WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026



“Wisdom” (c. 1170)

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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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**

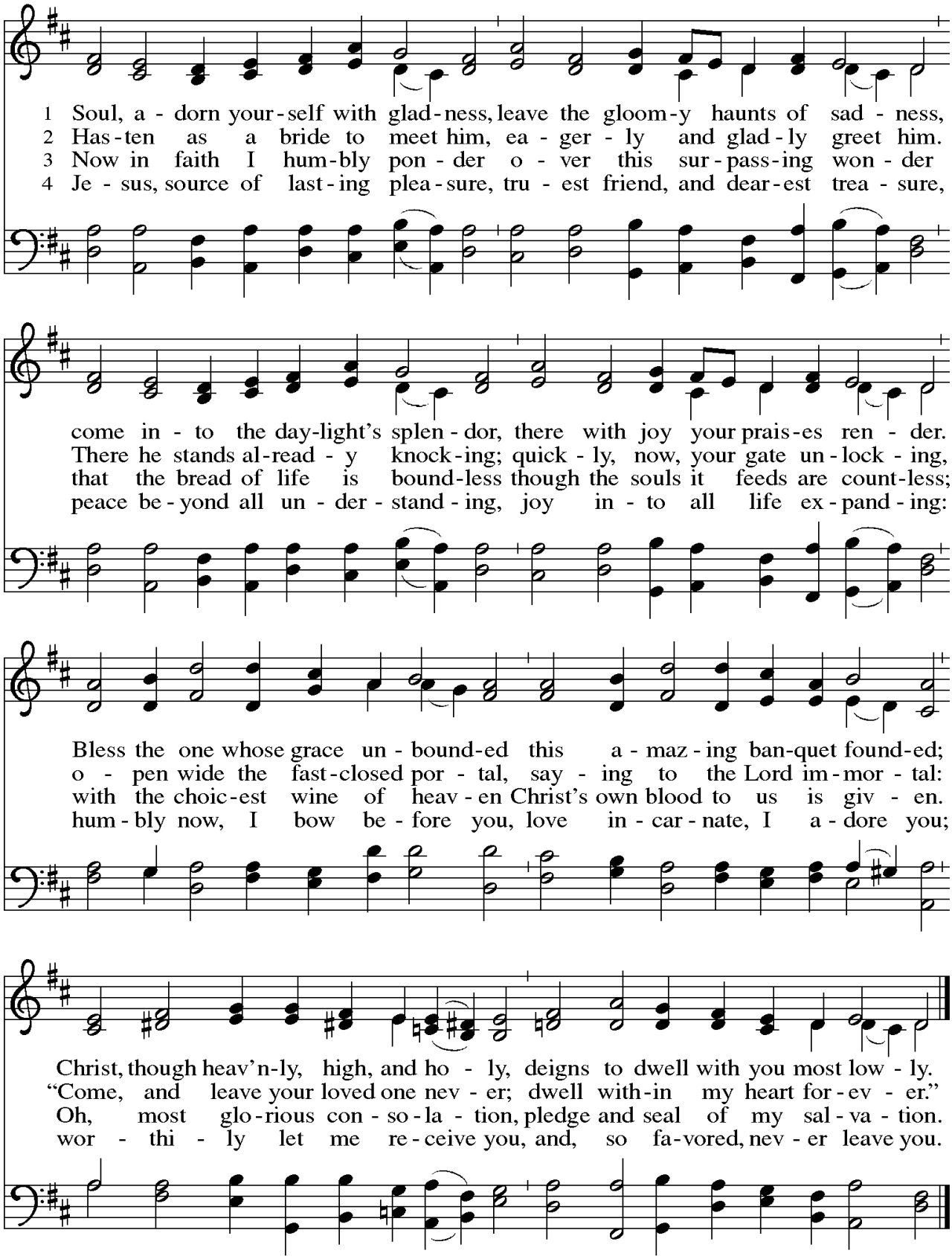
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
C: Amen.

(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: Soul, Adorn Yourself (Vv. 1, 2 &4)



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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the wisdom and words of your Son.
C: 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 for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

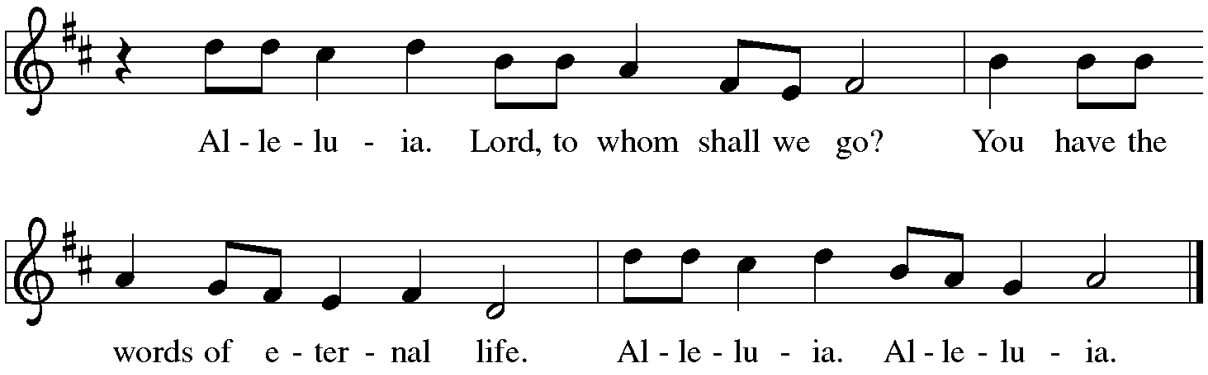
12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

Word of God. Word of Life.
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(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 3)



GOSPEL**: **Matthew25:1-13

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

C: 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."

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Rev. Christopher Drummond**

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

*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.)

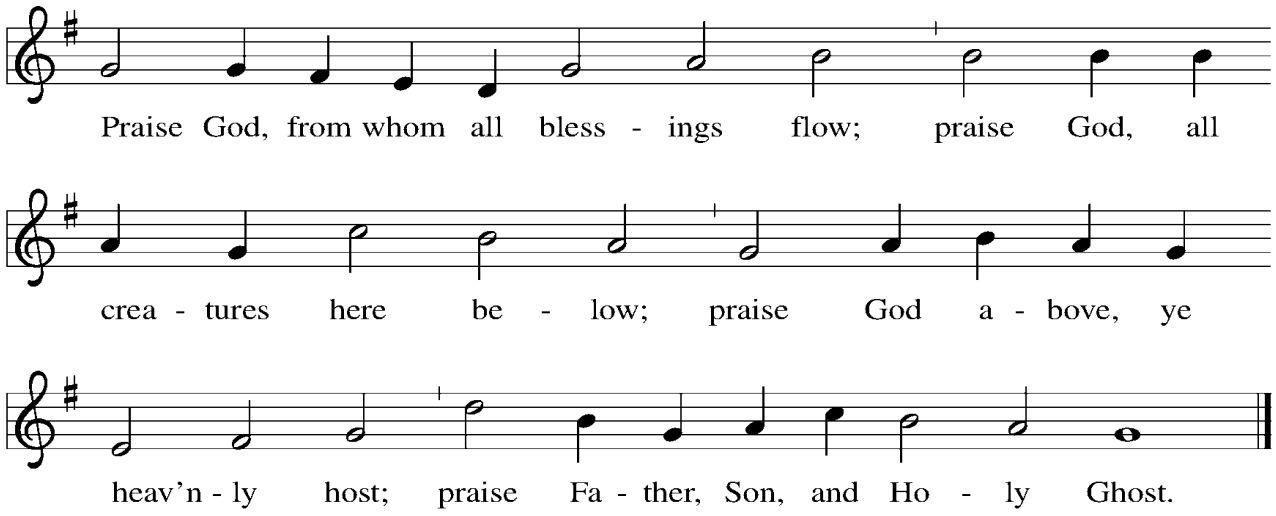
OFFERING:

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)



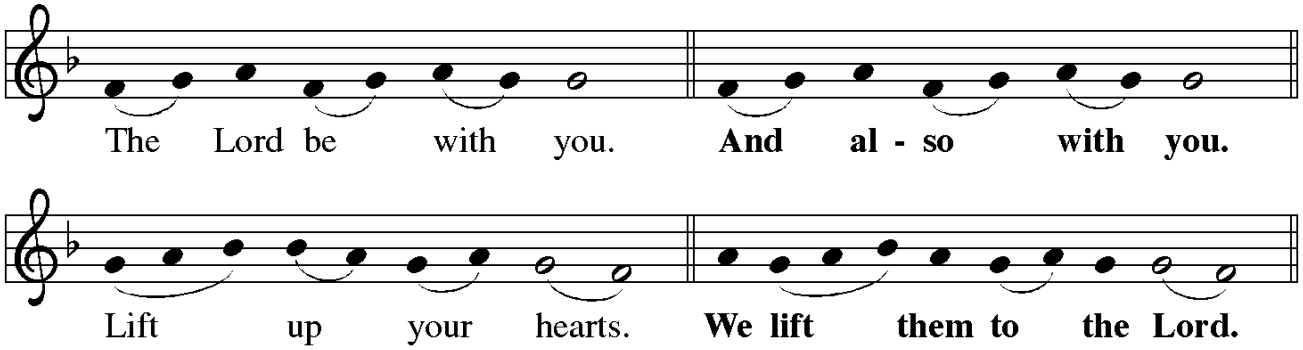
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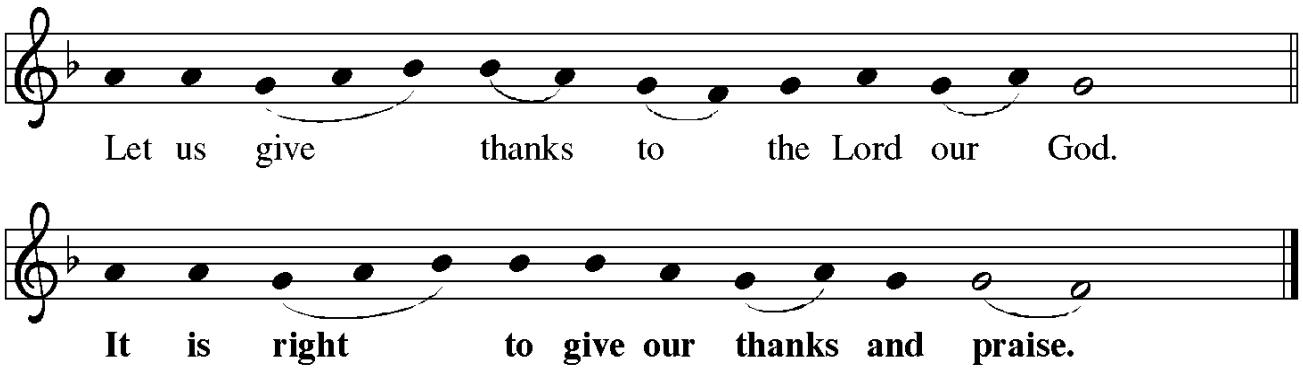
A: Generous God, all good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor.

C: Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

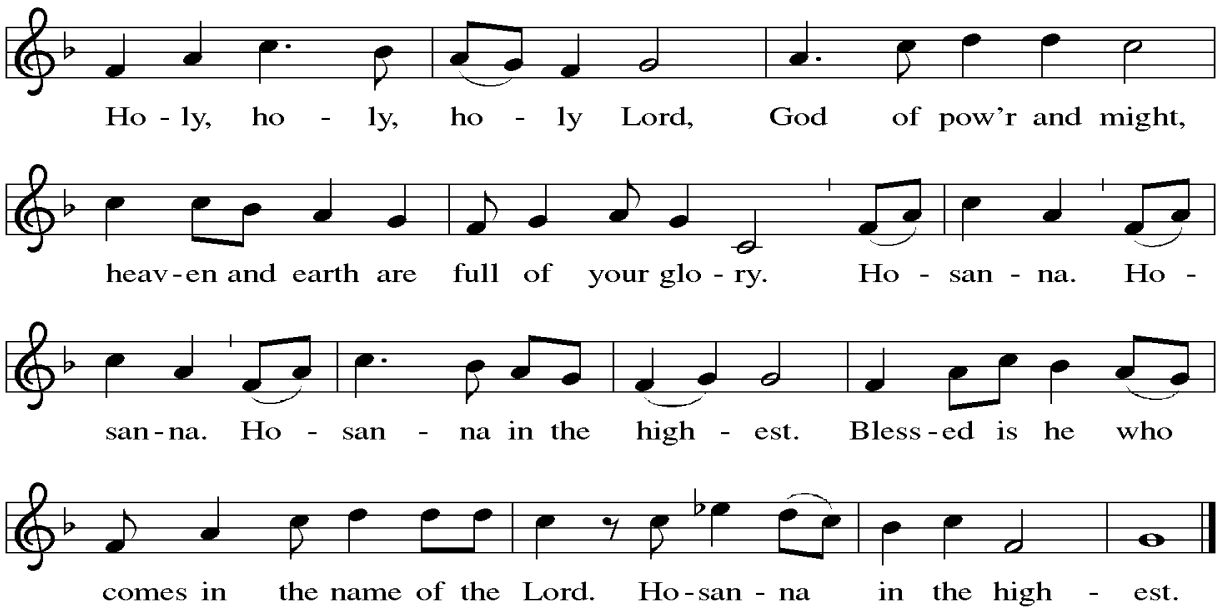
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GREAT THANKSGIVING





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: What Feast of Love (ELW 487)



(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

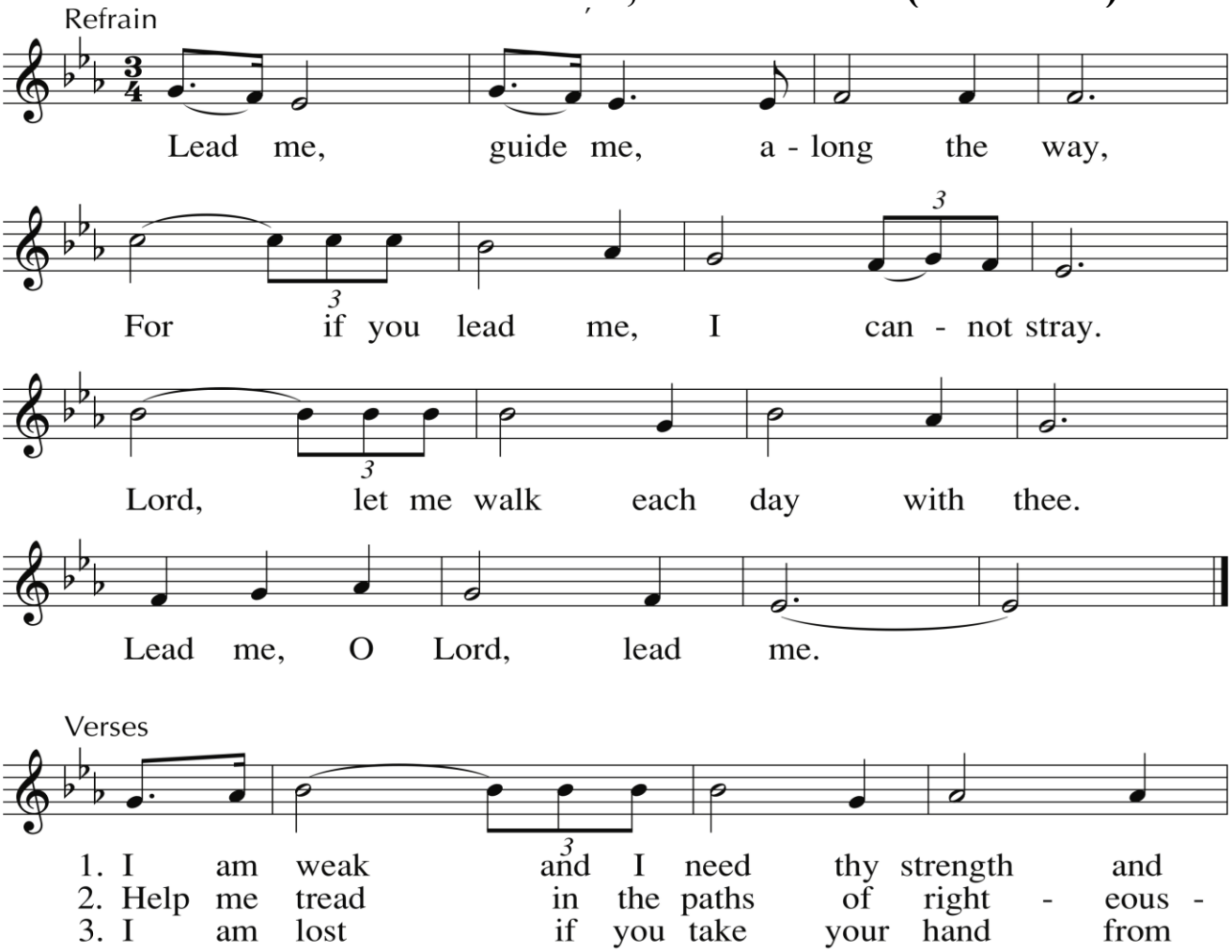
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BLESSING

P: Please bow your heads […]
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: Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)



(Cont'd)



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Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, Irregular with refrain; Doris M. Akers, 1922–1995; harm. by Richard Smallwood, b.1948
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***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 Dr. John Drummond by his son, Pastor Christopher Drummond.

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

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 11/08	**Scheduled to serve 11/15**
Greg C. – Assisting Minister	*Alan S.– Assisting Minister*
Alan S./Alan D. – Ushers	*Colahans– Usher*
Christensen – Counter	*Colahans– Counters*
Gary P. – Altar	*Volunteer - Altar*

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

Mon, Nov 9	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Nov 10	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
Wed, Nov 11	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
	7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Nov 12	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Sat, Nov 14	**8:30am – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	10:00am – AA (Hall)
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Nov 15	**10:15am – Worship**
	Coffee Hour
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **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).
- **On 12/12 (Saturday) starting at 4pm, Christmas Caroling and a Potluck Chili Supper (with holiday treats!).** Caroling will start at Holy Spirit, and then we'll go down to Immanuel to sing and then

get warm with a chili supper. A sign-up sheet will be available outside of the office.

- **On 11/21 (Saturday) Guitar Building Workshop 9:00am-12Noon** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 501 Chester Pike, Norwood. See Flyer for more info.

***********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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Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin

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