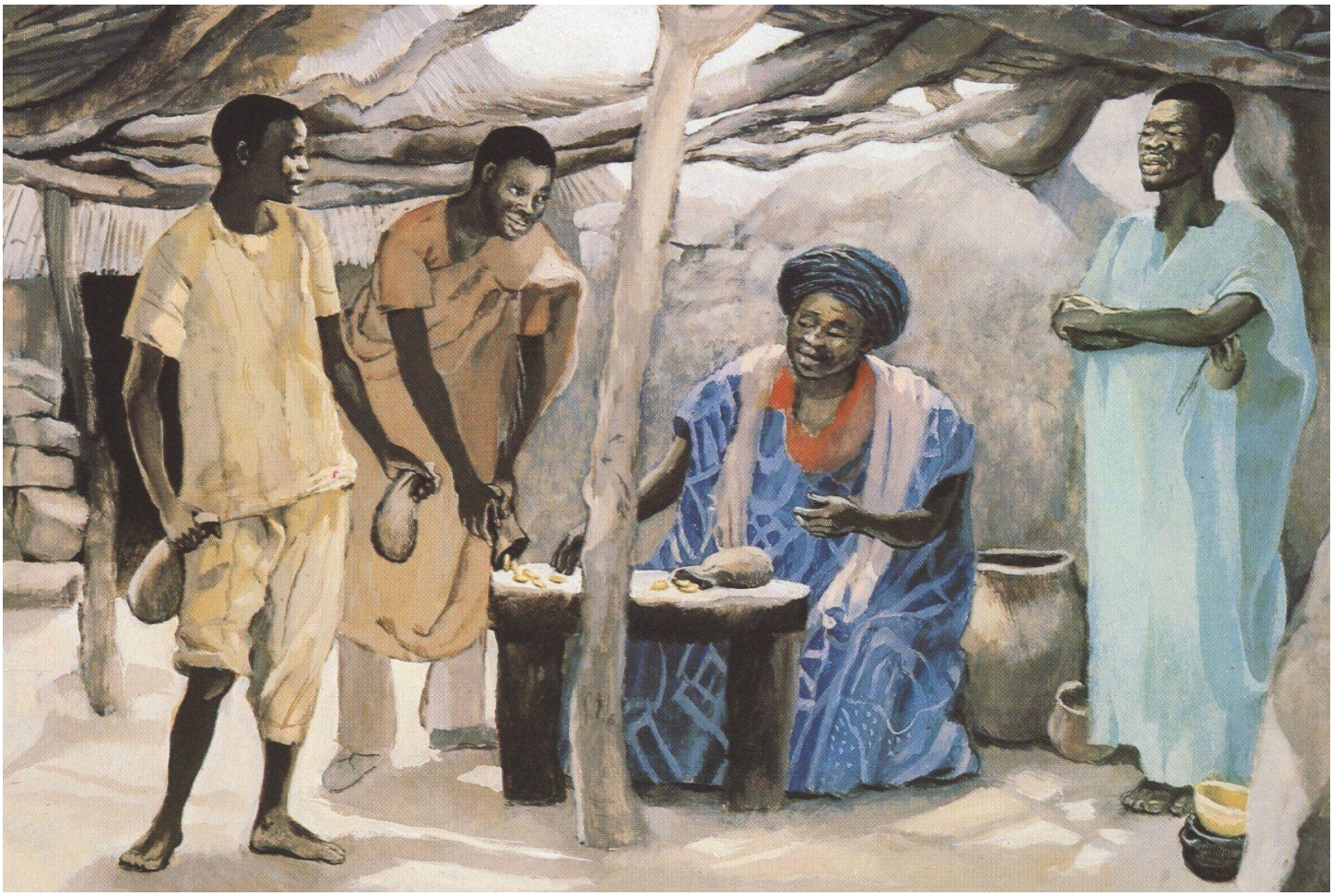
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026



Parable of the Three Servants

We welcome and thank Rev. Bruce Davis
for sharing the good news with us today.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Website Address:
www.holyspiritsecane.org
Church Email:
Holyspiritsecane@verizon.net
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
"KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD'S LOVE!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

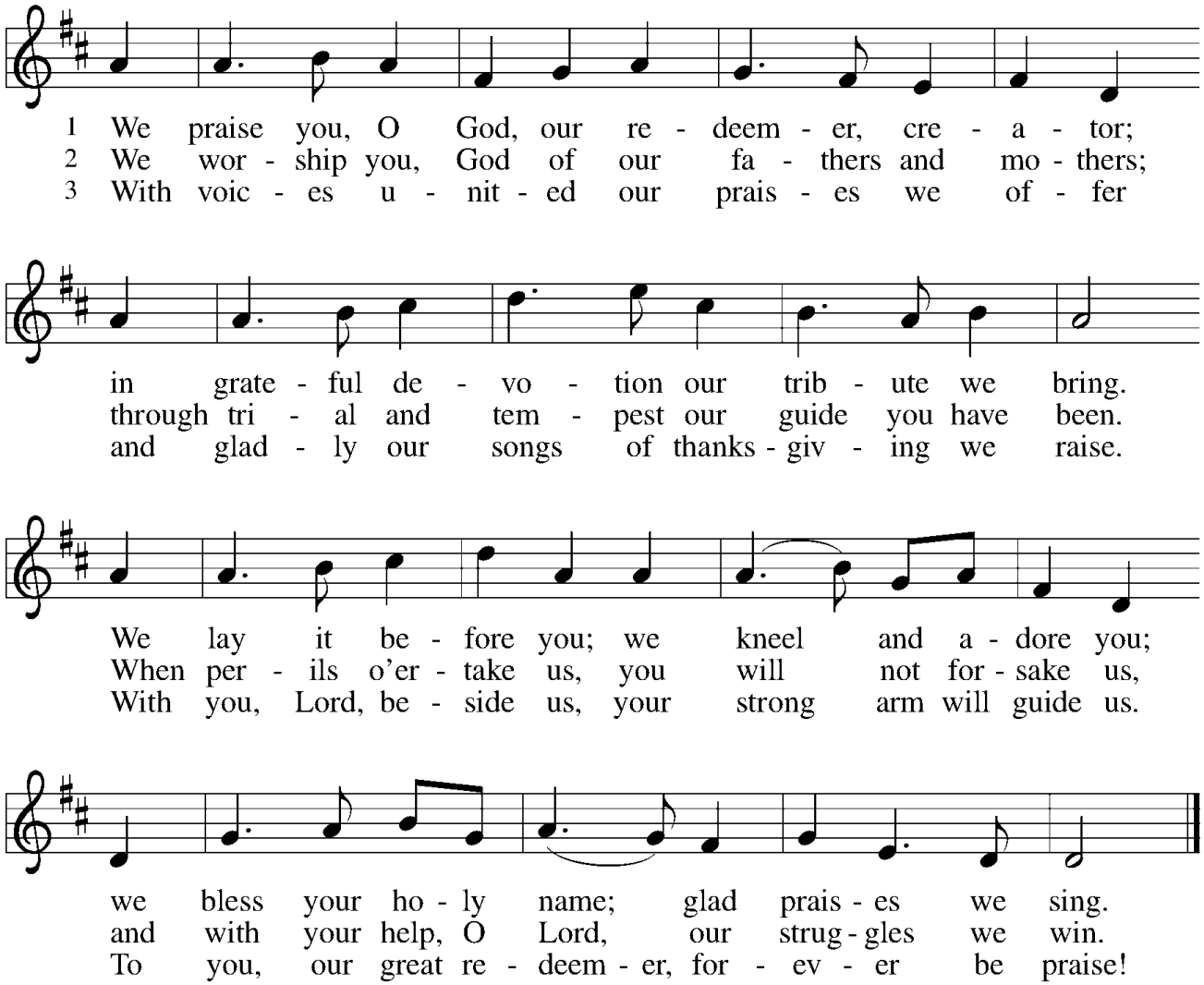
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
C: Amen.

(A: Pours water into the font.)
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, forgiven, and restored
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and gracious,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and grace, you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

P: In baptismal waters, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are washed away, you are ✢ forgiven,
and in them, you are born anew.
C: Amen.

*GATHERING SONG: We Praise You, O God (ELW 870)



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
C: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after
Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of
Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera,
who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the
Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had
oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging
Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and
Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her
for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from
Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel,
commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand
from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out
Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon
with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,**
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

4 too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

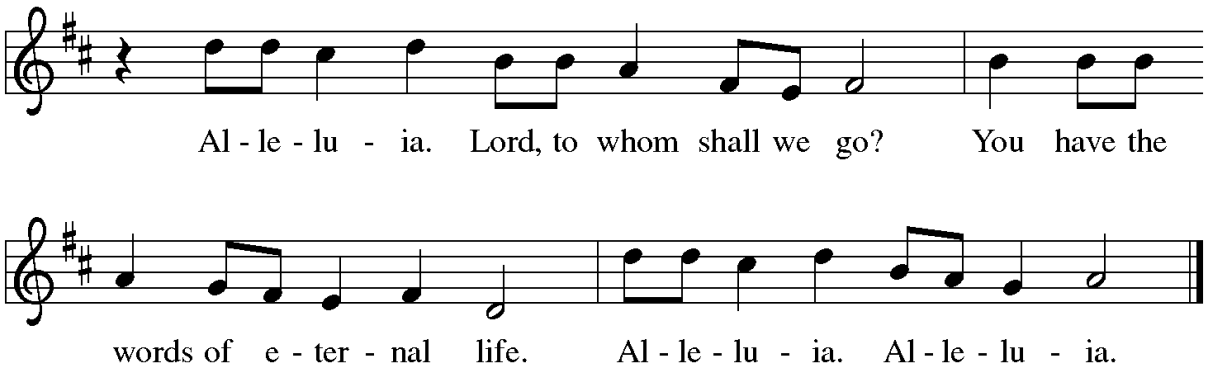
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When
they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come
upon them, 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 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 3)



GOSPEL: Matthew25:14-30

P: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.' "

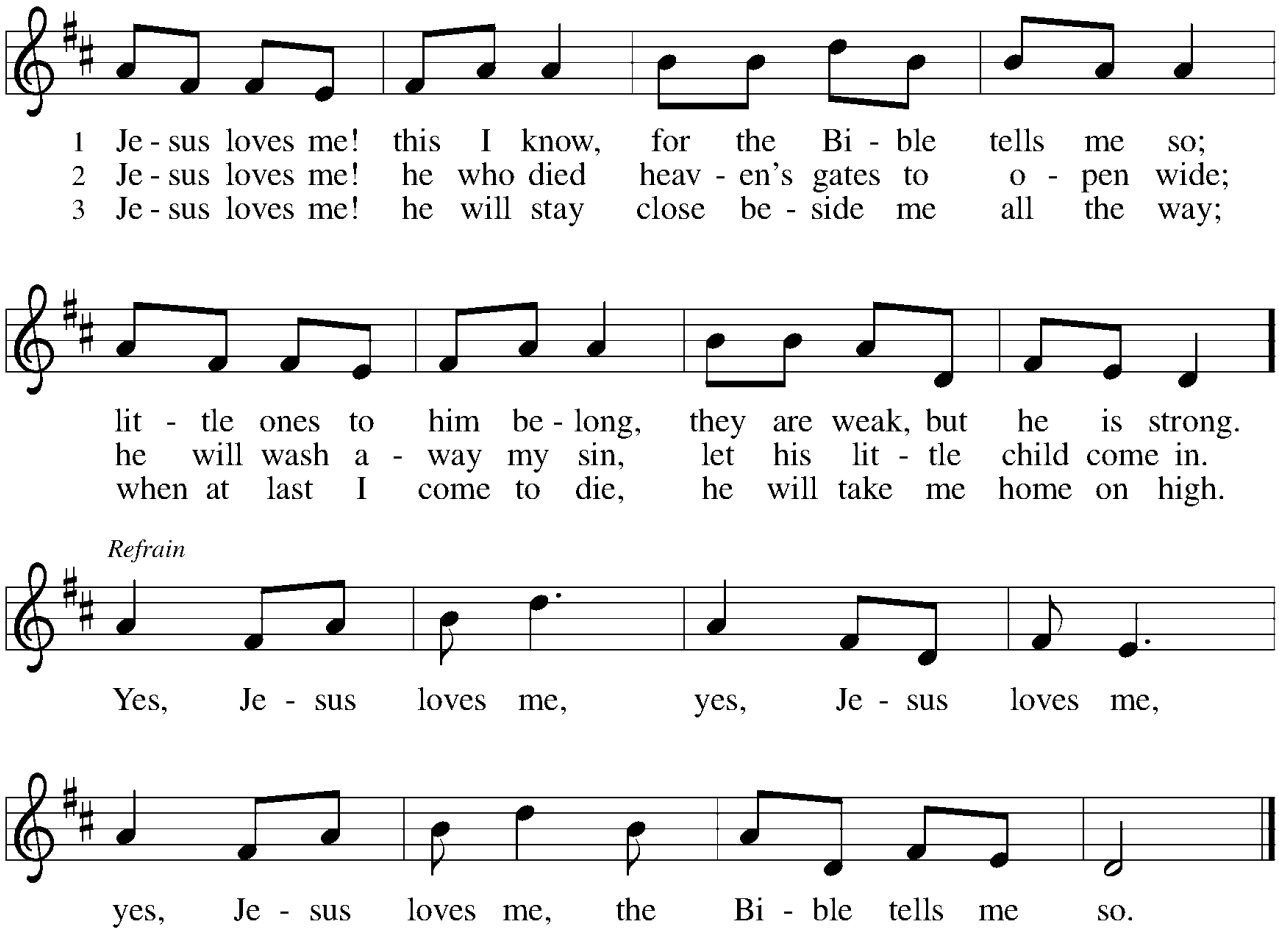
P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — The Rev'd Dr. Bruce Davis

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Loves Me (ELW 595)



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)**

P: We believe in God,

C: Who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God, in your mercy,)

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

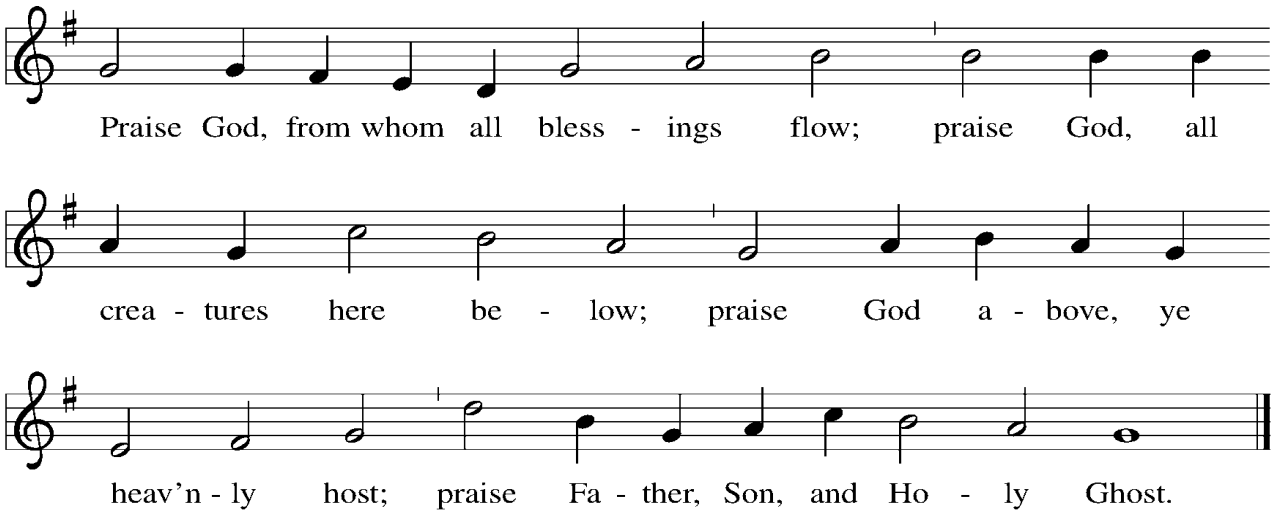
OFFERING:

A: Let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving of time, talent, and treasure.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

DOXOLOGY (ELW 885)



OFFERING PRAYER

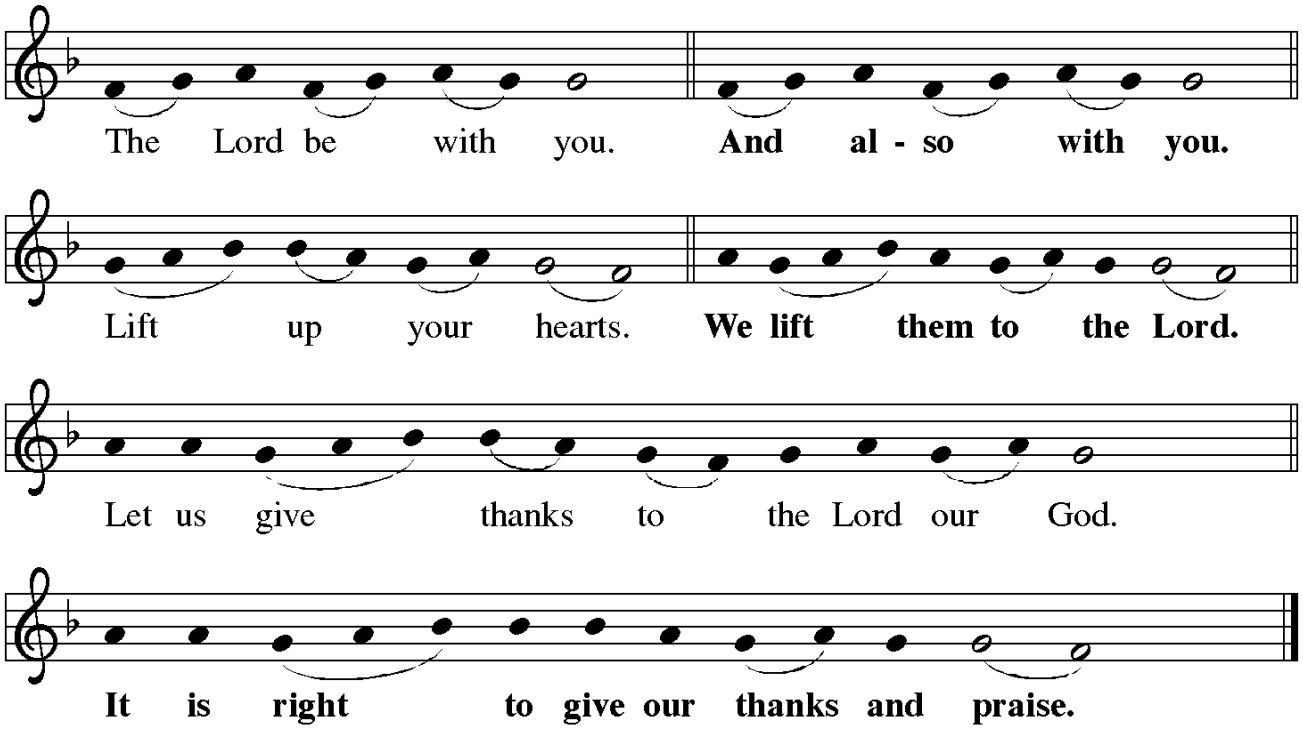
A: Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

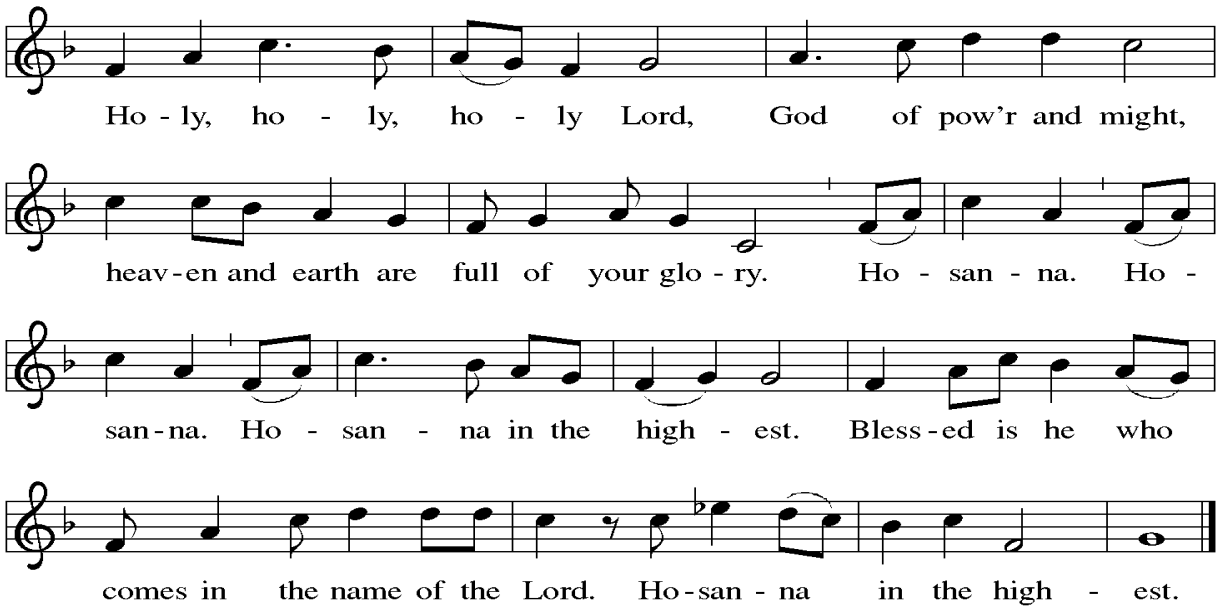
C: Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant, Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy […]
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, as we sing:



P: 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.

C: 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.

On the night before he died, 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:

C: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!

P: 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.
C: Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

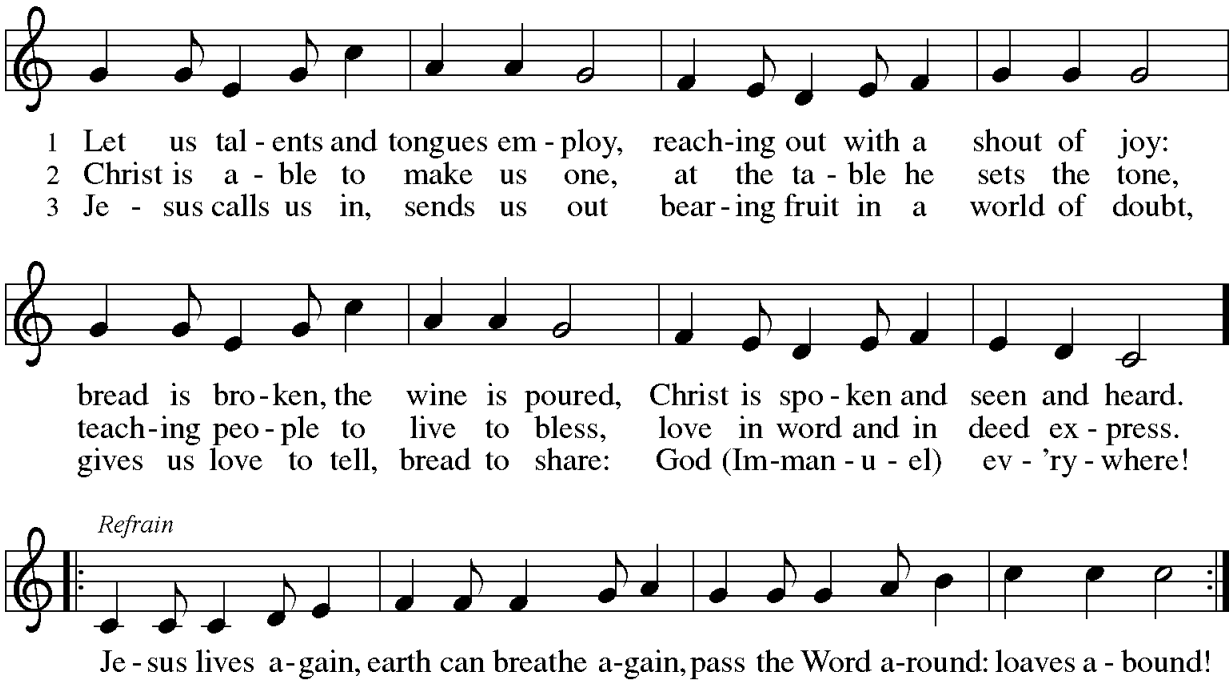
P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Most Holy One,

C: We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son, our savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Creator, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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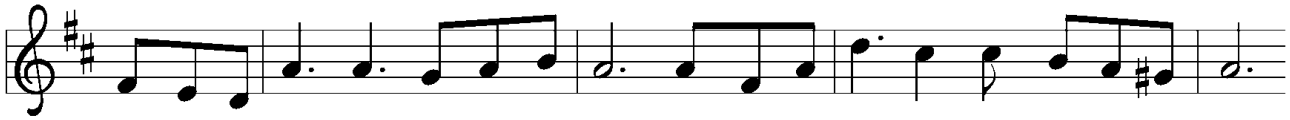
*BLESSING

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
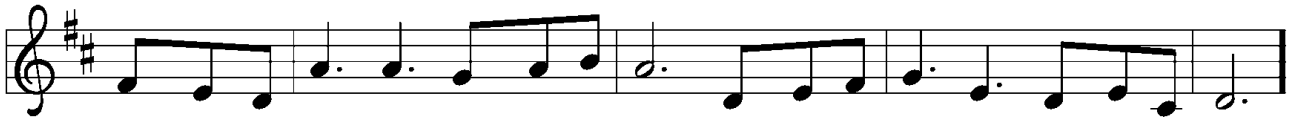
And the blessing of our most-loving God: ☩ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)
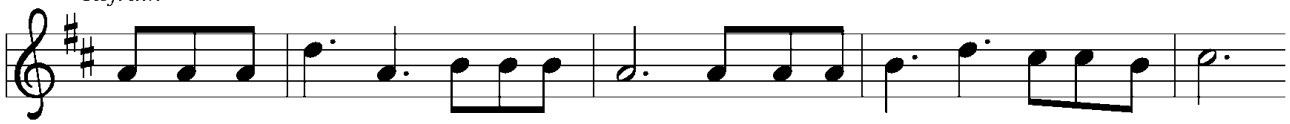


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,
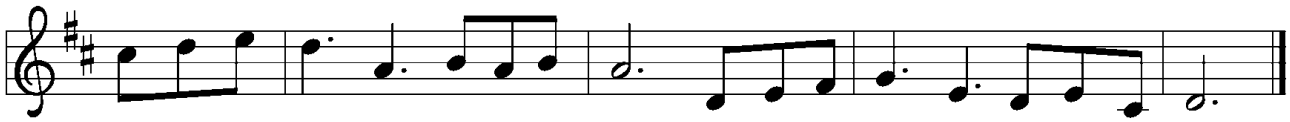


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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

***DISMISSAL**

A: God is love.

C: Jesus teaches us to love.

A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us

C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert Briggs by Diana & Dolores Downey.

Oct's Income: $11,268
Oct 's Expense: $9,861 Average Attendance: 22

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 11/15	**Scheduled to serve 11/22**
Alan S.– Assisting Minister	*Meghan G.– Assisting Minister*
Colahans– Usher	*Klines - Usher*
Colahans– Counters	*Downey/Deemer- Counter*
Barb S. – Altar	*Volunteer - Altar*

**********************WEEKLY CALENDAR*****************

Mon, Nov 16	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Nov 17	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
Wed, Nov 18	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Nov 19	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Sat, Nov 21	**10:00am – AA (Hall)**
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
	4:00pm – Hall Rental
Sun, Nov 22	**10:15am – Worship**
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **On 11/21 (Saturday) Guitar Building Workshop 9:00am-12Noon** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 501 Chester Pike, Norwood. See Flyer for more info.
- **On 11/22 (Sunday), a "Pulpit Swap"**; Pastor Lee will preach and lead the 10:15am service here at Holy Spirit, and Pastor Drummond will do the same at St. Matthew (9:00am) and Immanuel (11:00am).
- **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!** On **12/11 (Friday)** Caroling will take place at Immanuel to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Immanuel's Manger Scene. Caroling will start at 6:30 at Immanuel. There will be no chili or caroling on Saturday 12/12.

****************PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS************

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan
Diane Kuhn
Naomi Mastrocola
Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris
Sonya Baxter
David Pysher
Joan & John Grossi

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, Joan Grossi and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NURSERY SCHOOL COIN HARVEST - Once again this year, the Nursery School will be doing a "Coin Harvest" during the month of November. This year we would like to invite the Holy Spirit congregation to join us in our coin collection. During the month of November, there will be a container marked "Coin Harvest" in the hallway. Please consider helping us by bringing some extra change each week to donate! All proceeds will be donated to help feed the homeless.

COFFEE HOUR–Today, Nov 15th after service sponsored by the Klines.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Each year during the Advent season we decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Eve. Just like you decorate your home, **we need help to get ready** for Jesus here also. We need help to put up the tree, decorate the tree, hang the lights and roping and wreaths on the doors. There are bows to tie and candles to prepare for the Candlelight Service. This year we will meet on **Monday, Nov 29th at 10:00am**

TEDDY BEARS - It has been a Holy Spirit tradition in recent years to dress Teddy Bears at the holidays and distribute them to CAADC and Fair Acres. We are experiencing some issues with the distributor this year in addition to a significant cost increase.
Due to these issues, we have elected to skip the Teddy Bears this year.

With the difficult economic environment right now we felt it would be more sensible to use that money to provide additional clothing items for those people in need through the CAADC.
Hopefully we will be able to return to the Bear tradition next year.

ALTAR – We are in **need** of **volunteers for November** and **December** to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office**. Flowers are $20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is $15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



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