

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 10/19 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER
NOON: HARVEST FEST IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MONDAY, 10/20 COMMUNITY MEAL—DOORS OPEN AT 5, DINNER AT 6PM
6:00PM PRAYER GROUP
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 10/21

WEDNESDAY, 10/22

THURSDAY, 10/23 12:00PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, 10/24

SATURDAY, 10/25 IRWIN TRICK OR TREATING

SUNDAY, 10/26 8:15AM WORSHIP
REFORMATION 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART MEETING
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH CONFIRMATION AND
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

[Our Harvest Festival ...](#)

TODAY following the 2nd Service with all of our favorite fall foods and entertainment by Mikey Dee.

[Young at Heart...](#) will NOT meet today. The next meeting is Sunday, November 16th at 9:30AM.

[Scrapbooking](#) **All are welcome** to join us for Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor- Oct. 29th and continuing the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

[Welcome Members and Visitors today!](#)

[Sunday School for all ages....](#)

Begins at 9:30am. Registration forms are in the Narthex.
New registrations are needed each year.
Please invite friends to come!

[Grown-up and Me Class...](#)

There is a new class for children 2 years and younger to learn about God's love and for their grown-ups to connect. Please share this with anyone with children in this age range.

[Bible Studies..... Join us anytime!](#)

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM.
We will be discussing the Council of Nicea - which celebrates its 1700th anniversary this year!
Thursday Bible Study meets at Noon in the Miller Parlor.
Topic: Who is Jesus?

[Theology on Tap](#)

Cancelled for October - will now meet
Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00PM at the Manor Grille.

[Altar Flowers.....](#)

Belak's Flowers is closing.
Thank you for the many years of beautiful flowers!
2 suggestions moving forward are: Zanarini's in Jeannette and Lea's in East McKessport.
Please note, if you have altar flowers, your florist must call the office to schedule flower delivery during office hours.

October Community Meal... **TOMORROW** Monday, Oct. 20th
 Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.
 TODAY, we are collecting new and gently used
 sweaters and sweatshirts to be offered at the
 Community Meal on the 20th.

On All Saints Sunday... our Sunday School classes will
 plant tulip bulbs in front of the church. Please join us
 for **“Bruce in Bloom”** (our new name for the annual
 event) on **November 2 at 10 a.m. on the front porch** as
 we honor Bruce Stewart and continue the tradition he
 began. 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.

All Saints Sunday - November 2

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.

Men’s Group Breakfast will meet

Saturday, November 8th at 8:00AM here at Holy Trinity.

Women’s Faith and Fellowship

Will meet Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00PM.
 We will be having a packing party (shoeboxes provided!)
 for Operation Christmas Child.
 All women of the church are welcome to attend !

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Jerry Kuhn	Colleen Cochenour
Communion Assistants	Lois Brown Julie Kuhn	Zack and Sami Tinsley
Lector	Rochelle Belak	Brian Smith
Acolyte	Daila Goodman	Will Little
Greeters		Andrea Smith Luella Tomasello
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, Oct. 18		Cindy McCune and Julie Kuhn
Sunday, Oct. 19	8:15	Cindy McCune and Julie Kuhn
	10:45	Debbie Kunkle and Mimi Wielobob
Set-up Saturday, Oct. 25		Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko
Sunday, Oct. 26	8:15	Cindy McCune and Glenda Wendling
	10:45	Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates: Dec. 13

Items needed currently, special requests:

Pancake mix	Maple Syrup	Sugar cookie mix	Liquid soap
Canned frosting	Candy	Laundry detergent	

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	
Cheese Crackers	Cake/muffin/brownie mix		
Chef Boyardee	Canned Vegetables		

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to
 donate money, please mark “food pantry” in the subject line on your
 check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact:
 Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Lectionary 29

Proper 24

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Introduction to the day

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pastor

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** *Let Justice Flow like Streams* #717

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let Justice Flow like Streams'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system includes three-part vocal harmony with lyrics. The second system continues the melody and harmony with lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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***GREETING**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: WORTHY IS CHRIST

Richard Hillert

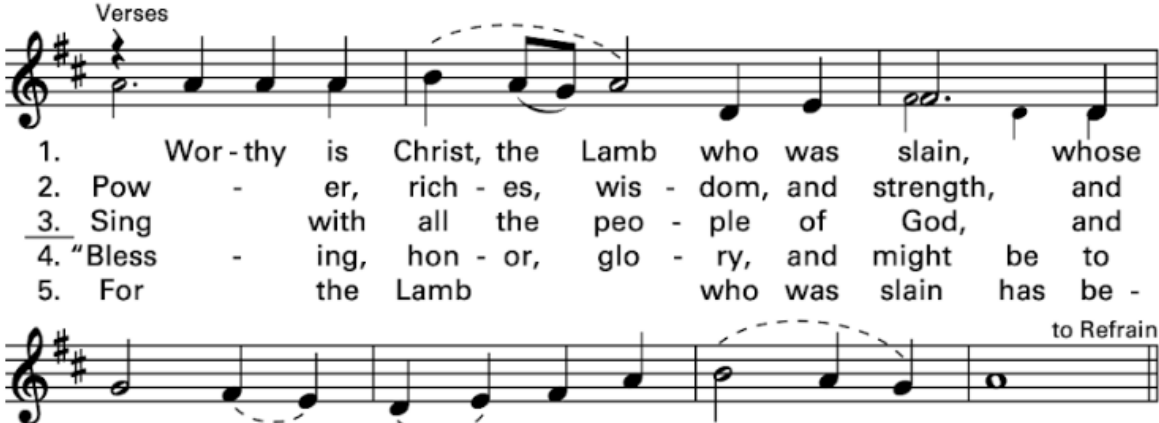
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

1-5 to Verses Final

Verses



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

to Refrain



1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (to Vs 4)
4. God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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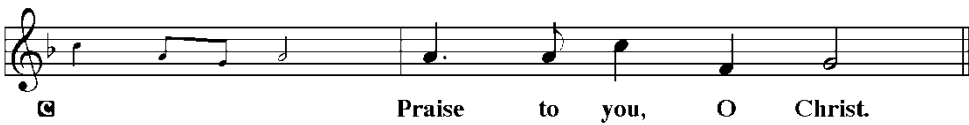
*GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to.....



Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
The gospel of the Lord.

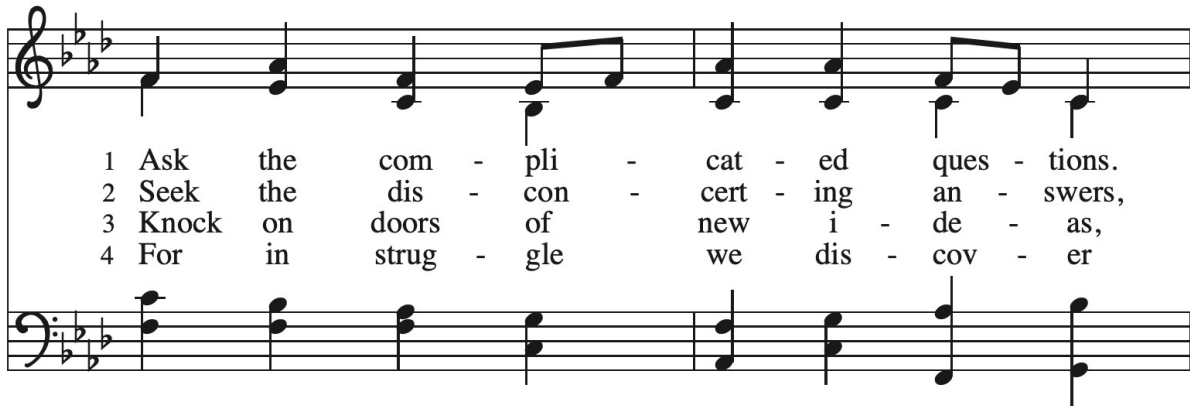


Children's Sermon

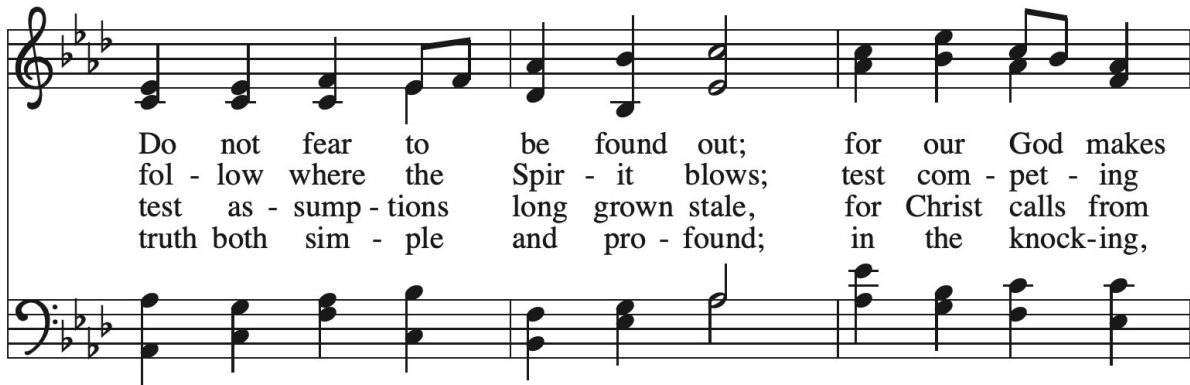
SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Ask the Complicated Questions*

Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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***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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Assisting Minister*

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the
globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition.
Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the
beauty of the whole creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and
strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort,
and heal those who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this
congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture
our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those
who come to us in need. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Pastor

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Guide My Feet*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are in need, though Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** **Pastor**

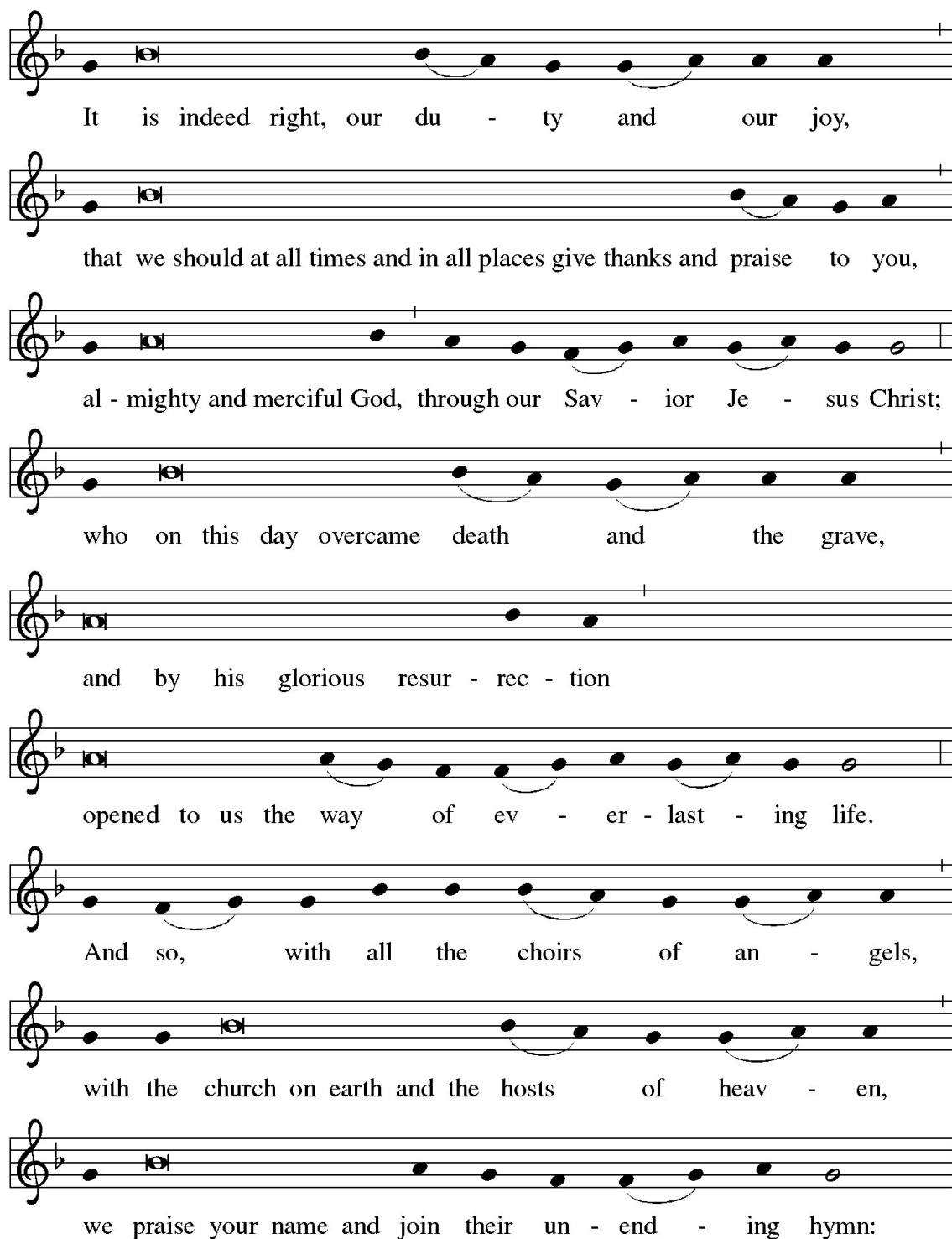
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy
will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come. a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

***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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

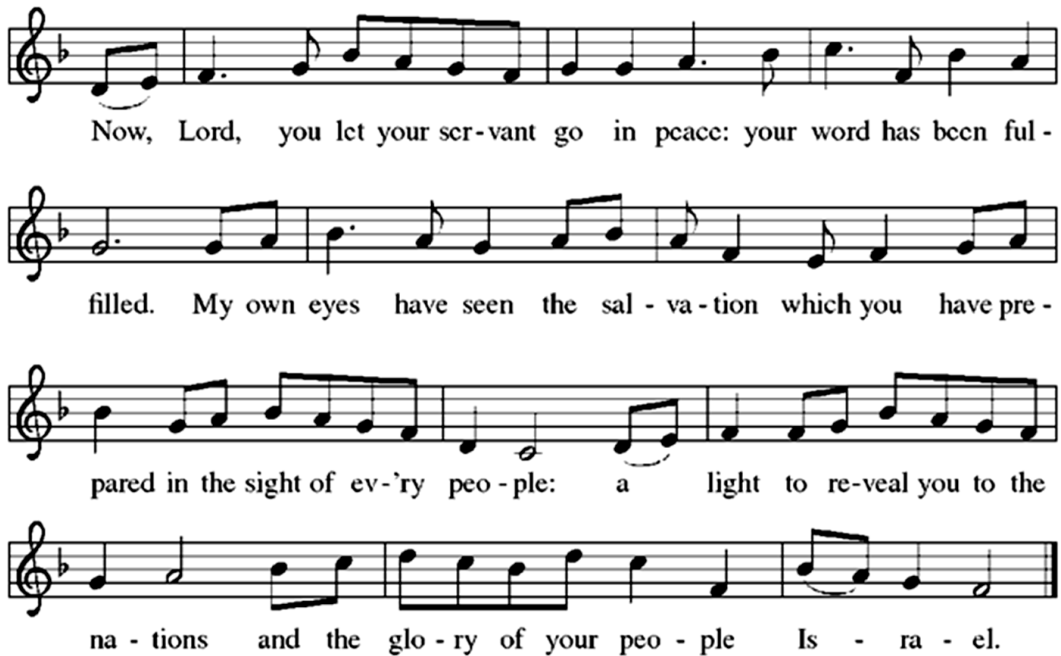
Communion

Hymn During Communion: ***Gift of Finest Wheat #484***

***COMMUNION BLESSING** Pastor

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION** *Pastor*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

773

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
 Irregular

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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