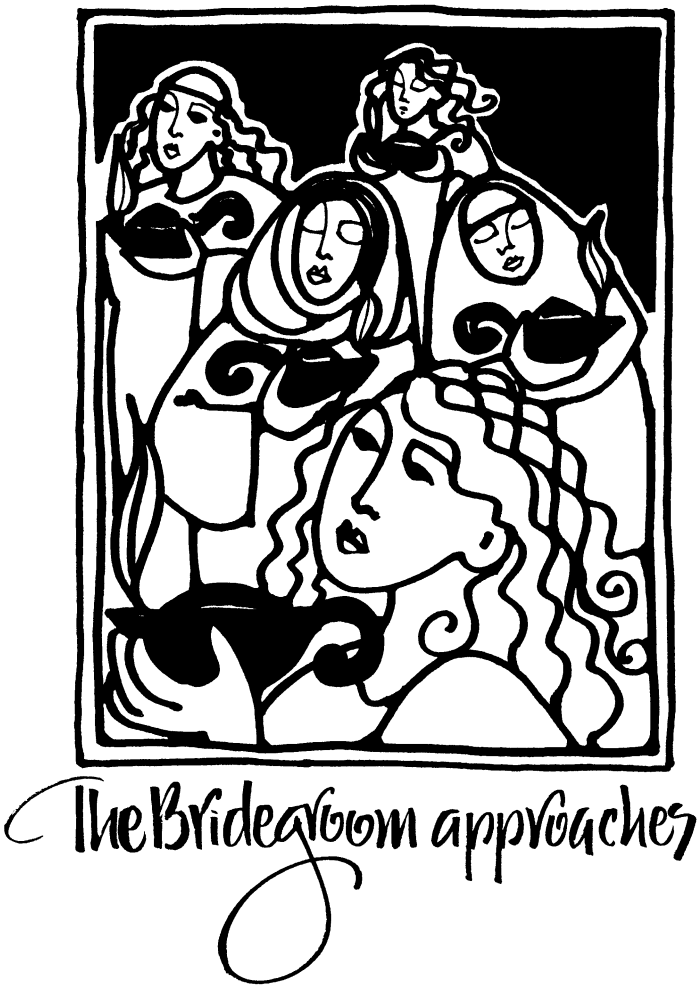
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NOVEMBER 8, 2026
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *There Is a Happy Land (from "Southern Harmony")* - Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

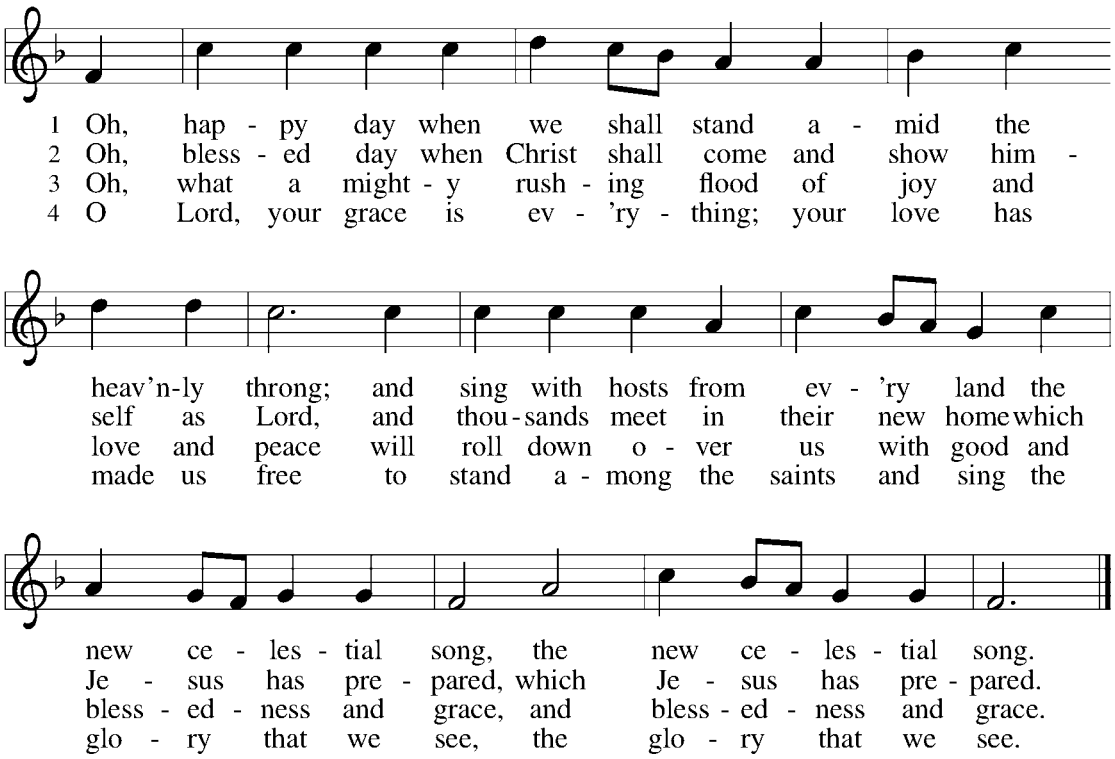
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* (ELW 441)



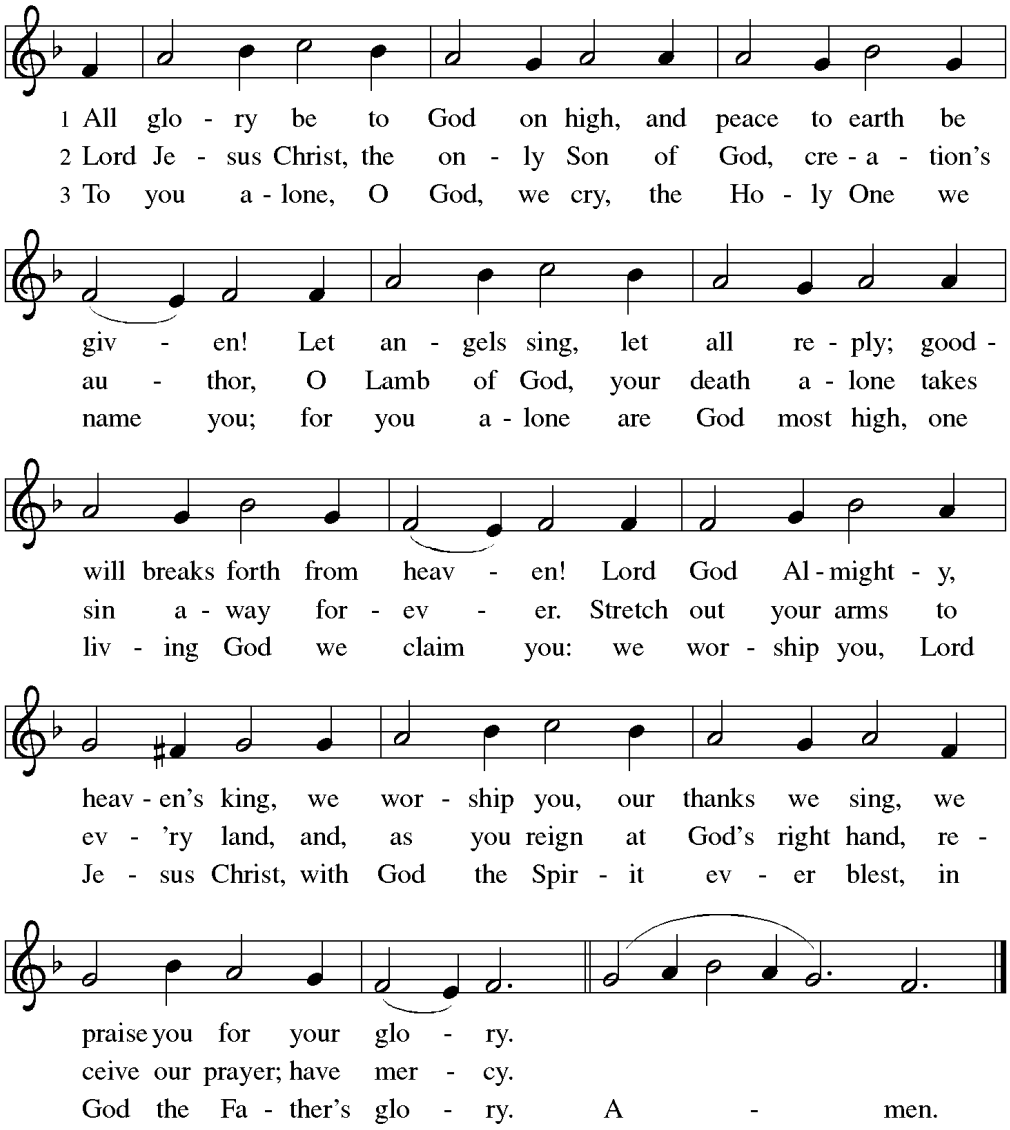
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*GREETING

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 (ELW p. 159)**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *My Lord, What a Morning* - African American Spiritual

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70
(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

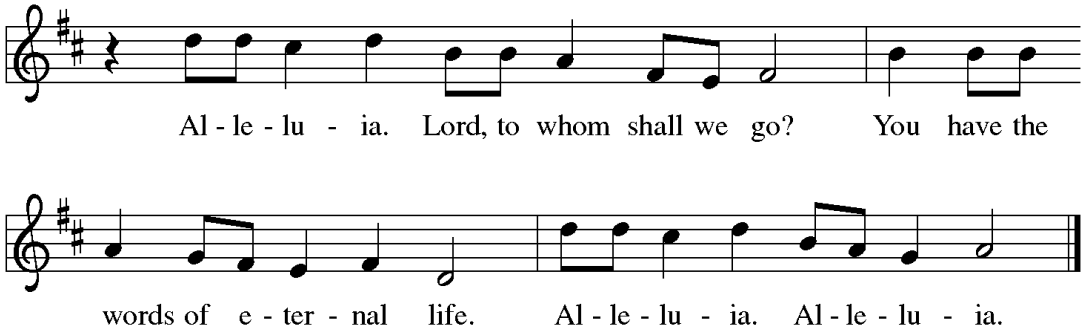
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of
God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.
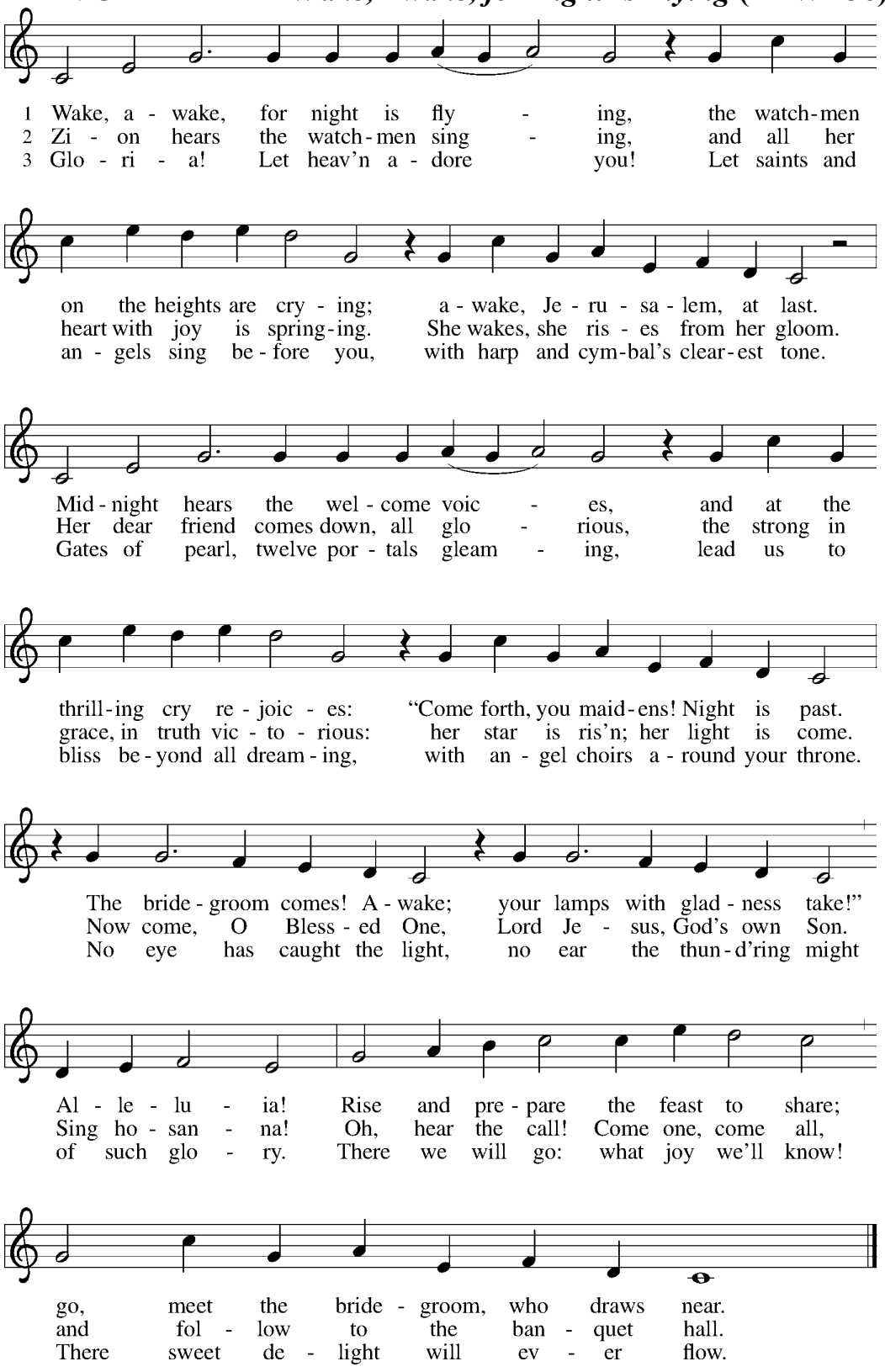
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the
wise took flasks of oil 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."

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

SERMON Rev. Michael Allwein

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (ELW 436)



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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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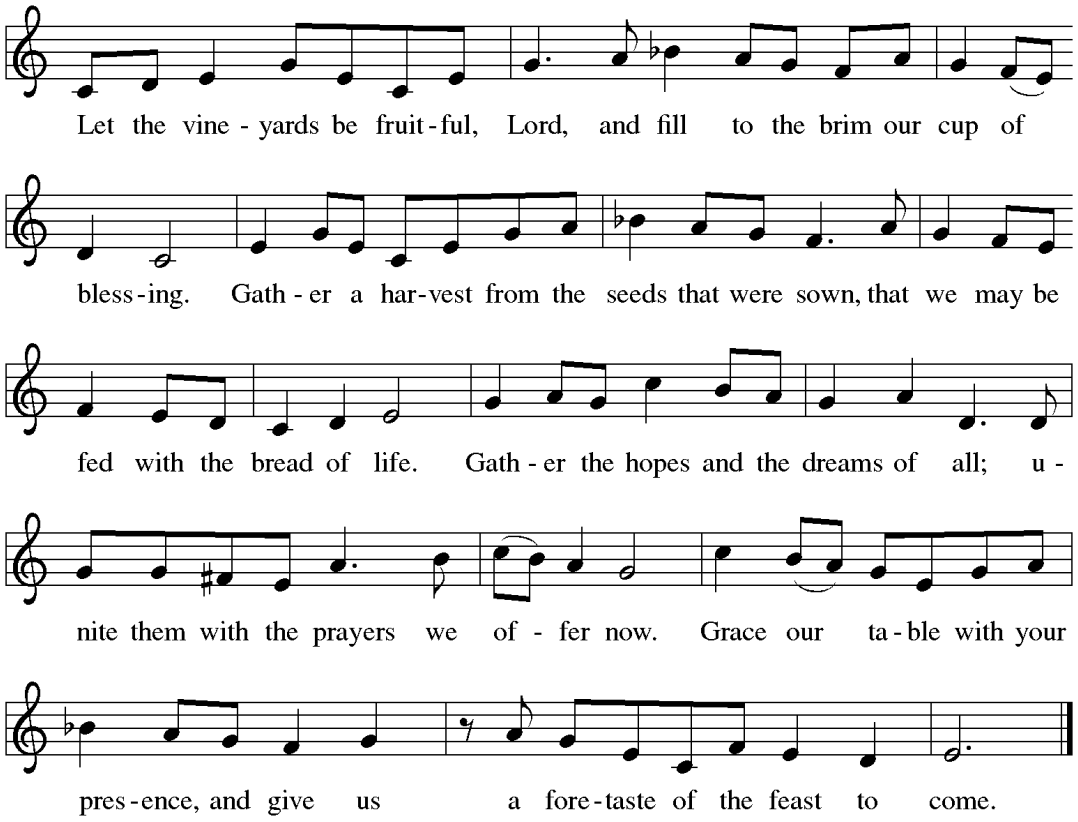
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (please respond)
P: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

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

*OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Hillert)* (ELW 182)



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*OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

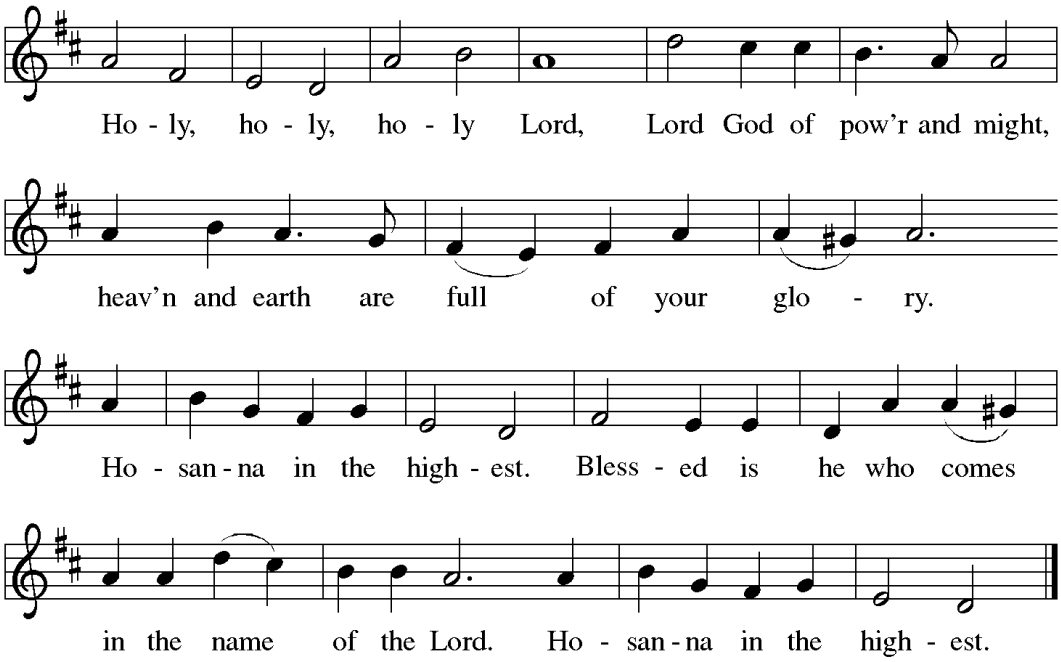
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our 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 (ELW p. 153)



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

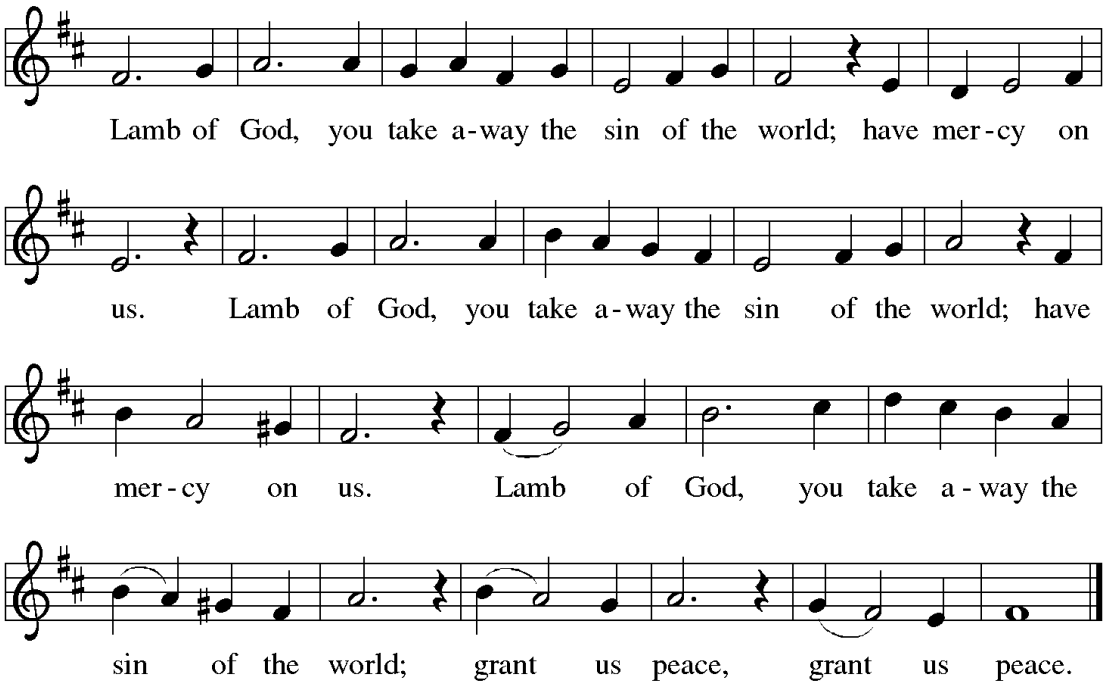
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



COMMUNION TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

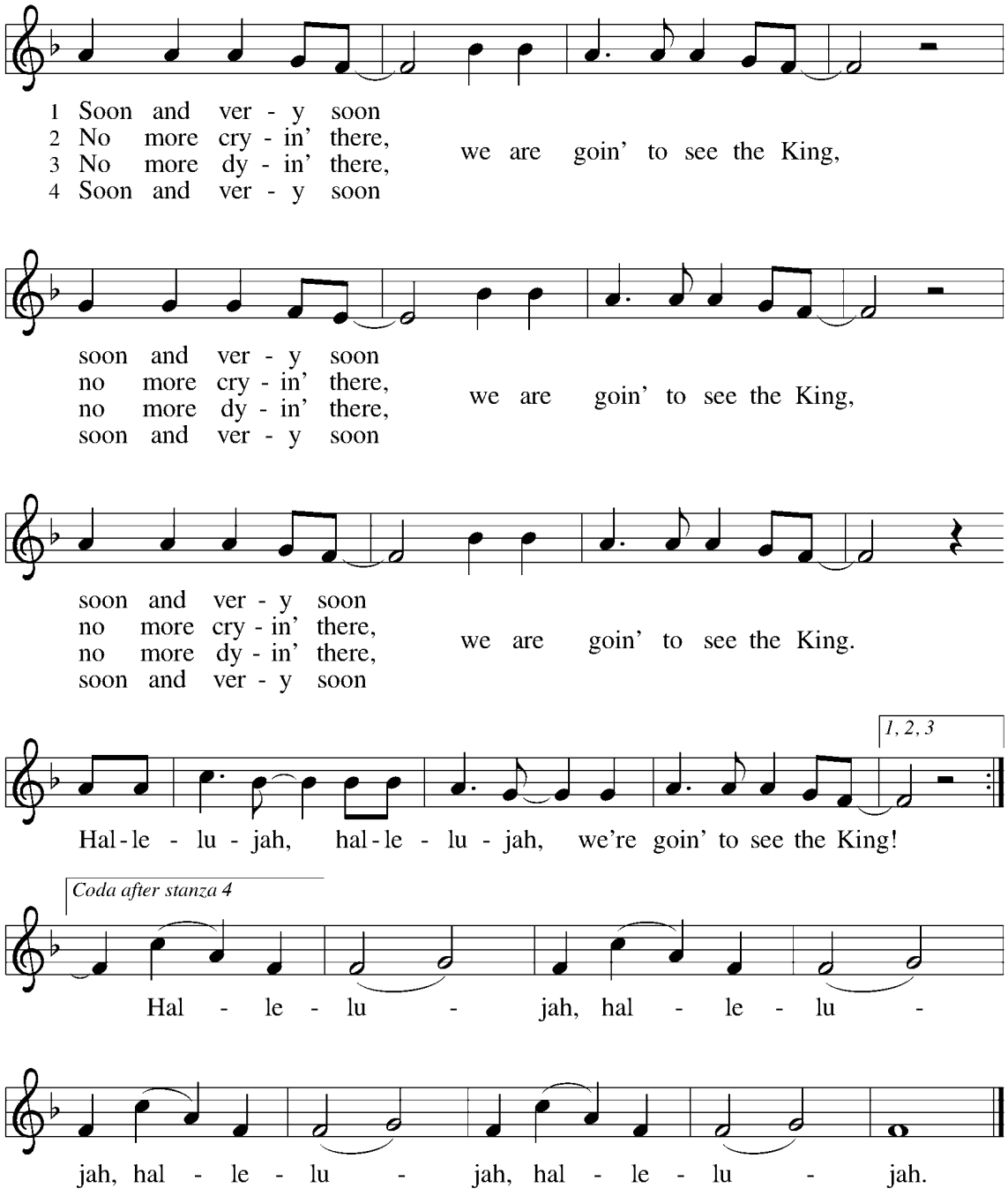
***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.

***BLESSING**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)



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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying* - Johann Gottfried Walther

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God in memory of our dad, Paul Skelly and sister, Bonnie Hudson given by Roxy, Tammy, and Lisa.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Christopher Frye, Dean of the Chambersburg Conference at 717-261-1213 (St. Luke's Church, Scotland).

Please welcome Pastor Michael Allwein with a warm "thank you" for leading our worship service this morning.

If you would like to remember a loved one or honor someone with a Christmas Poinsettia, please use the order form attached to the end of the bulletin. **Today is the last day to hand in your order.**

Prayer requests for the following: *Donald Detwiler, Clif Rau, Glenn Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Ellie Martin, Ina Shreiner, Dick & Vicki Reichard, Dick Amt, Phil Johnson, Betty Amt, Marie Dovey, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Sam Brooks, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: ***We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.***

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

November 9 - Council 7pm
10 - Christian Ed 7pm
12 - Choir 7pm
14 - Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7pm
15 - Congregation meeting following service

Book Signing

Pastor Mike has recently published a short memoir based on one of his cruise excursions. On two Sundays in November when Pastor Mike will be preaching here (today following worship and on November 22) he is willing to offer a book signing, selling the book for $20 and giving $15 to a "cause" designated by the Solomon Council. Below is a description of the book.

Reflection by a Cruise Ship Chaplain

Although this is a memoir of a cruise excursion from Seattle to Sydney, part diary and part spiritual journal, it is so much more! These are thoughts, misgivings, wonderings, conflictual musings and calming daydreams. Each day at sea offers a fresh horizon and a gentle reminder that life is a journey of body, soul and mind. We experience moments of serenity and flashes of improbability, yet the ocean teaches us to trust even when we cannot see what lies ahead and what lolls below. We are reminded that every person on board carries a distinctive and exceptional story. A chaplain's ministry is found not only in worship but also in unobtrusive and unpredicted conversations, listening with an open heart, celebrating life's joys, and offering comfort in the midst of life's sorrows or worries. Sometimes the greatest gift is simply presence. In a world that too often moves at breakneck speed, this memoir offers the invitation to slowing reflection, embracing the beauty and noticing the potential danger surrounding and supporting this floating jamboree, continually nudging an appreciation of each new day. This is not a book to be read in a day; rather, a daily devotional to be read slowly, rooted in Spirit and Truth.

Please see sign-up sheets in the Sunday School Room for help with the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Social Ministry has a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School Room for Salvation Army Ringing the Bells on Monday, November 30 at the Butcher Shoppe. If you are willing to serve, please sign up.

Required meeting with the bishop, on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:00 pm. in the church. Members are encouraged to attend.

The 36th Annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination will take place on **Saturday, December 5th.** This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later than 8:30 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. For further information please contact Bonney Coldsmith.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is November 14th. Menu: roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, and water. **Price:** Adults $17.00, Children (5-11) $7.00, Under 4 – Free. **Serving time** is 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

Attention all members – Please plan to attend our upcoming Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 15 immediately following our worship service. We will be electing church council members and approving the church's budget for 2027.

Attention all members – Please plan to attend our upcoming Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 13 immediately following our worship service. We will be casting our second vote to leave ELCA and join The Association of Free Lutheran Churches.

Social Ministry is collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry during the month of November. Items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, Kleenex, etc. Please place items in the container under coat rack next to mailboxes.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Power Pack Meals - Social Ministry is once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2026-2027 school year. Please place the items in the container in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put *Power Pack Meals* in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope and mark *power pack*.

The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Many songs have been inspired by happy times, but today's Hymn of the Day, "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying," was inspired by the worst of times. Philip Nicolai was a Lutheran pastor in Unna, Germany when the plague did its terrible work in the winter of 1597-1598. The plague took the lives of more than 1300 people in his community. He kept busy all winter conducting funerals and comforting the sick and grieving. He wrote this hymn as an encouragement—a statement of faith in the coming of the Christ who overcame death on the cross—and who overcomes death for us as well. In most cases, a poet writes the words to a hymn and a musician adds the tune. However, in this case, Nicolai wrote both words and music. Johann Sebastian Bach came across Nicolai's hymn and made some small changes to make it more singable. In the process, Bach also helped to popularize it. The hymn was based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. Although not our Gospel reading today, the hymn still relates to our readings. "Be on guard…be alert at all times" are phrases from today's Gospel reading. The opening stanza calls the followers of Christ to be roused and alert for His Second Coming. Stanza 2 describes the joyous scene when the Bridegroom returns and takes His bride, the church, into the wedding feast. Finally, the third stanza adores the Lamb of God and describes the glorious scene in heaven, as given in Revelation 19 and 21, where the saints will worship in song forever. (sermonwriter.com; hymnary.org).

Our sending song this morning, "Soon and Very Soon" is a gospel hymn written by Andraé Crouch in 1971, emerging from the heart of contemporary gospel music while firmly rooted in biblical hope. The hymn expresses joyful anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ and the believer's future reunion with the Lord. It has a simple, repetitive structure that gives it both emotional power and congregational accessibility, allowing today's worshipers to sing with confidence and expectation. The text reflects the promise of Christ's return found in Revelation 22:12, where Jesus declares that He is coming quickly. The repeated phrase "soon and very soon" reinforces the believer's posture of watchfulness and hope, reminding the Church that Christ's coming is the great fulfillment toward which all history moves. "Soon and Very Soon" has become a beloved hymn across denominational lines, frequently sung in worship services, funerals, and revival gatherings. Its enduring impact lies in its clear biblical foundation, its joyful certainty of Christ's return, and its ability to unite congregations in a shared confession of hope. Through this hymn, believers are reminded that the Christian faith looks forward, with confidence and joy, to the day when they will see their King face to face (Hymnallibrary.org).

2026 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to complete the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Order deadline for **red, white, or marble (pink & white)** poinsettias is November 8, 2026. Cost is $9.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot (4-7 blooms)

The Christmas Poinsettias in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
have been donated by:

_____
(name)

Red _____ White_____ Marble _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total Poinsettias ordered _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th ***after the evening service***.
Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.