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Sunday, October 11, 2026
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

P You have been called to the banquet.

C This is the feast.

P You have been summoned to the wedding.

C This is the feast of life and light.

P From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

C We have come to the banquet that has no end.
Alleluia! Amen!

From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Year A Vol. 2,* ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 201.

PREPARING

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness
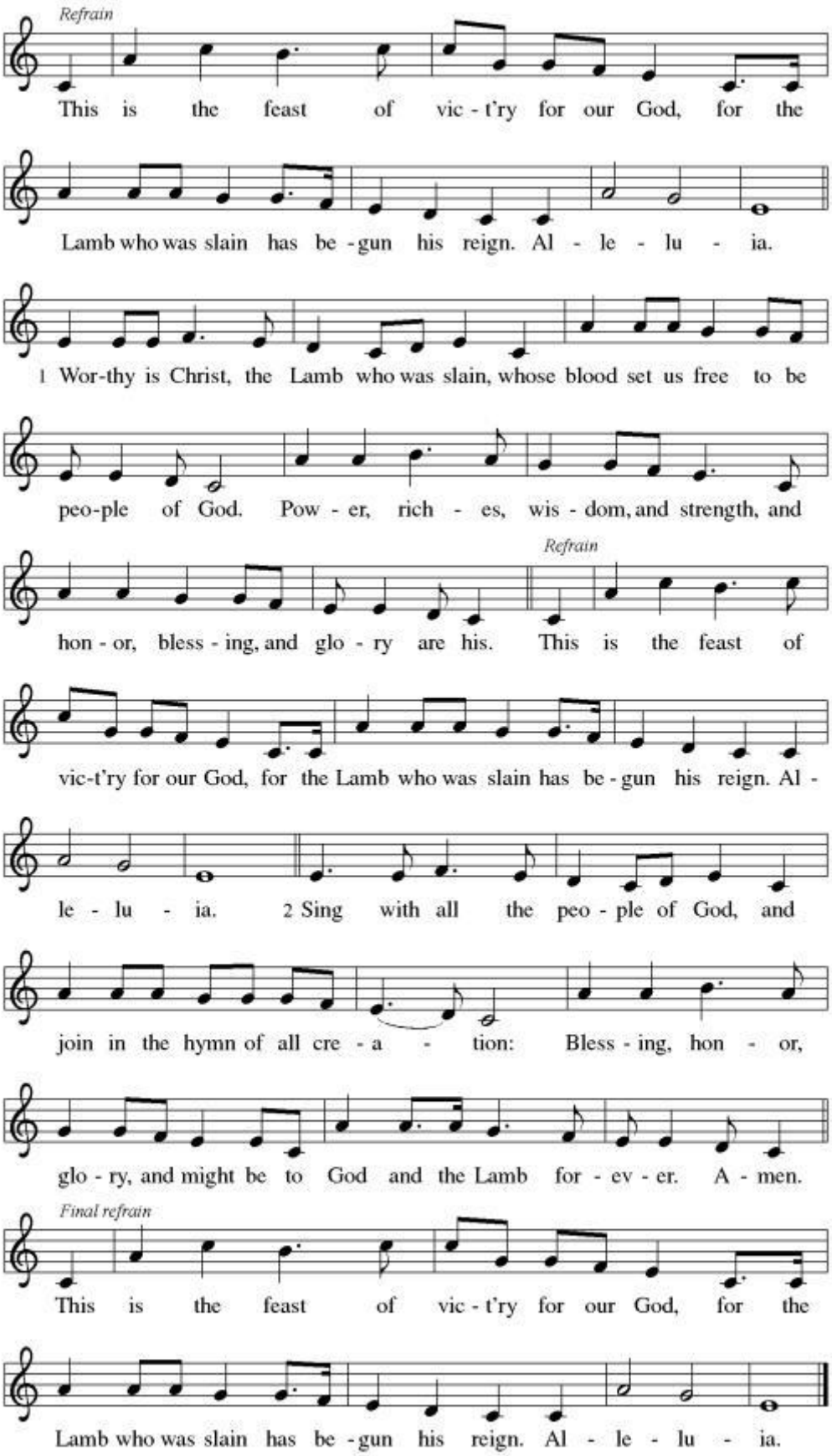
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

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

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
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 Hymn ***"This is the Feast of Victory for Our God"***

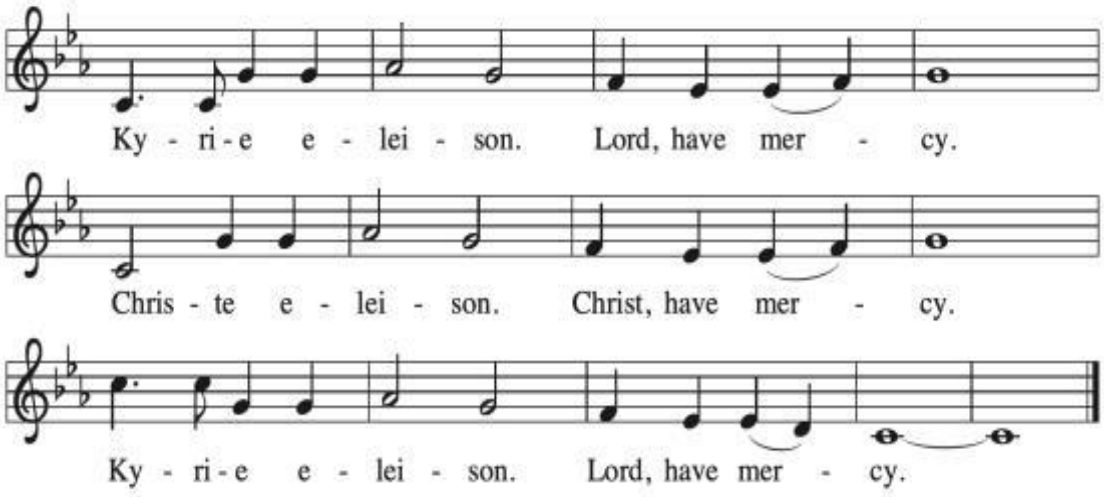

Refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

APOSTOLIC GREETING
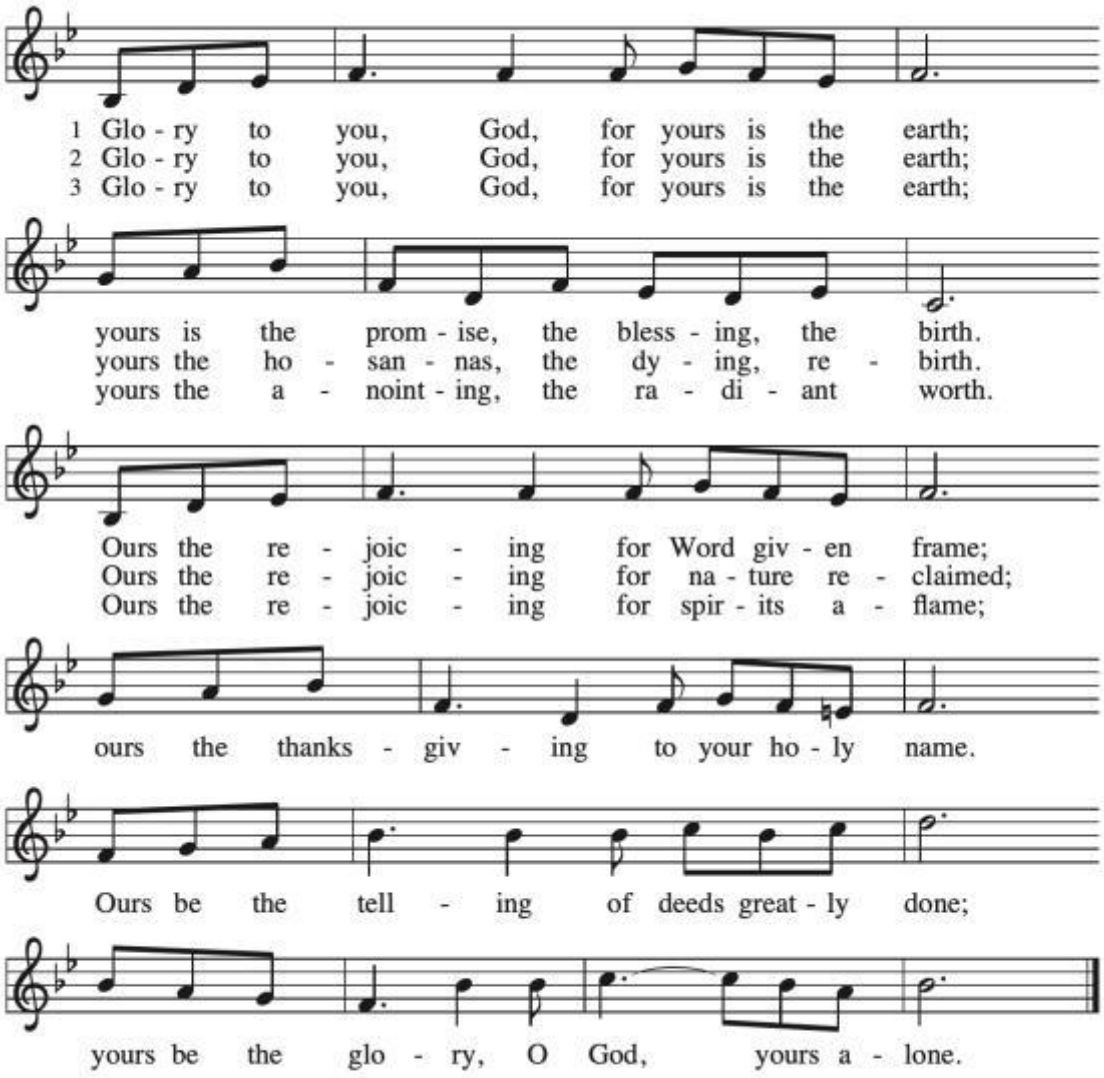
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie ***Congregation will sing all of the Kyrie in unison.***



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 25: 1-9**

1 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

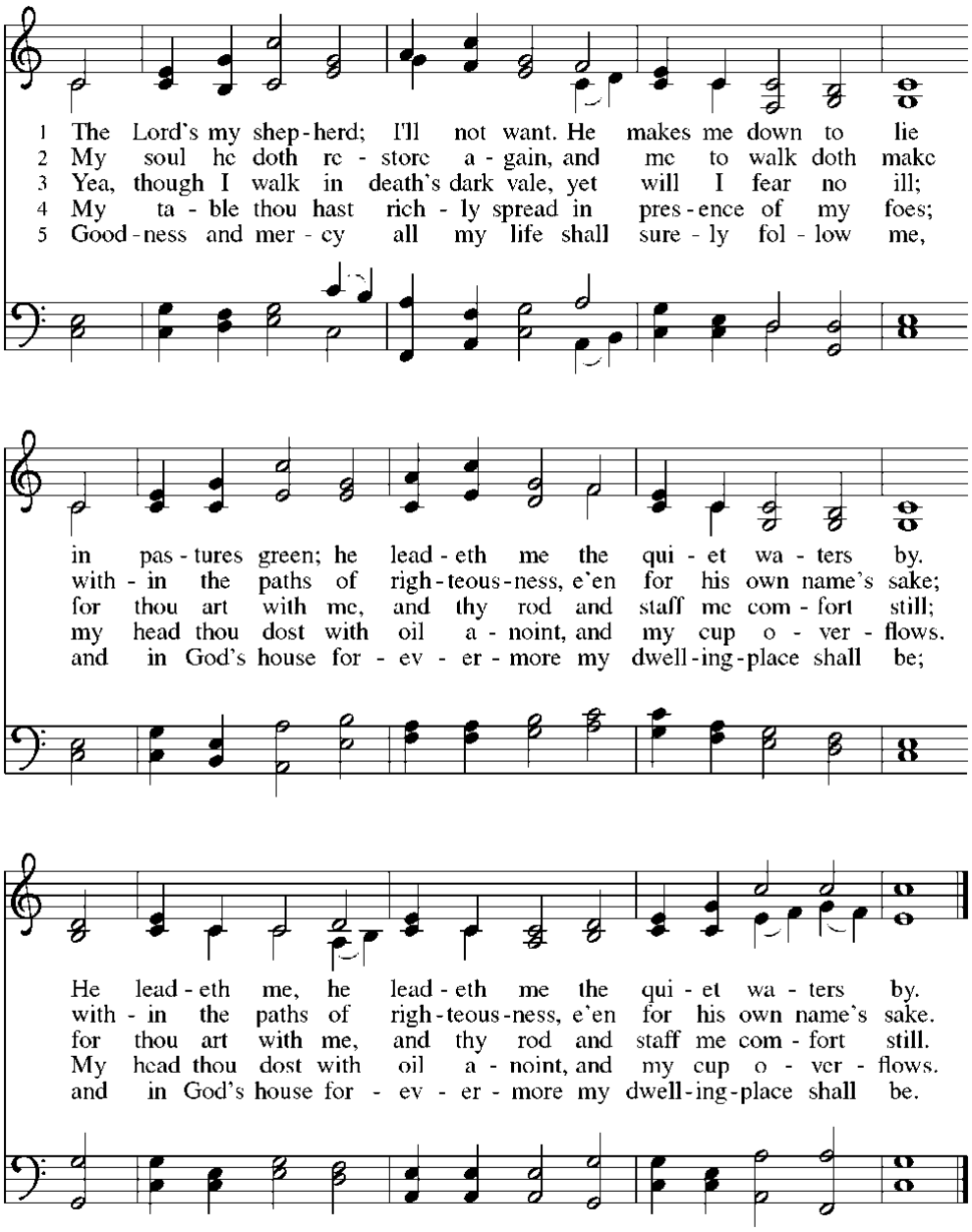
6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Psalm 23 ***"The Lord's My Shepherd"***

The Lord's My Shepherd



Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*. Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR. James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984
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Second Reading **Philippians 4: 1-9**

[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
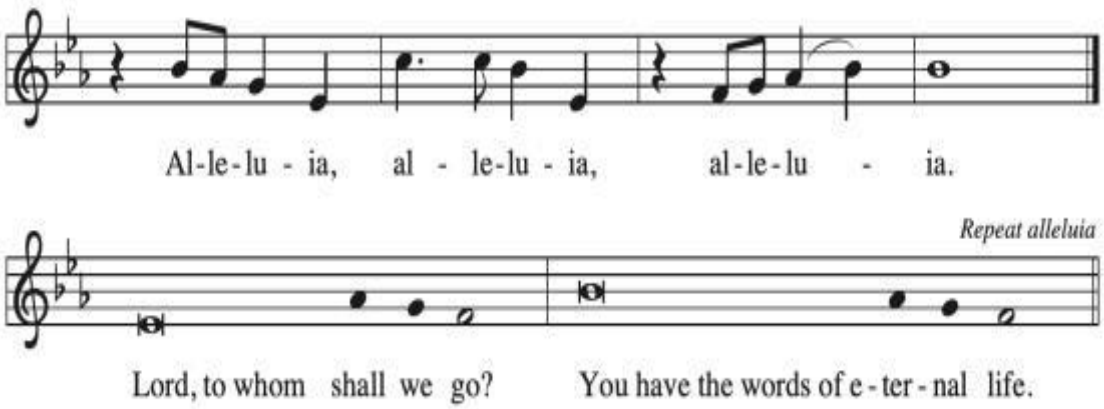
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Congregation please stand

Gospel Acclamation



The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22: 1-14

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been
invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell
those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and
went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated
them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and
burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not
worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
[10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the
wedding hall was filled with guests.
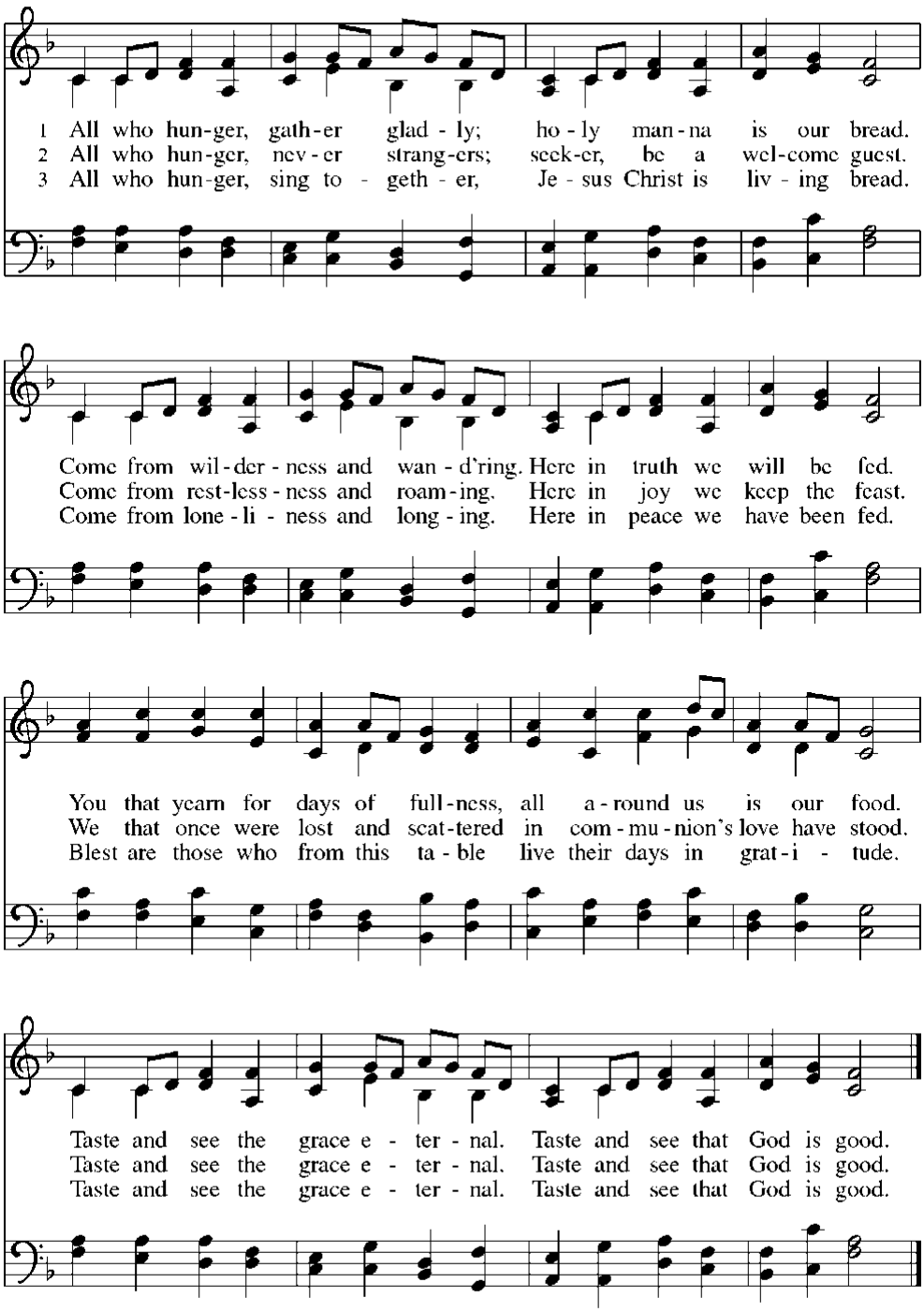
11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a
wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And
he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called,
but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **Pastor Jennifer**

Hymn of the Day ***“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”*** **ELW 461**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: HOLY MANNA. W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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.

Sign of Peace
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love……Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land……..Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts……Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We pray for Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Chuck, Jessie, Millie, Peggy, Glenn, Carol, Marian, Bing, Sandy, and the family of Helen Huss...…….Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table……Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us……..Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

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

Stewardship Snippet: Isaiah 25:6 – "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food"
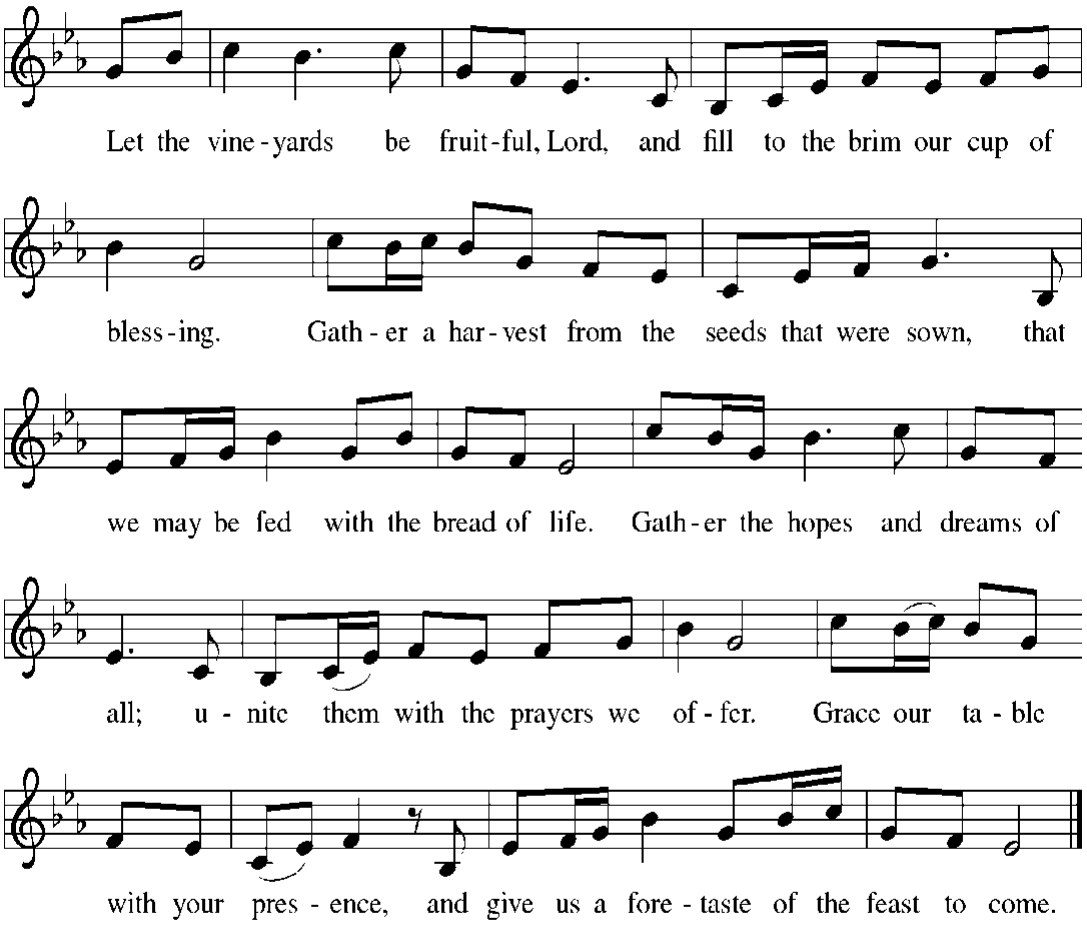
In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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MEAL

P Let us pray,

C Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving
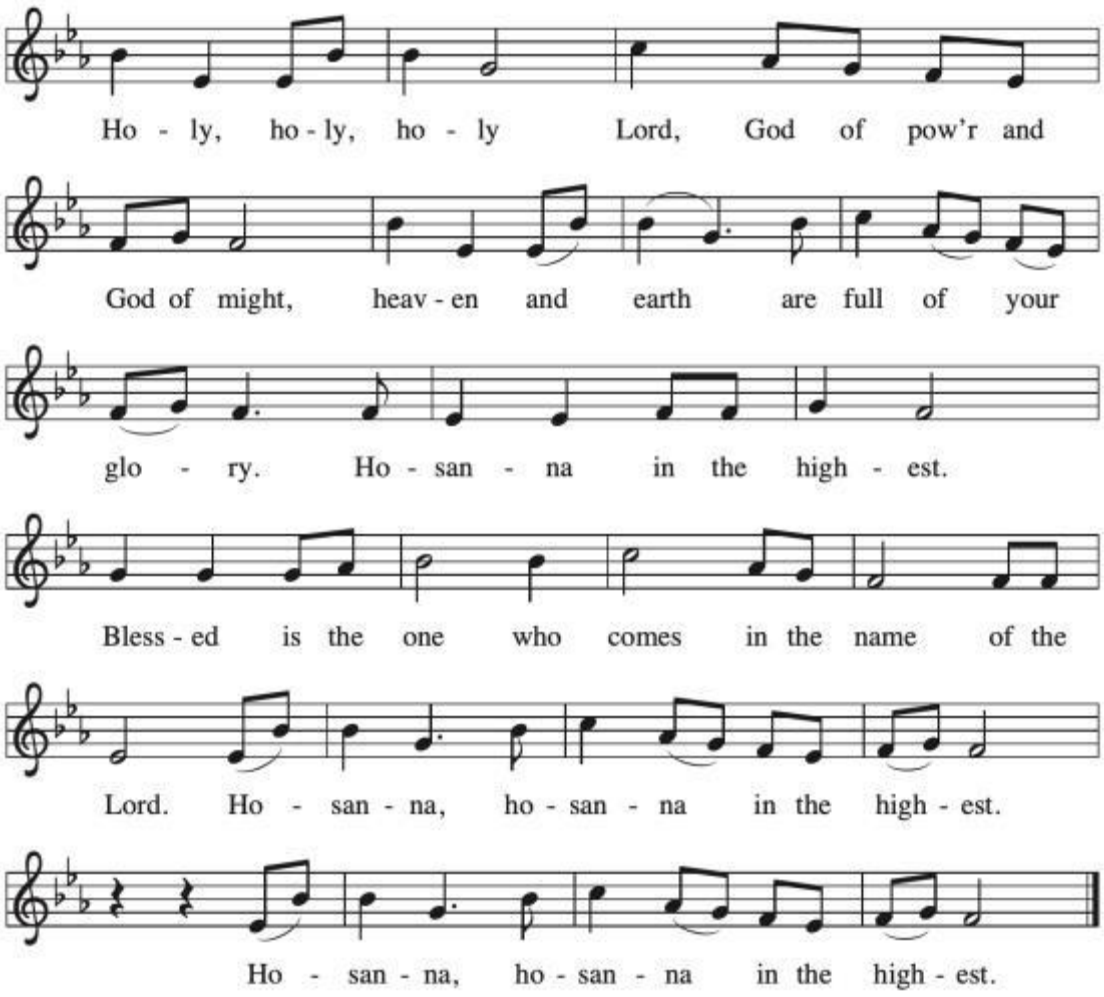
P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Eucharistic Prayer

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.

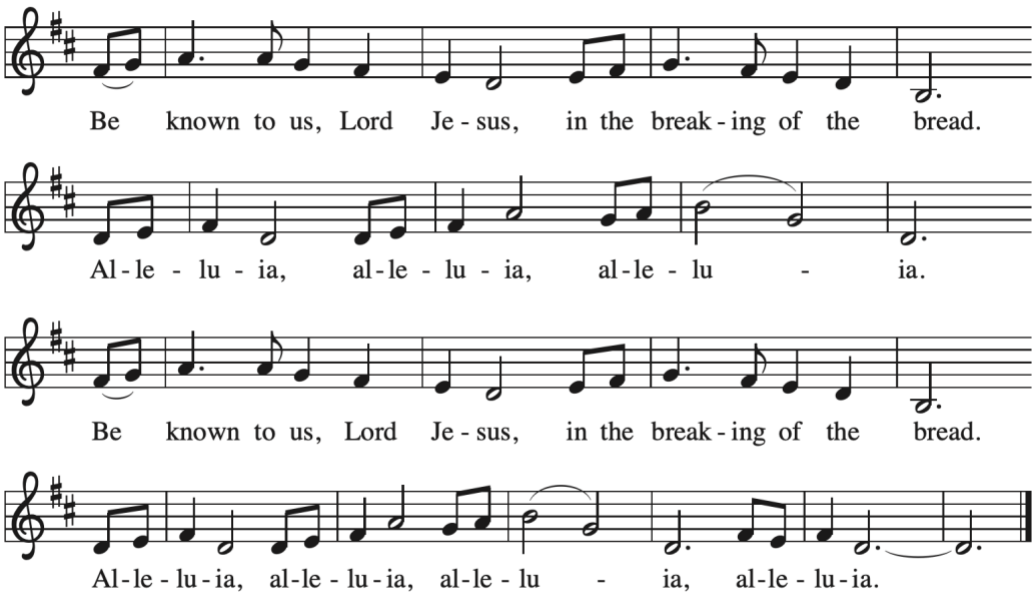
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
Amen.

Please be seated

Be Known to us, Lord Jesus
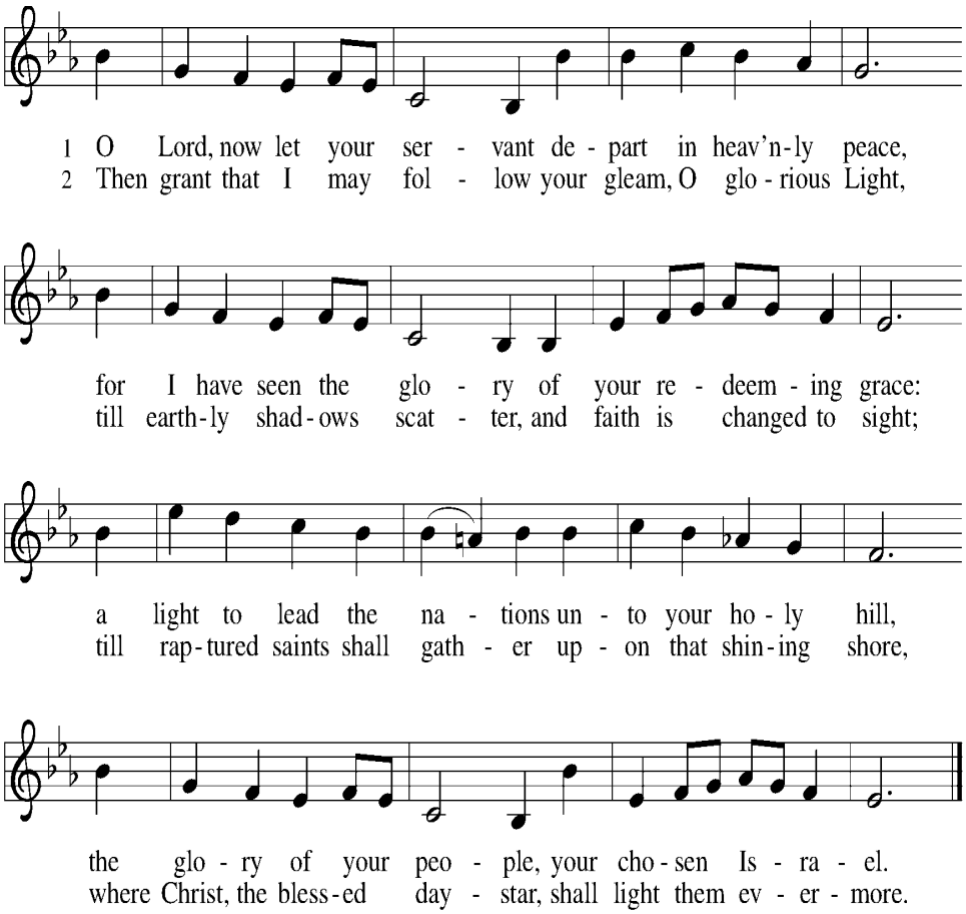


Holy Communion

Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.

COMMUNION HYMNS: 479, 469, 482

Congregation please stand

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



Post Communion Prayer

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world.
Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit
to live your love for others.
Amen.

SENDING

Charge

P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
Do not worry.
With thanksgiving, speak to God your needs
and the needs of this world.
Ponder what is pleasing and excellent.
Rejoice always.

Blessing
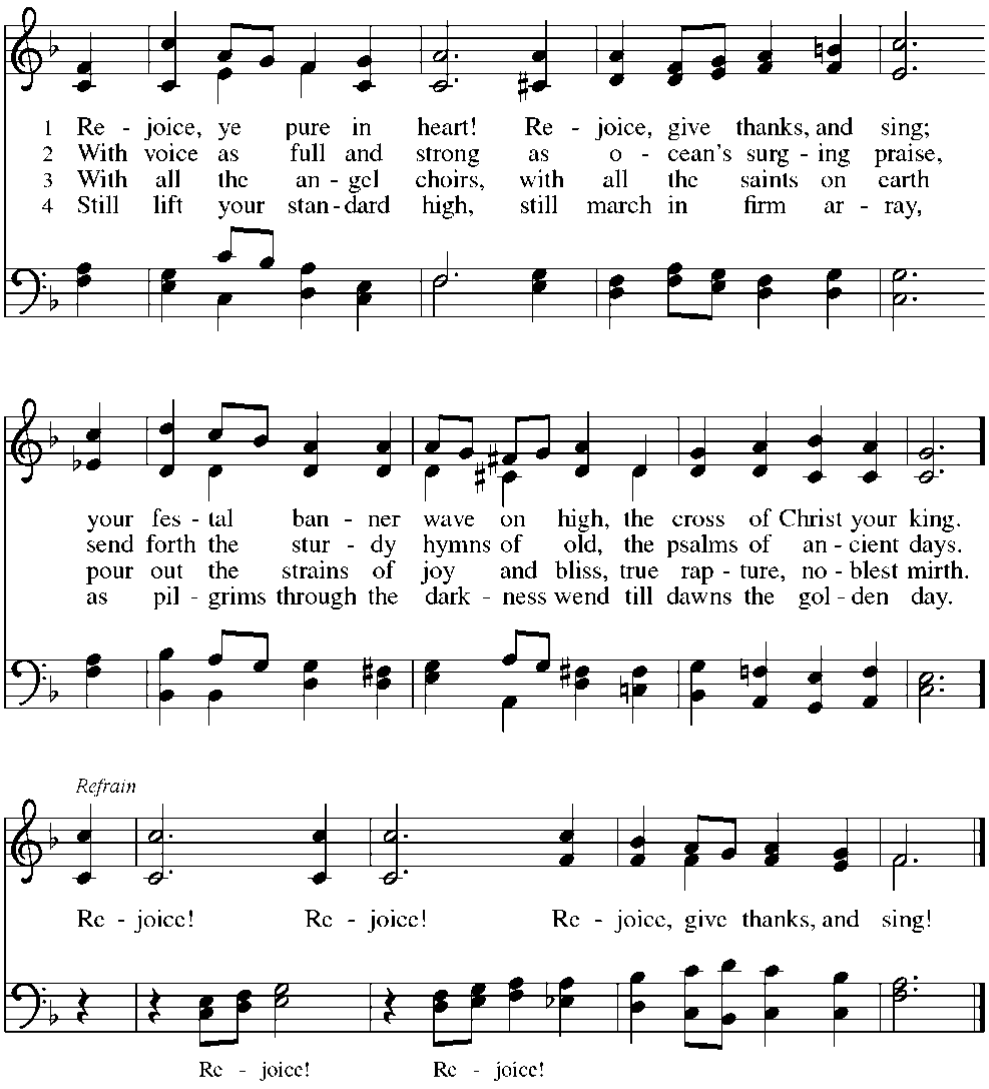
P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

Sending Hymn ***"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*** **ELW 873**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION. Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

P We at Christ Lutheran Church are
C God's called, Loved Children who serve.
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns

Shirley Hoffman, Pat Reich, Elyse Brown, Allan Imler, Sylvia Webb & the Indian Mobile Mission, Join Hands, Loads of Love, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Brian Proctor, Joanne Reisinger, Jackie Maguire, Jack Smith, Cathy Cavanaugh, Charlotte Dyer, Rachelle Gilcrease, Roxy Huss, Karen Ersoz, Darlene Johnson, Marian Hoffman, Ron & Nancy Moore, Chuck Hoffman, Jessie Frye, Carol & Glenn Shumaker, Millie Bell, Lillian Kistler, Hope Kominek, Peggy Paden, Chris Hope, Velma Wittlinger, Lindsey Melnick, Judy Moore, Kristen Gaisior, Charlene McBride, Gay Weller, Frank Valentine, David Siegfried, Sr., John Hofer, Jesse Clouser and Family, David Lozen, Jim & Vicki Smith, Brenda Malek, Sandy Hoover, the family of Helen Huss, George Wolfe, Dan Killinger, Jeff Toburen, Tina Toburen, the family of Jason Taylor.

The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God
By Ernie & Becky Meisel in Honor of Ben on his Birthday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Joe Abate
Next Sunday – Ernie Meisel

Wine – Becky Yohe
Next Sunday – Beverly Reifsnyder

Grape Juice – Jean Tota
Next Sunday – Judy Swartz

Altar Guild – Cindy Brookhart
Next Sunday – Beverly Reifsnyder

Counters – Brianne Chubb, Clyde Tota
Next Sunday – Becky Meisel, Sue Landis

Ushers – Team 3
Bill Brookhart, Joe Kistler
Terry Kuhn, Becky Yohe

Acolytes – Bill Brookhart, Hatch Dobbs, Clyde Tota

SUNDAY, October 11th, 2026
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 11:00am – Holy Communion
Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

MONDAY, October 12th, 2026
Birthday – Ben Meisel

TUESDAY, October 13th, 2026
Bible Study – 1pm – Zoom
Service of Prayer & Remembrance –
Indigenous Peoples 7pm

WEDNESDAY, October 14th, 2026
ELCA Study Session – 6-8pm
At Mt. Zion,

THURSDAY, October 15th, 2026
Birthday – Ken Masser

FRIDAY, October 16th, 2026
Birthday – Bob Hofer

SATURDAY, October 17th, 2026

SUNDAY, October 18, 2026
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion
Bible Study – 7pm – Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering Reminder – Next week is Noisy Offering Sunday.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts – Thanks you to Pam & Hatch Dobbs for delivering CLC's 2026 shipment for LWR to Mission Central Warehouse in Mechanicsburg. 36 quilts & 2 fabric kits! Our quilters are taking a much-needed break. There will be NO quilting for the remainder of 2026.

Trick or Treat – Duncannon's Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8pm. CLC will be handing out treats down on High Street. We are asking for donations of candy or other types of treats…ie: pretzels, cheese balls, anything individually wrapped.

Pumpkin Rolls – Stephanie Hofer will be making pumpkin rolls this year. The cost is $10 each. She will be baking on November 21st and delivery will be November 22nd. You can pick up your order following worship here at CLC. **The deadline to order is November 13th. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.**
Ingredient donations will be accepted: eggs, cream cheese, flour, sugar, 10X sugar, vanilla, butter, real pumpkin in the can (not the pumpkin pie mix). All proceeds come back to CLC.

Reformation Sunday & Potluck Dinner – Reformation Sunday is October 25th. Remember to wear your RED! Following worship we would like to get a photo of the entire congregation. A Potluck dinner will be held following the service.

All Saints Sunday - November 1st is All Saints Sunday. If you have a name/names of loved ones who have passed away that you would like noted in the bulletin, please give them to Cindy B.

Social Ministry Project for October - We are collecting donations for the Perry County Animal Rescue in Millerstown. They have a wish list that you may access by going to their website. Some items are: dry cat food (Purina or GoodLife), dog toys (no rawhide), peanut butter, spray cheese. Cleaning supplies: paper towels, bleach, vinegar peroxide. For a more complete list, please see the website.

Synod Assembly 2027 – Synod Assembly will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12, 2027. If you are interested in representing CLC as a voting member, please see Pastor Jenn or Bill Brookhart. Our congregation will be voting on this at the annual congregational meeting in November.

Pastor Jenn is currently offering a five-week study session to review and discuss the ELCA Social Statement: Human Sexuality - Gift and Trust. The ELCA is currently engaged in a discernment period on possible changes to the statement and seeks feedback from church members like us. The sessions are held on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00.

October 14 @ Christ Lutheran
October 21 @ Mt. Zion
October 28 @ Christ Lutheran
If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Jenn.

October Meetings/Events

October 6 – Finance committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.
October 7 - ELCA Human Sexuality study session @ Mt. Zion 6-8pm.
October 8 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
October 13 – Indigenous People Prayer service – 7pm
October 14 - ELCA Human Sexuality study session @ CLC 6-8pm.
October 18 – Newsletter deadline.
October 21 - ELCA Human Sexuality study session @ Mt. Zion 6-8pm.
October 25 – Reformation Day Potluck Dinner following worship.
October 27 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.
October 28 - ELCA Human Sexuality study session @ CLC 6-8pm.
October 31 – Duncannon Treat or Treat – 6 to 8pm.

November Meetings/Events

November 1 – All Saints Sunday
November 9 – Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom
November 12 – Duncannon Golden Age will meet at CLC. Lunch will be provided.
Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
November 14 – Turkey Dinner - 5pm
November 15 – Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.
November 23 – CLC Book Club Discussion

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 11, 2026
LECTIONARY 28
Welcomed In

A crowd gathered in the church basement like they did every third Thursday of the month. They walked past the kitchen window. They grabbed their plates. They filled up cups of ice water and coffee and swung by the dessert table on their way to folding chairs situated around circular folding tables throughout the room. Conversations bubbled up as old friends greeted each other around the free meal provided, as it was every month. Everyone was welcome, no questions asked.

This image of a free meal in the church basement, attended by any and all comers, is reminiscent of the wedding feast the king gives in today's parable. When those who are invited fail to show up, the king sends his servants out into the entire surrounding countryside to bring to the meal any and all who will attend. The king doesn't check credentials; the king doesn't ask questions. The joy of the wedding feast is open to all.

The parable tells us of one guest without a wedding robe, who winds up outside the joy of the feast. This can cause us to worry or despair. Do we have a wedding robe fit for the kingdom of heaven? What happens to us if we do not? Our baptism in Jesus, however, reminds us that we have no need to fear. We have been clothed not with a robe but with the grace of Jesus, which assures us that we, who have been gathered into the feast of the reign of God, have a place and an inheritance among God's people. Gathered around that table of grace, we too are sent to share the good news and welcome others into the reality of God's reign.