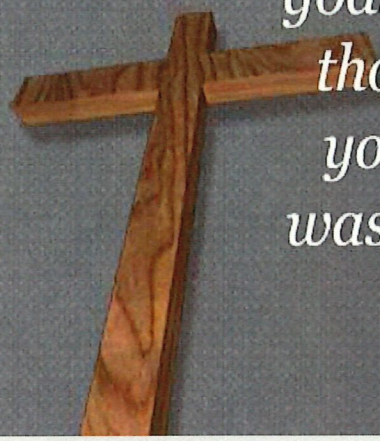
Matthew 25: 31-46

Matthew 25 *31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne.32 The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats. 33 He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created.*



First Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026

CHRIST THE KING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

DIADEMATA *Matthew H. Corl*

Trumpet Tune on Crown Him with Many Crowns

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: On this Sunday our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

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

The assembly kneels.

Silence is kept for reflection.

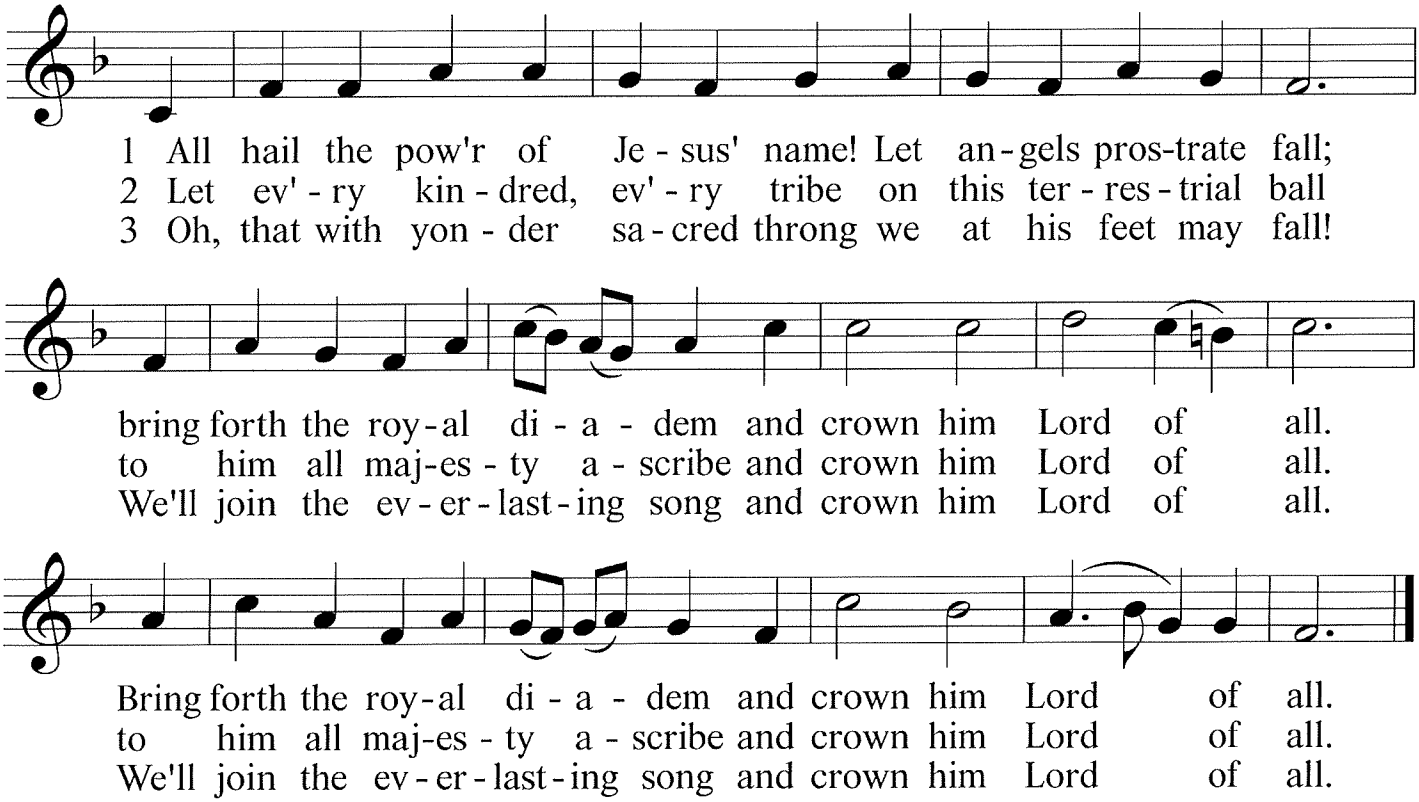
PM: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

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.

PM: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!* *ELW # 634*



GREETING

PM: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray.
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world
you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BELLS OF PRAISE

CORONATION *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* *Bill Ingram*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING *EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24*

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

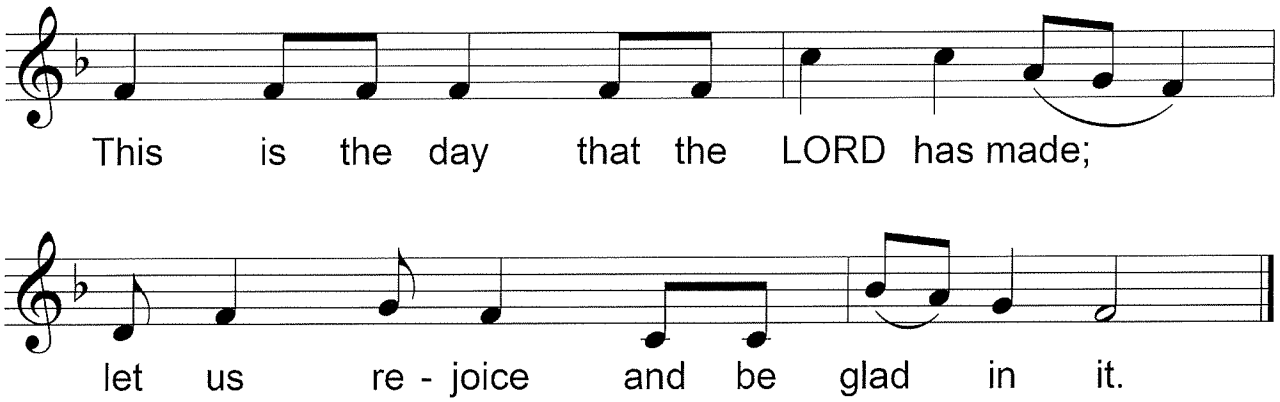
AM: A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-fourth chapter.

[11] Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
[12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been

scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

AM: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24*



The Cantor will sing the verses.

[1] Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.
[2] Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever." [14] The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation. 15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly! [16] The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!" [17] I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. ***Refrain***

[18] The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
[19] Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD. [20] "This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter." [21] I give thanks to you, for you have| answered me and you have become | my salvation. ***Refrain***

22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone. 23 By the
LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the |
LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING *EPHESIANS 1:15-23*

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

AM: A reading from Ephesians, the first chapter.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and
for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a
spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of
your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of
his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the
dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in
this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has
made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills all in all.

AM: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL *MATTHEW 25:31-46*

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and
the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you
who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave
you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his
left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the
devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and
you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked
and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then
they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will
answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you
did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous
into eternal life."

PM: The gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

REFLECTION ***PASTOR MARK SCHURING***

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O CHRIST, WHAT CAN IT MEAN FOR US* *ELW # 431*



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us.
Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent,
stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care.

Each petition concludes:

PM: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

PM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

PEACE

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

ALL SAINTS NEW *David Paxton*

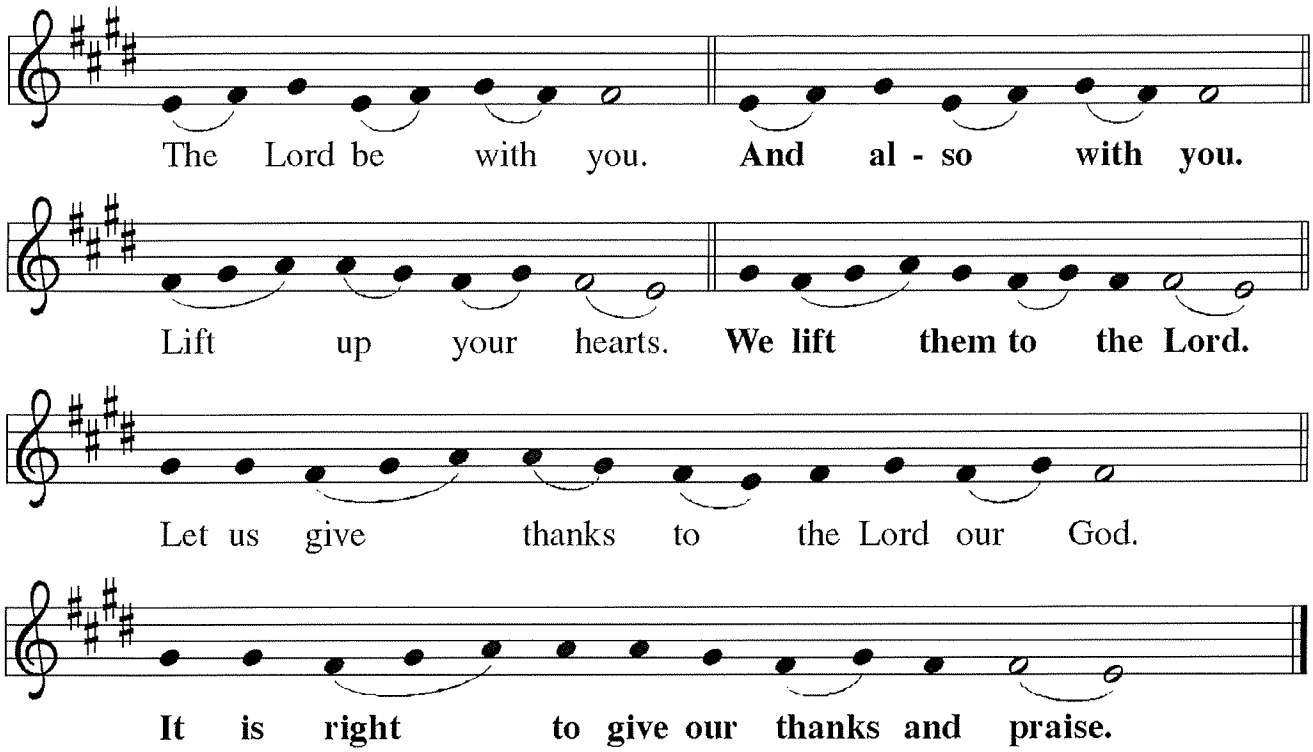
O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



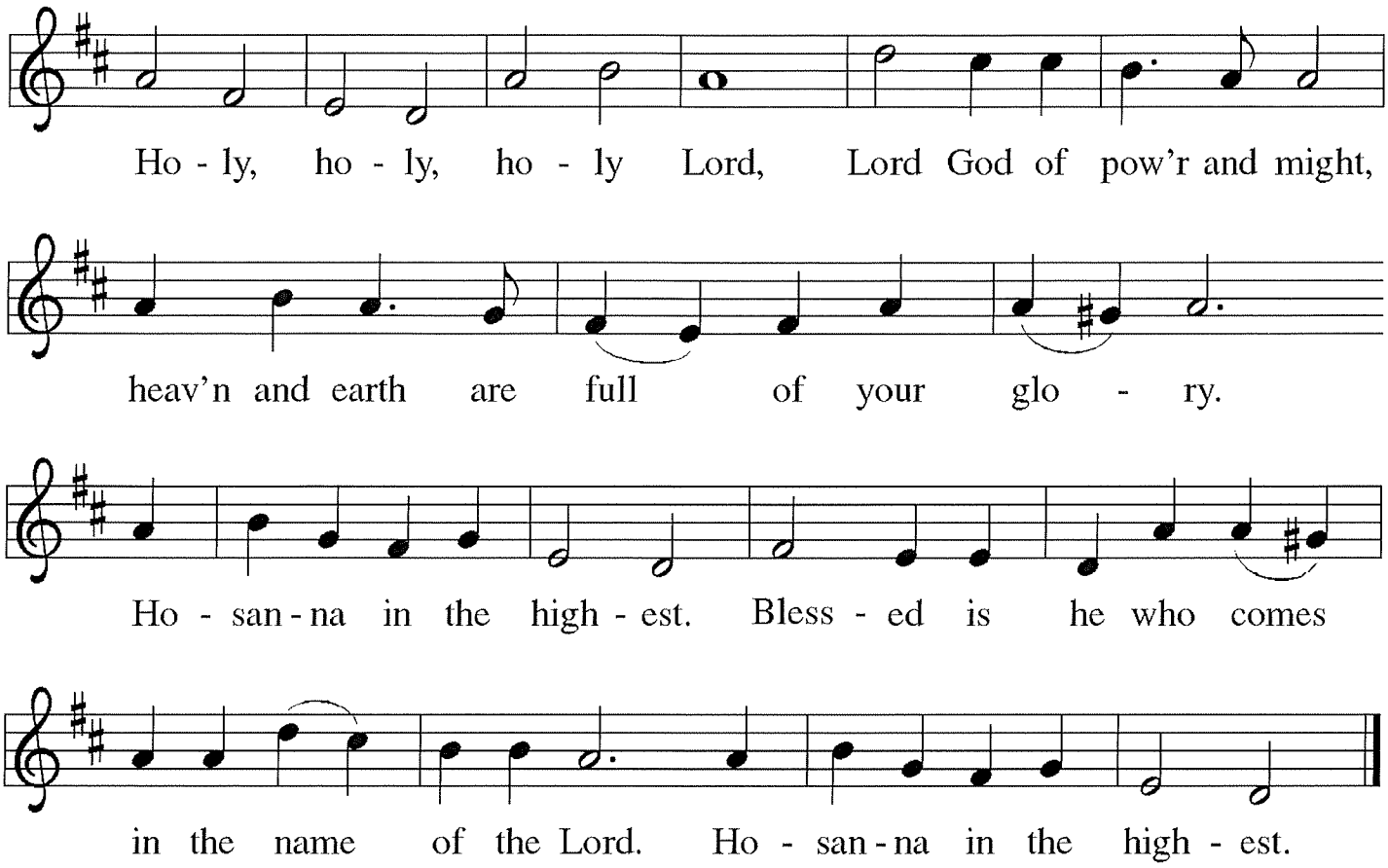
PREFACE

PM: 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.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PM: 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.

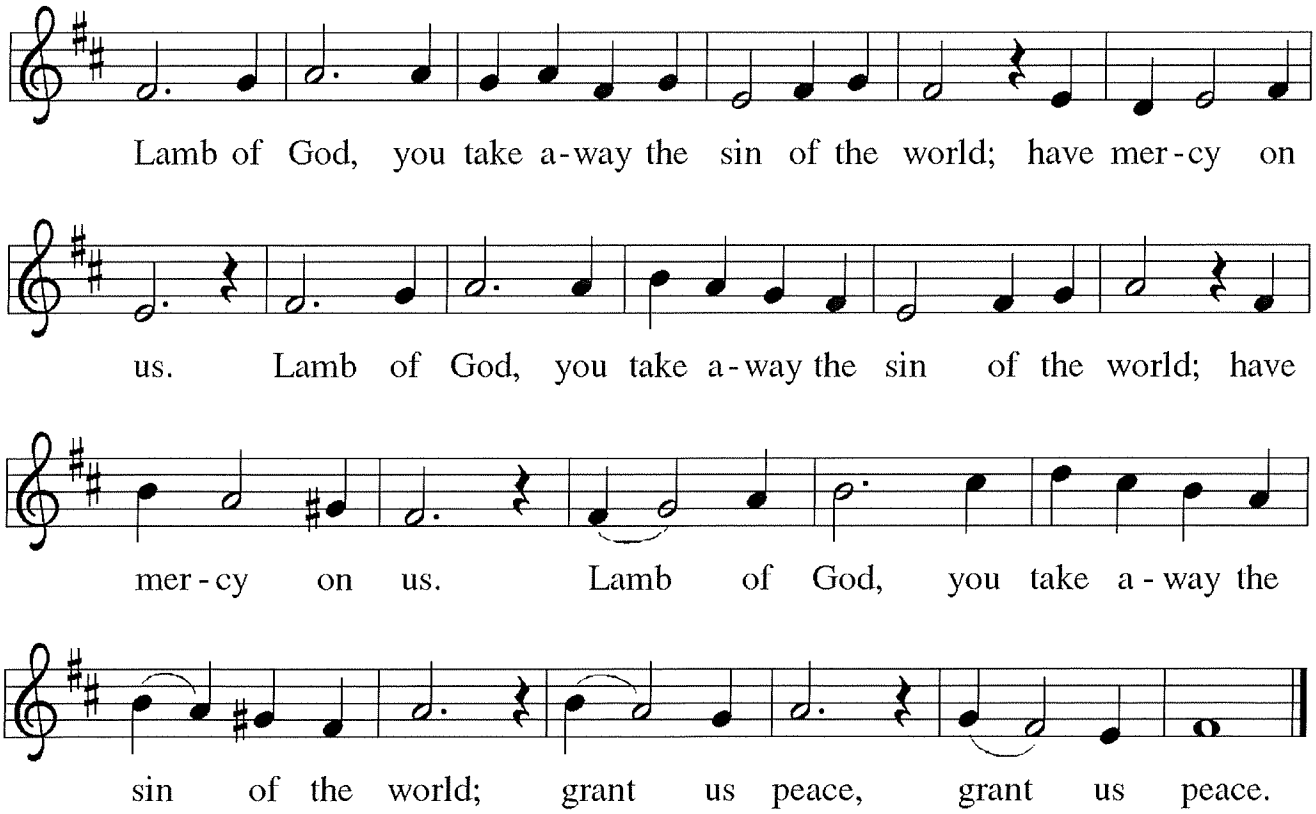
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: 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.

LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

The assembly is seated.

Communion is distributed in two manners
✝ *You may commune in your pews.*
Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

✝ *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION SONG *FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION* *ELW # 679*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

TABLE BLESSING

PM: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.
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.

C: Amen.

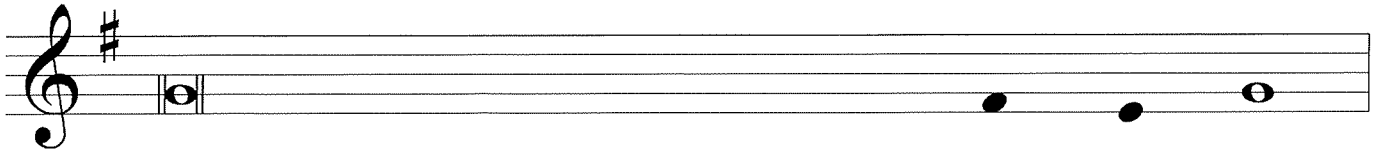
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

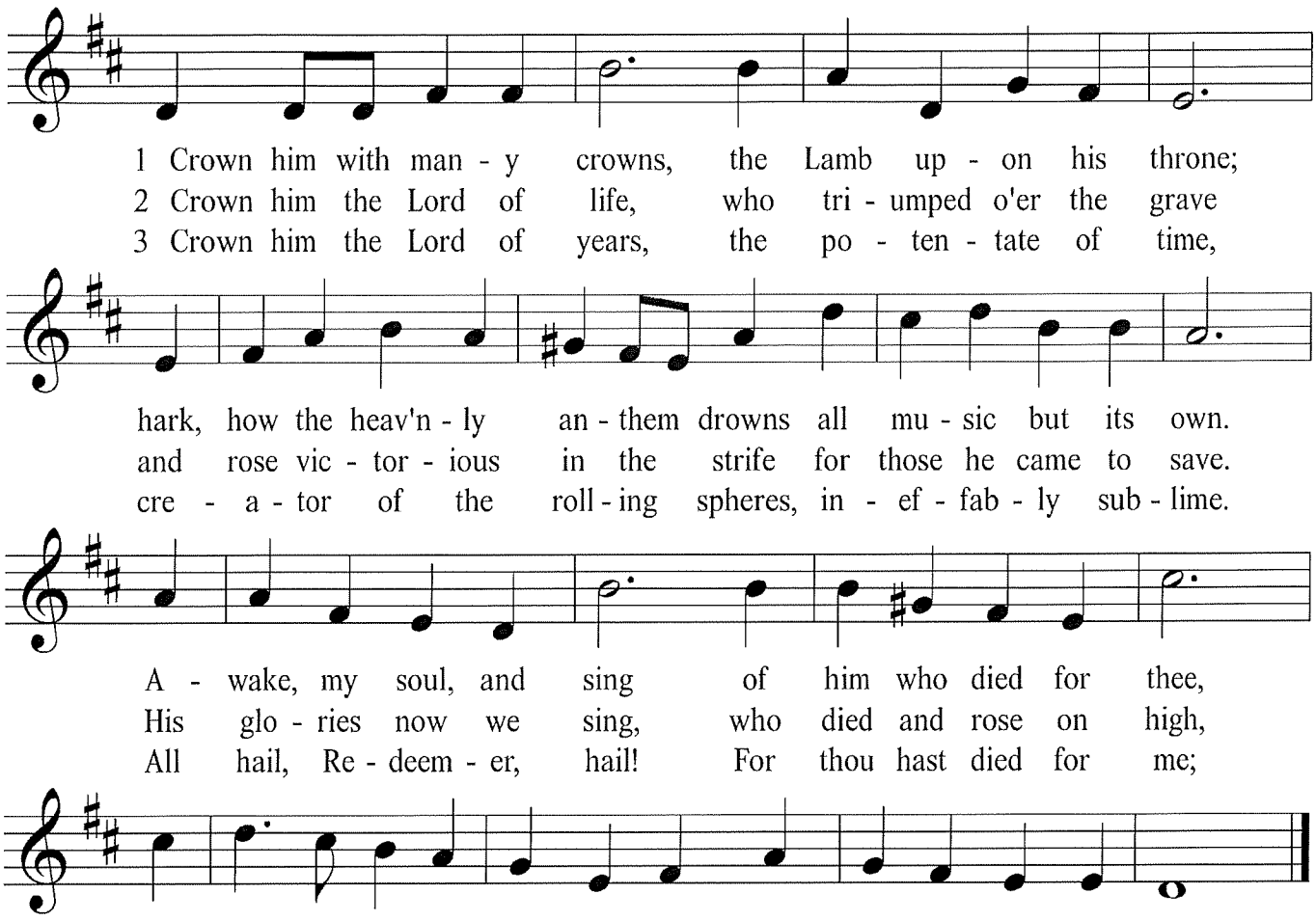


The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



A - - - men.

SENDING SONG *CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS* *ELW # 855*



DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.
PM: Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

CORONATION *Wayne L. Wold*

Partita on CORONATION
V. Trumpet Finale

Events in Review

Sunday	**Nov 15**
10:00 AM	Christ The King
Monday	**Nov 16**
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30 PM	Bookworms
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 17**
Wednesday	**Nov 18**
5:30 PM	Council Mtg
Thursday	**Nov 19**
1:00 PM	WOFB
Friday	**Nov 20**
Saturday	**Nov 21**



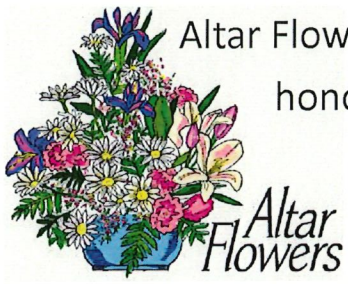
If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next Week

Sunday	**Nov 22**
10:00 AM	Bountiful Feast after Service
	Decorating for Christmas
Monday	**Nov 23**
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 24**
Wednesday	**Nov 25**
Thursday	**Nov 26**
	THANKSGIVING
Friday	**Nov 27**
Saturday	**Nov 28**



Bountiful Feast returns on November 22nd after service. We will be decorating for Christmas. So it should be a fun time.



Altar Flowers were given today in honor of **Beth Myers**

By her family

TOLEDO SYMPHONY

TSO returns December 15th at 7pm.

Those interested in tickets, please call Ruth Scott at 419 447-1029



Reminder about the Thanksgiving Basket donations. List of needed food items can be found in Hallway along with a basket to place them in. Please submit by/on November 22nd.

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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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