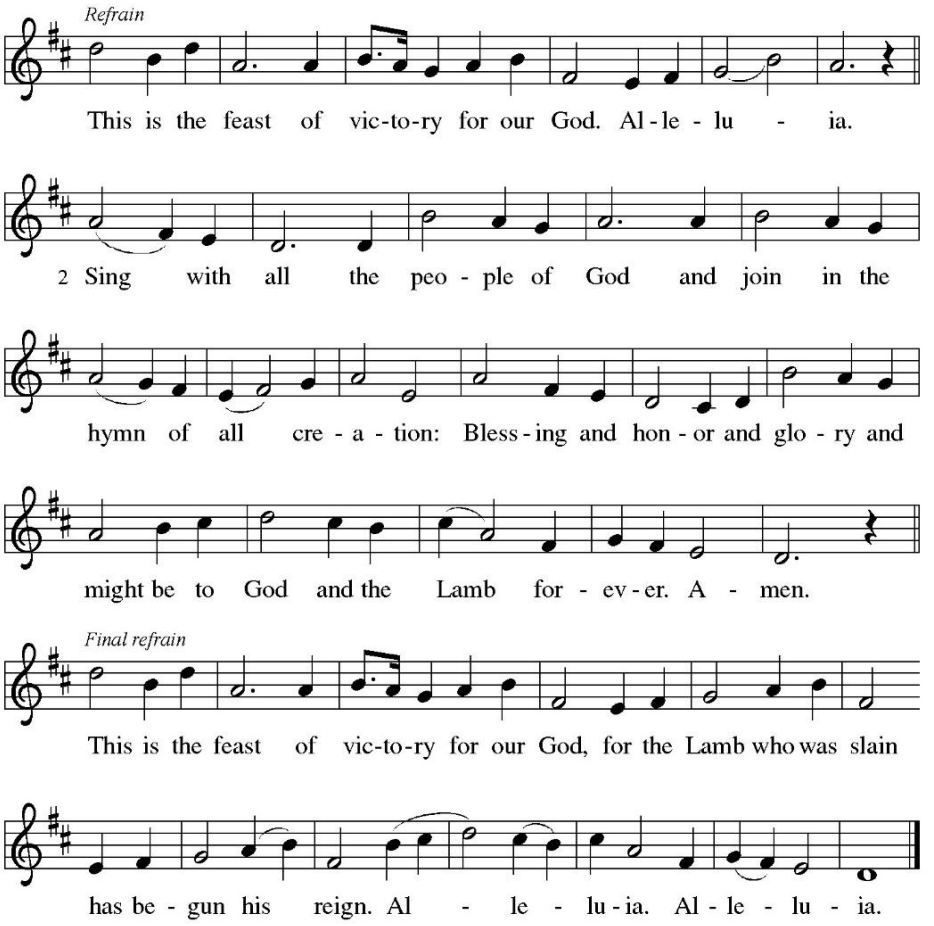
## KYRIE






## HYMN OF PRAISE






## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

## FIRST READING — Amos 5:18-24
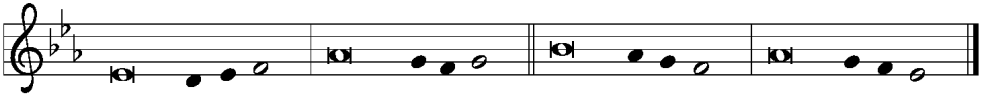
*In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

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.

Word of God, word of life.
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM — Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver 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 quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

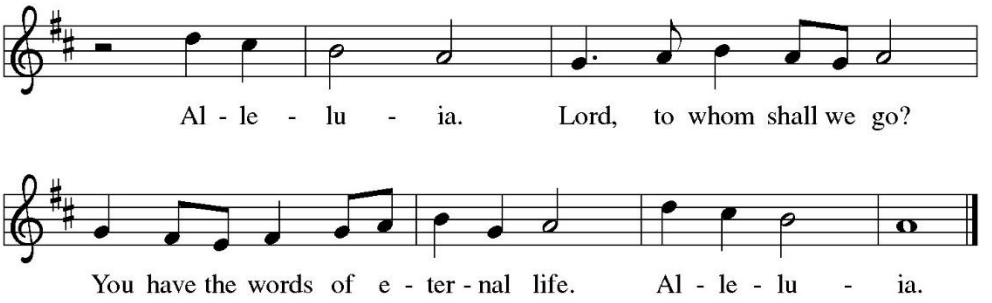
**ANTHEM** *Amazing Grace*

To the tune of House of the Rising Sun
Lyrics – John Newton; Music – traditional folk
Guitar – Tom Griffith; Bass Guitar – Dan Horswell

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(Please rise)*




**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 Saint 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.**

**SERMON** The Rev. Paul Jones Moody

*(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*
ELW #244

## 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

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

*(A brief silence)*

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
**hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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.**

## PEACE
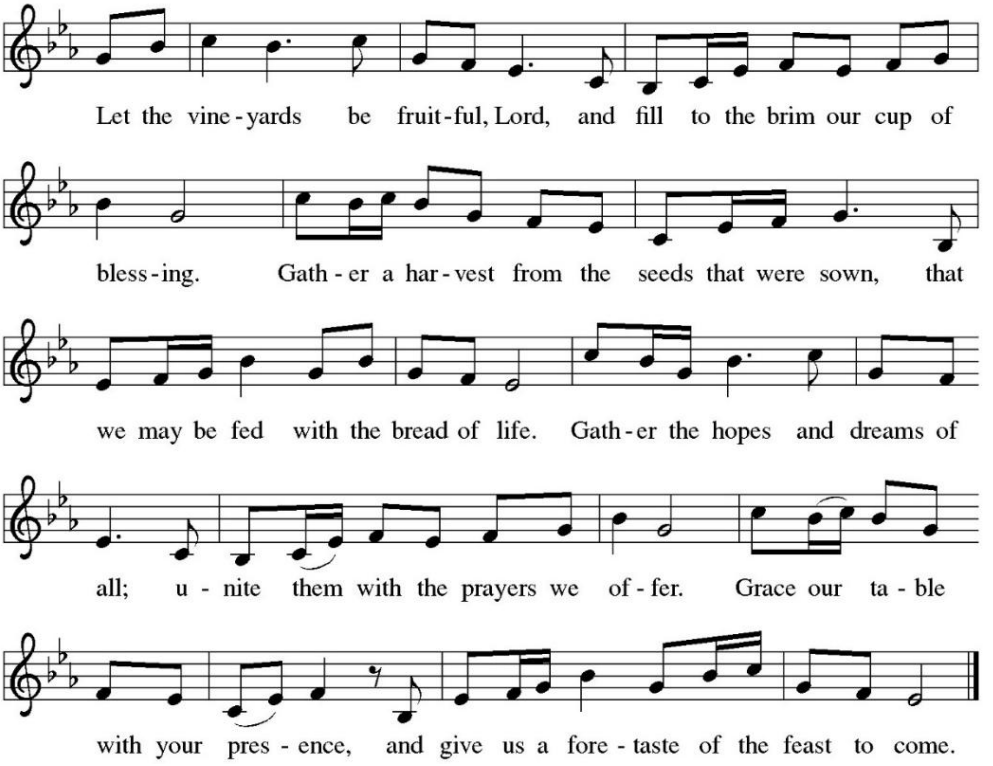
The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you**.

*(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you" or similar response.)*

## OFFERTORY

*(Please rise)*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

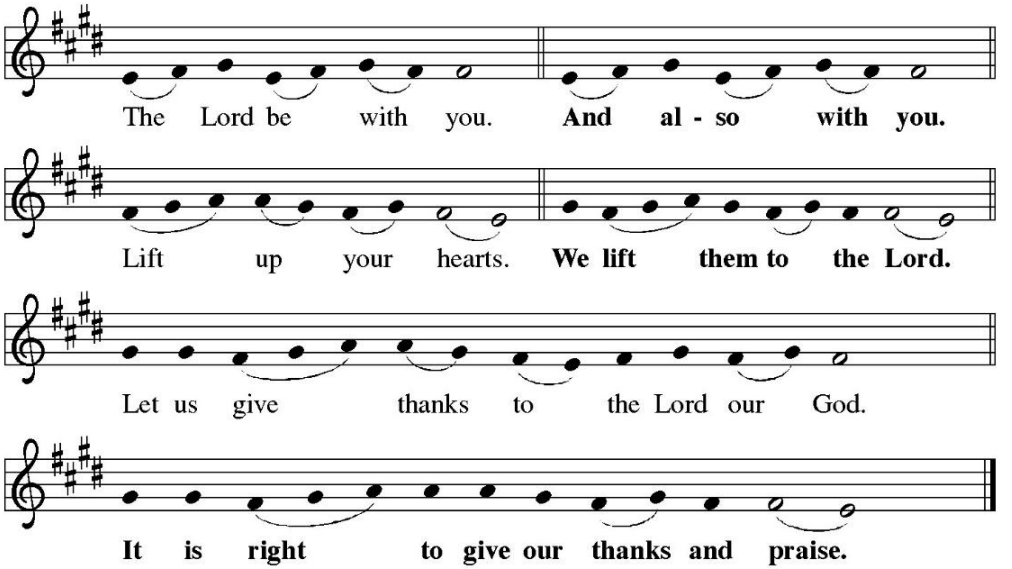


## OFFERTORY PRAYER

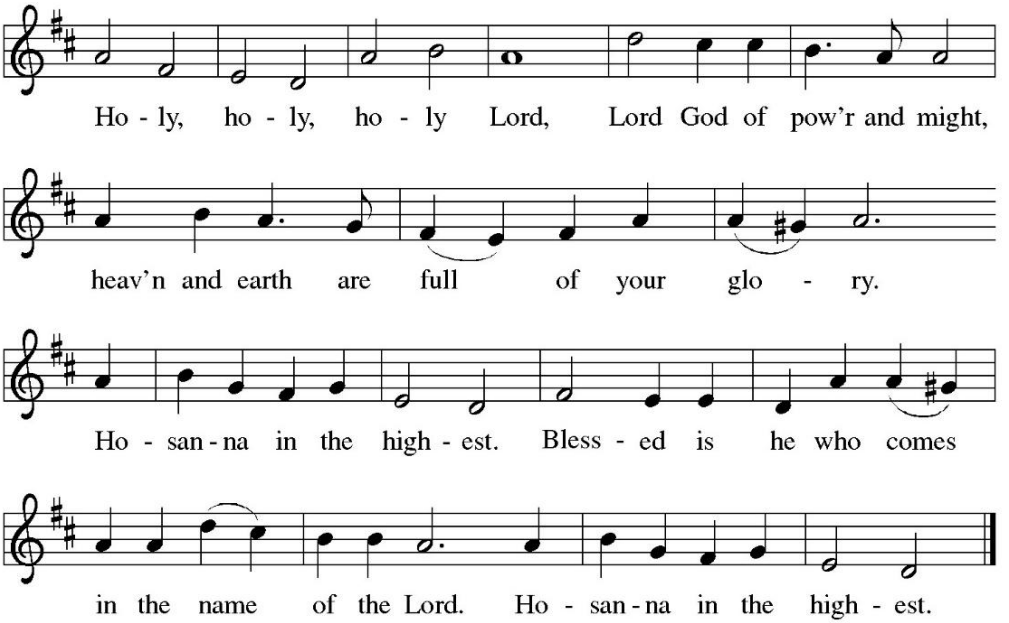
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING




It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

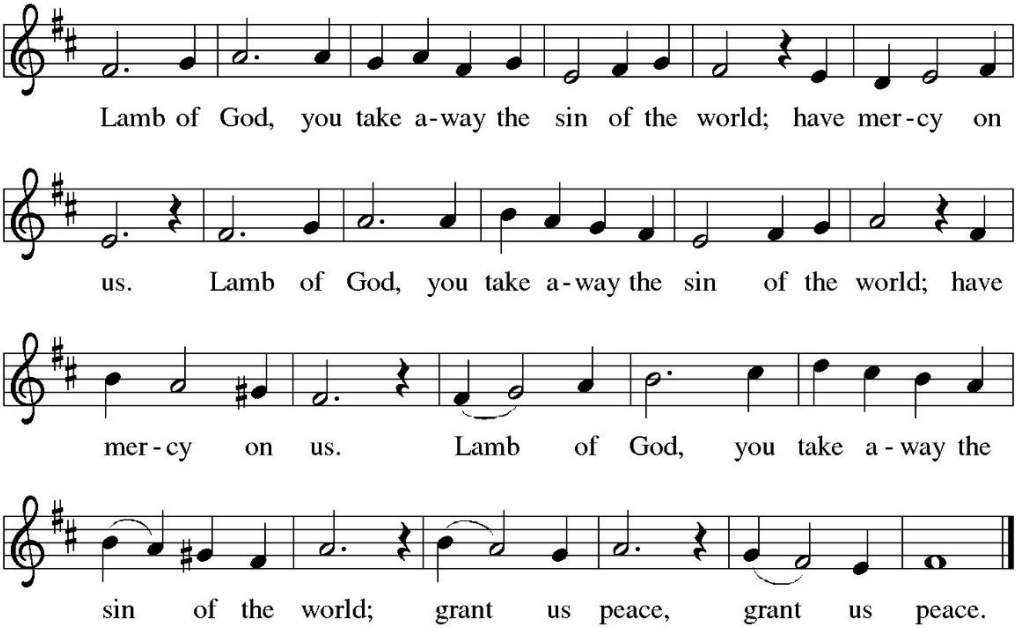
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**
**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

*(Please follow the usher's guidance, coming forward to receive Holy Communion.*
*If you would like to be served in your pew, please let an usher know, and the team will come and serve you.*

*The Sacrament will be served in a continuous line. Please approach the server to receive bread. If you would like gluten-free bread, please let the server know. If you would like wine, pick up an empty cup from the tray. Your cup will be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. If you would like white grape juice, please find a prefilled cup in the tray. You may eat and drink as you are served, then please make your way back to be seated in your pew.)*




**COMMUNION HYMN** *Restore in Us, O God*
ELW #328

**COMMUNION HYMN** *What Feast of Love*
ELW #487

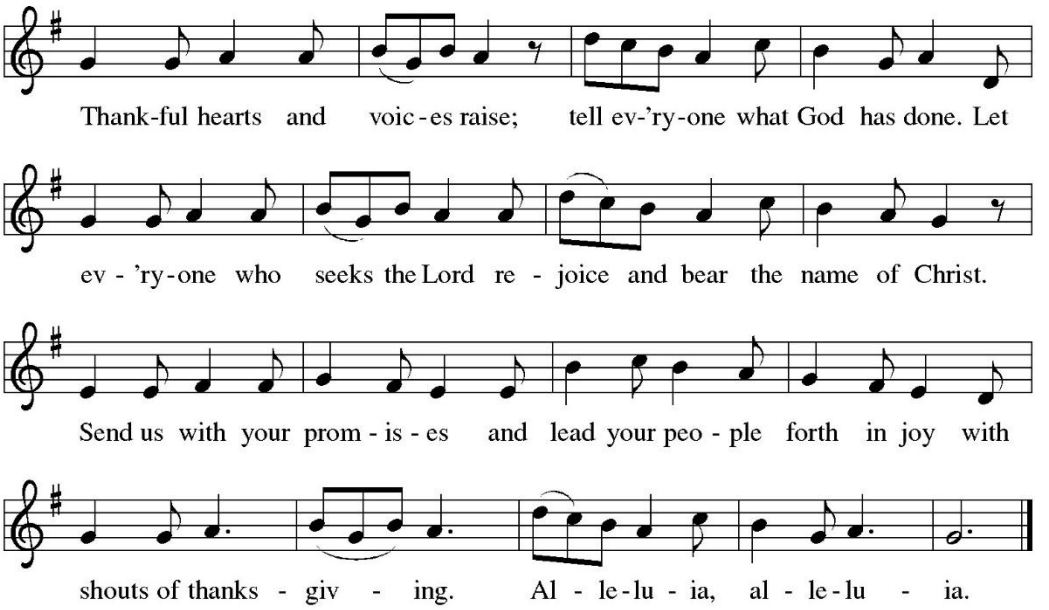
**COMMUNION HYMN** *Spirit of Gentleness*
ELW #396

*(Please rise)*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE




## 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.**

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSION PRAYER

As God has gathered us and filled our hearts with Word and Sacrament,
now God sends us forth to serve in mission. Let us pray:

**Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other in God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch.**
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*
ELW #439

## DISMISSAL

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

*(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)*

## POSTLUDE

**Messiah Staff Members**
Choir Director: Vicki Lester
Office Administrator: Steven Liss
Organist: Adam Dellinger
Social Media & Website: Kristy Bohinc

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# *Prayers*

**Prayer Team & Partners:** Our Prayer Team will pray with/for you. Please complete a blue Prayer Request Card, available in the sanctuary, which offers these options: (1) request a Pastoral follow-up, (2) include in the intercessory prayers to be read aloud in worship, (3) add to the ongoing list in the Bulletin, or (4) add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.

PLEASE SEND NEW PRAYER REQUESTS TO: *pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org*

**Please pray for our siblings in Christ:** Holly Bhatt, Namit Bhatt, Leah Dey, Nancy Grigsby, Michael Elwood, Tonyia Greanoff, Sara Hritz, William Jaros, Retta Kalcik, Drinda Kiner, Diane Kosovich, Grace Loudenstein, Mark, Matt Meyer, Vonnie Namestnik, Lisa Perry, Jackie Pickering, Alex Vinesky, and all who are in need of comfort and healing.

*(Prayer requests included in the bulletin will remain active for four weeks. If you wish to have the prayer renewed, please resubmit it accordingly.)*

# *Announcements*

**Let's Connect:** From now until November 29, Pastor Paul has extra availability to meet one on one with members to share final stories, transition feelings, unfinished business, and support. Reach out to pastorpaulmoody@gmail.com or call him directly to make an appointment 614-400-9180.

**Farewell Reception for Pastor Paul – Nov 22**: Please join before (9am) and/or after (11am) the worship service in the Gathering Space. Bring your memories and stories to share, and if able, some food as well as we celebrate our ministry together and wish Pastor and Katie "grace along the way" (PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Paul's final Sunday at Messiah will be 11/29).

**Pledge Envelopes:** The 2027 pledge envelopes are available for pick-up in the lobby outside the sanctuary. If you can't find yours, please let Tom Griffith or Kate Funkner know and we'll follow up.

**Disagree Better – Nov 10:** Constructive Conflict? *Is that even possible?* Pull up a chair with Braver Angels and learn how to Disagree Better – practical skills to bridge political divides and turn clash into conversation. Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6:30pm, Messiah will be hosting a workshop by Braver Angels entitled "Skills for Disagreeing Better". Braver Angels is a nationwide organization dedicated to bridging the divide between "reds" and "blues" politically. This is a FREE event and open to all; but registration is appreciated. Use the promo code BRAVER when registering. Scan QR code for more info and to register via Eventbrite:

**Thanksgiving Food Drive – Now thru Nov 15**: Benefits the student Food Pantry at Tri-C, Eastern Campus. Items needed include canned food, mac and cheese, cereal, paper products. Also, items for Thanksgiving dinners such as stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, etc. Please place food donations on the table in the church back lobby.

**Book Club – Nov 10:** The Book Club will meet on November 10 at 7pm; we will discuss *Go as a River* by Shelley Read.

**Poinsettia Plants – Nov 22:** Poinsettias will be purchased to decorate our church. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one, red-flower donation envelopes are in the pews. Please clearly print your name and the name of the person(s) being remembered with this gift to the church. The cost is $10.00 per plant. Orders need to be completed November 22.

**Greening of the Church – Dec 5:** Please join us on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 AM to decorate our church for the Christmas season. There are plenty of assignments for all types of ability especially the ability of fellowship. While we are generally working only a couple of hours, we appreciate whatever amount of time you can spare. Also please remember we will need to de-green the church on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 AM.

**Annual Congregational Meeting – Dec 6**: Immediately following worship. We will vote on the 2027 budget and elect council members.

**Mobile Scooter for Use!** There is now a mobile scooter in the lobby outside the Sunday School wing and council room. This is its charging station; but it is available to anyone who may need it. Just have someone alert an usher, and they will get the key for you. My only ask is that after use, it's taken back to the charging port. The ushers will make sure it's plugged back in and the key is returned to the office. The speed goes from turtle to rabbit, so you are able to

go as slow (or as fast) as you'd like. This was my grandma's scooter and I'm sure she'd be happy knowing that it's being put to good use. If you have any questions, just reach out to me (c/o `Kristy Bohinc).

**ATS Branch 33 Annual Sausage Sale – Dec 5:** Homemade Saxon Wurst out of Eastside Cleveland branch. $5 per pound – Garlic or no Garlic – in casing or loose – 2 and 3 pound packages. Pick-up is 1 to 4pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. Call orders to Ema Litschel before November 23 (440) 479- 9334.

**Pastor Paul's Office Hours:**
Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00pm

**Church Office Hours:**
Mon, Wed, & Fri: 12:00 – 4:00pm

**Attendance and Offering for the week of November 1, 2026**:
Attendance: 56 Offering: $2,975

## *Special Acknowledgments*

*Email to messiahlutheranoffice@gmail.com by Wednesday at 3pm for publication on the following Sunday. We'll keep items in print for at least two weeks.*

- Many thanks to Jen Lenz and the Connections Team for coordinating the Reformation Sunday lunch and bringing in Grant Eckhart, campus pastor from Jacob's Porch at OSU, to speak with us about Law and Gospel. Also, many thanks to Lisa Halberg who spent hours making the table decorations for our Reformation Sunday event (Carol Lapin).
- A special thank you to Sarah Dellinger, Stefan Diehm and Clara Lenz for their superior delivery of the Reformation Sunday play. They certainly brought the Reformation story alive for all in attendance. Also, I want to highlight Adam Dellinger's special sound effects he added to our play. It never ceases to amaze me how much talent we have in our church family (Carol Lapin).
- Thank you to Pastor and the choir for a wonderful anthem October 18th! Great story about Martin Luther! I am proud of y'all (Vicki Lester).
- Congratulations to Jean Csumitta on the birth of another great grandchild and Sue and Chuck McDicken on another granddaughter (Karyn Schmidt).