Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 10/18 8:15am Worship with *Confirmation*
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship w/ ASL Interpreter

Monday, 10/19 6:00pm Community Meal Dinner Served
6:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, 10/20 6:00pm Stewardship For All Seasons

Wednesday, 10/21 7:00pm Women's Group in the Miller Parlor

Thursday, 10/22 Noon Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 10/23 Girl Scouts in the Fellow. Hall 6-8pm

Saturday, 10/24

Sunday, 10/25 *Reformation*
8:15am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Young at Heart
10:45am Worship w/ ASL Interpreter
5:30 Dinner Church in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Faith and Fellowship will meet

Wednesday, **October 21st at 7:00pm** in the Miller Parlor.
All women are invited to join us!

In difficult times, doing crafts, gardening and using our hands can help keep us grounded.
Join us as we make mosaic crosses and see how the Bible leads.

At DINNER CHURCH next Sunday, October 25, at 5:30pm we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. Rev. Andrew Wirt of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church and First United Church of Christ and Pastor Hyung-Suk Joe of First Methodist Church will join us as we learn about Full Communion.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Acolyte robes... are at the top of the steps going to the balcony from the narthex

Sunday School Registrations are available in the church and in the Sunday School classrooms. Please fill out a new form every year!

Men's Group will meet on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00AM for breakfast here at Holy Trinity.

Bible Studies.....

Bible 101.....will meet in person on OCTOBER 1st at 6:00pm. In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week. Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible, how is the Bible put together, how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

Monday evening Bible Study meets @ 7:00PM, we are studying Joshua.
Thursday Bible Study meets at Noon, we are studying Abraham.

Community Meal —TOMORROW - Monday, **October 19**- Dinner is served at 6:00. All Are Welcome!

COMMUNITY MEALS SIGN-UP FOR November. Your help is needed for the Nov. 16 Community Meals dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin in the Narthex if you can help.



God Bless
Daila Goodman
Hannah Glenn
Katelyn Holsopple
Josie Lucotch

On their Confirmation today

YOUNG AT HEART will meet Sunday, October 25, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
We will welcome Tim Greene of the LAMB Messianic Fellowship in Ligonier who follow the Jewish scriptural traditions and Sabbath.



Holy Trinity now accepts donations thru Venmo
@HolyTrinityLutheranInIrwin

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Jaden Brittingham	LeNora Emanuelson
Communion Assistants	Rochelle Belak Maria Clark	Mary Smaligo Joe Thomas
Lectors	Angela Brittingham	Karly Kochanov
Acolytes	Jericho Brittingham	Isaac Thomas
Greeters		Will Huey Luella Tomasello
Livestream		NOT Filled

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, Oct. 17		Mimi Wielobob and Debbie Kunkle
Sun.,Oct. 18	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	10:45	Mimi Wielobob and Debbie Kunkle
Set-up Saturday, Oct. 24		Cindy McCune, Mauritta Moyer, Donna Reyes
Sun., Oct. 25	8:15	Cindy McCune, Mauritta Moyer, Donna Reyes
	10:45	Diane Kowalski, Sandy Tomko, Cookie Nee

Food Pantry 2026 Dates: December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:
Pancake mix Pancake syrup Sugar cookie mix
Canned frosting Christmas candy Laundry detergent
Liquid hand soap

Items always requested:
Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit
Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce
Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly
Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper
Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix
Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

All Saints Sunday - November 1

We will remember the lives of those who have joined the saints triumphant in the last 12 months. On the sheet in the Narthex, please **add those who are not members** that you wish remembered and they will be included in prayer on All Saints Sunday. Also, please indicate if you would like to take home a flower in their memory after worship.

On All Saints Sunday... Sunday School classes will plant tulip bulbs in front of the church. Please join us for **"Bruce in Bloom" at 10:15a.m. on the front porch.**. Together we plant, remember, and rejoice in the promise of new life that blooms each spring, reminding us of Easter's assurance that life conquers death and love endures forever.

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 18, 2026
Lectionary 29
Proper 24
21st Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, October 18, 2026

Introduction to the day
In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Pastor

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG*: God Is Here!* #526**

God Is Here!



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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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***GREETING Pastor**

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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY Pastor**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them. May we show your joy by embracing Daila, Katelyn, Hannah, and Josie as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
2 I will go before you and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron; 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
3 Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
4 **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,**
more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
6 **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
13 You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

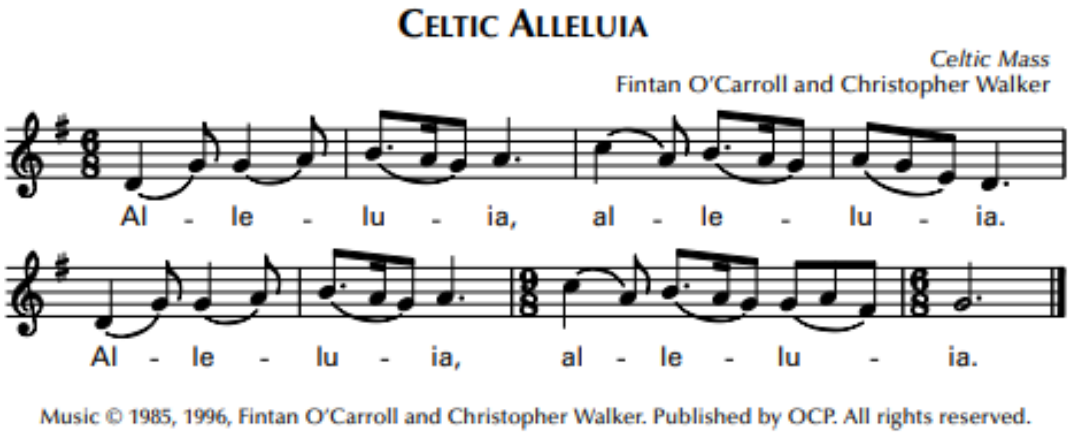
Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your

sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9] For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



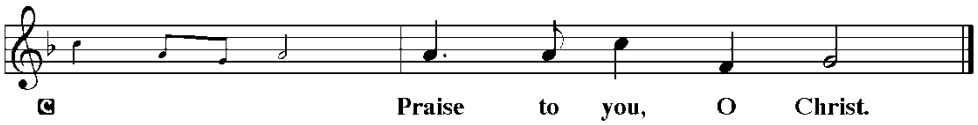
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***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**
The holy gospel according to ….



After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.
16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not
regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their
malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose
title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things
that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they
left him and went away.
The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* (ELW 871**

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

at 8:15 CONFIRMATION see INSERT

10:45 ONLY

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

10:45 ONLY

Assisting Minister
***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially*). Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

OFFERING
Anthem: Lift Every Voice and Sing

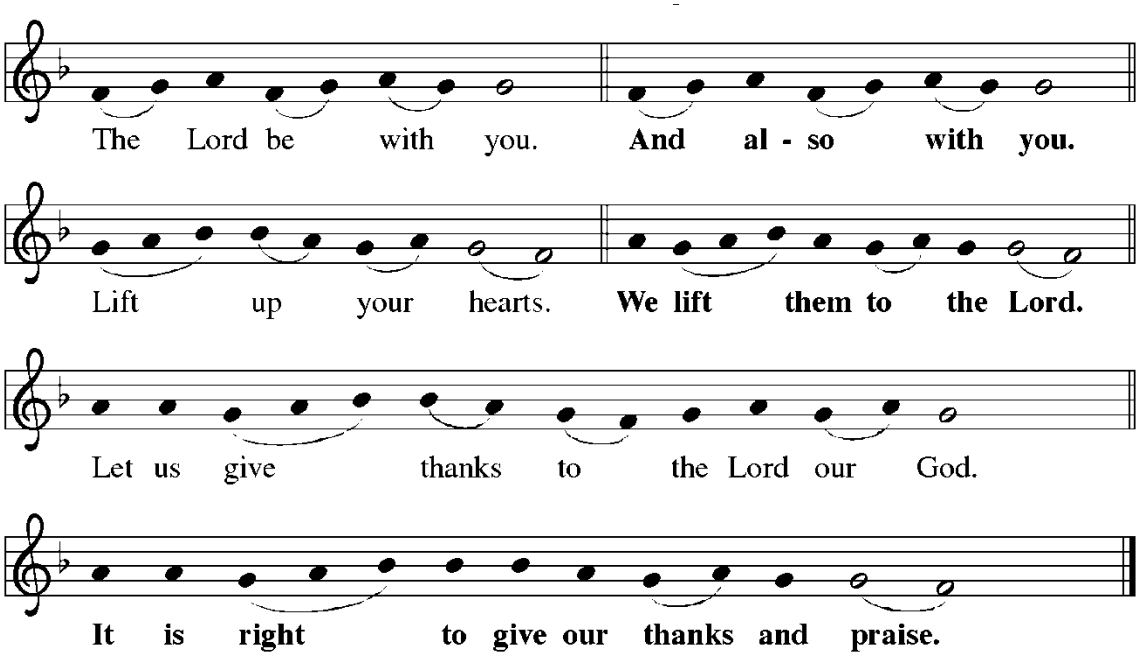
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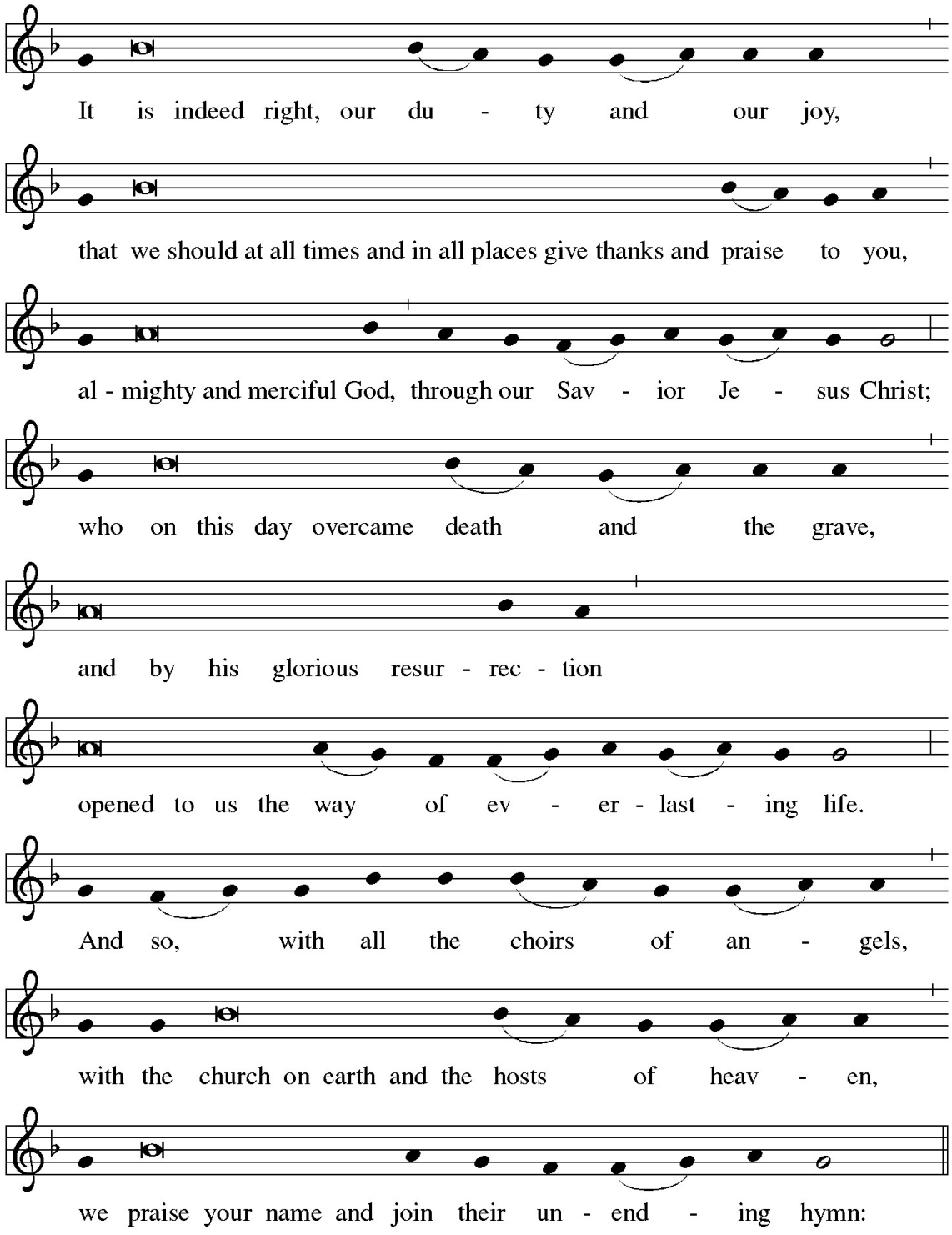
OFFERING PRAYER** ***Assisting Minister

God of creation, all blessings are from you.
Make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** Pastor

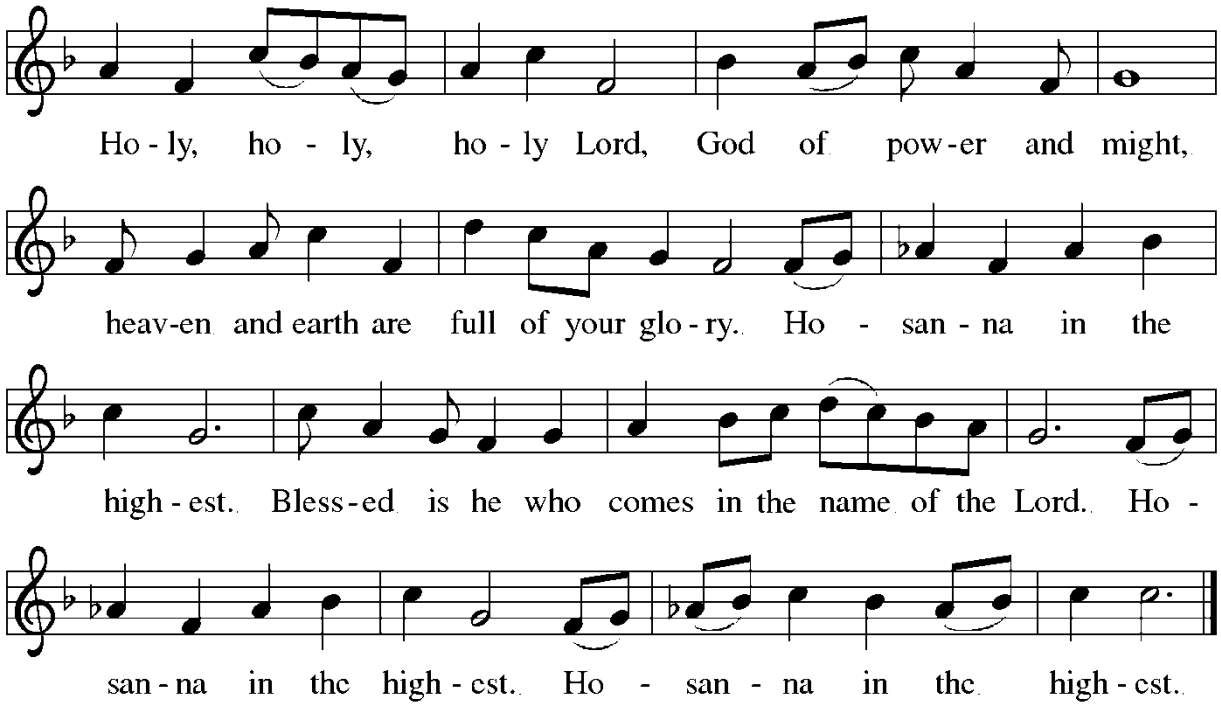


***PREFACE**



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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** **Pastor**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

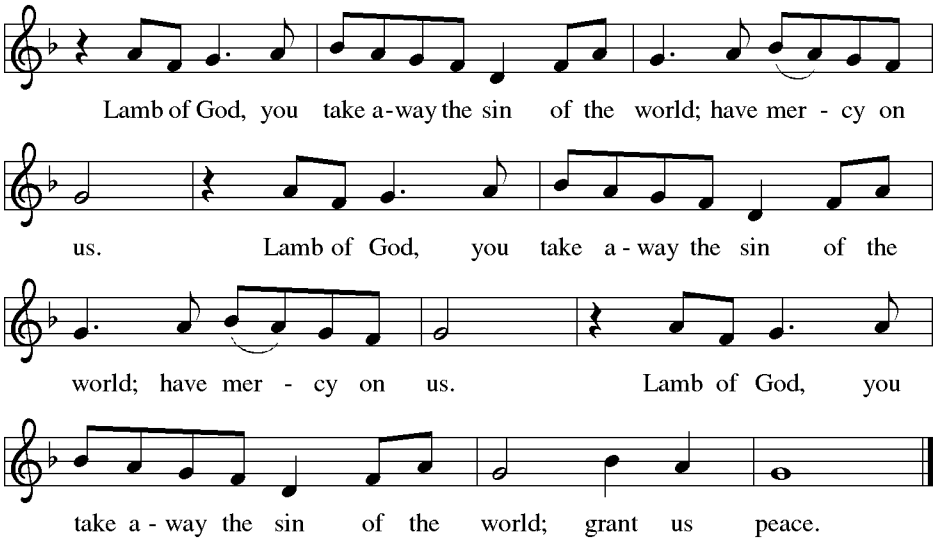
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER Pastor**
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 Pastor**
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

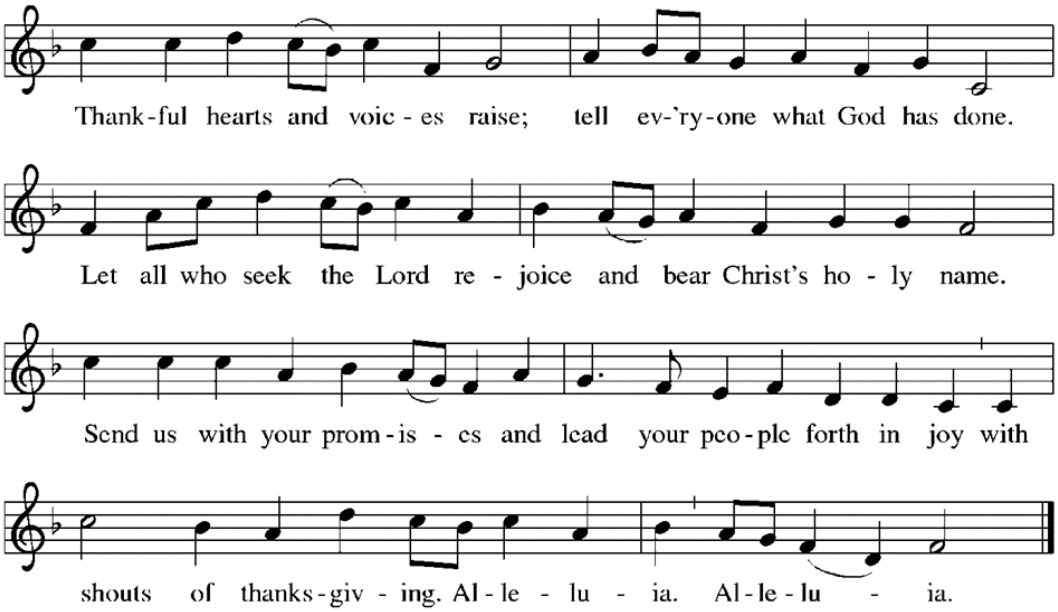
COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION
Hymn During Communion***: Take My Life That I May Be #685***

***COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor**
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** ***Assisting Minister
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a world in need.
Amen.

***BLESSING Pastor**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: *God of Grace and God of Glory* #705**

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL** ***Assisting Minister

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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