

First Lutheran Church

November 22, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

WIE LIELICH IST DER MAIEN — *Dietrich Wierczeyko*

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

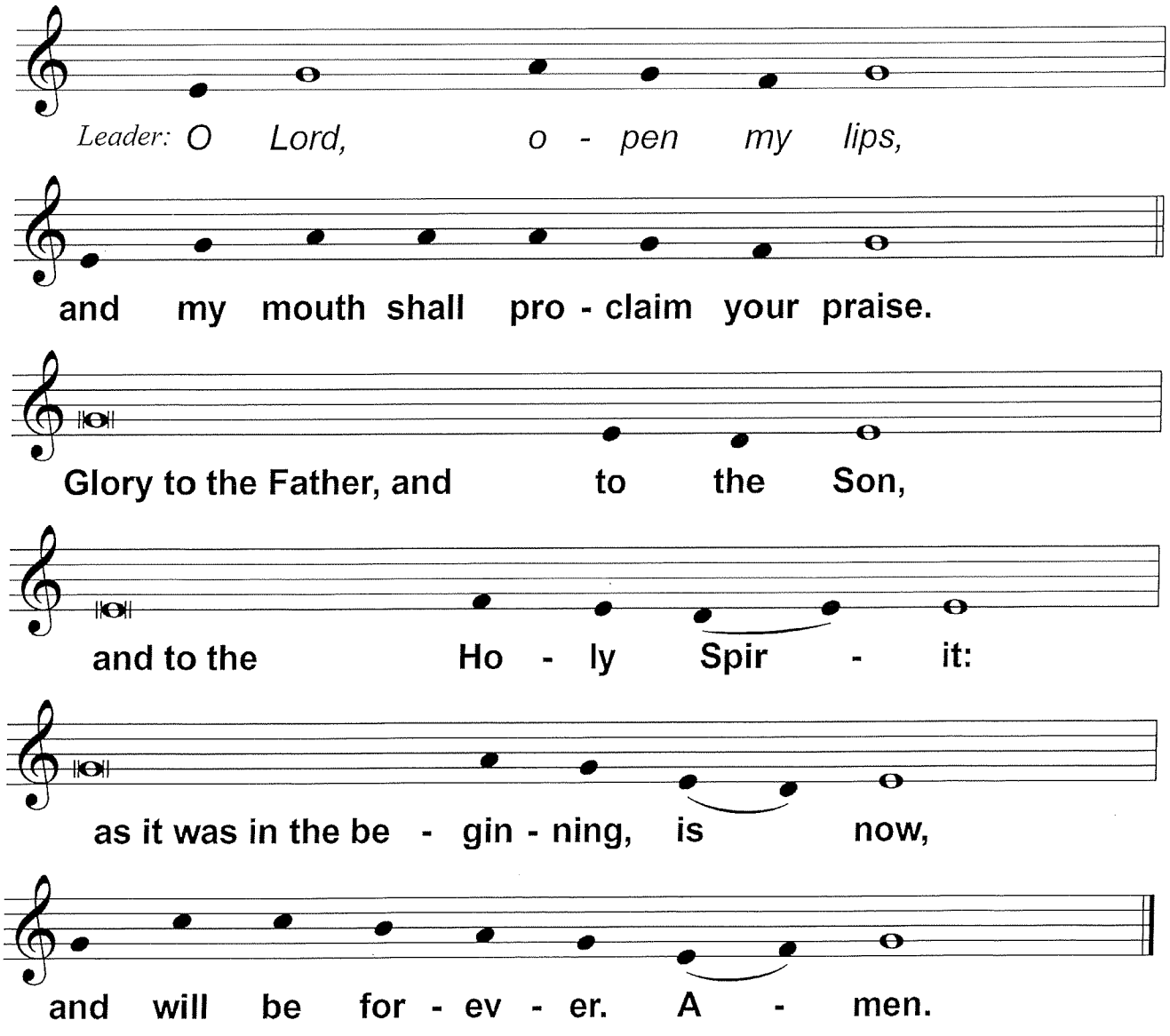
MORNING PRAYER

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

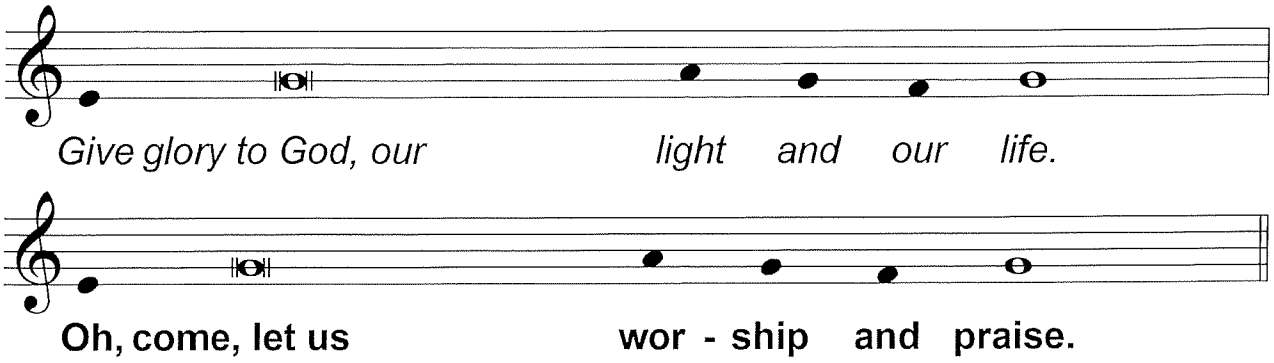
AM: At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

OPENING



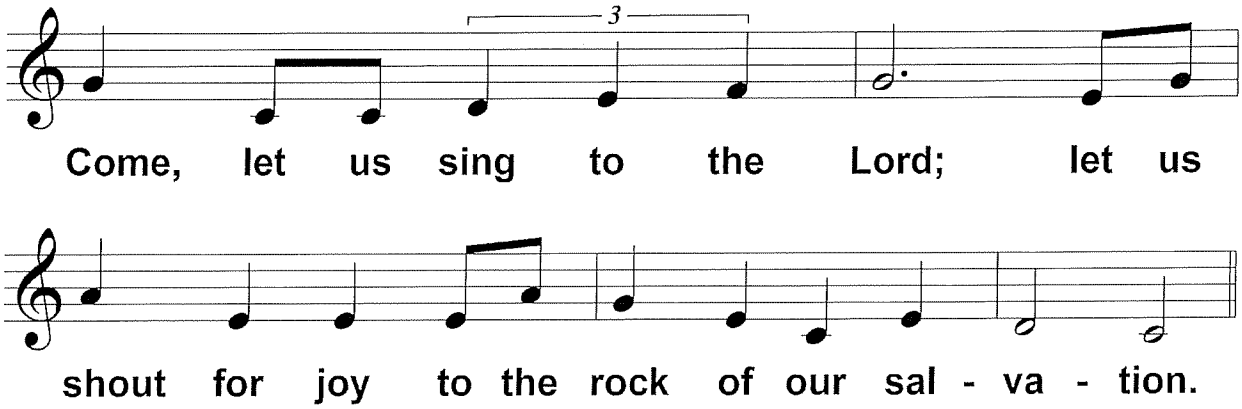
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INVITATORY



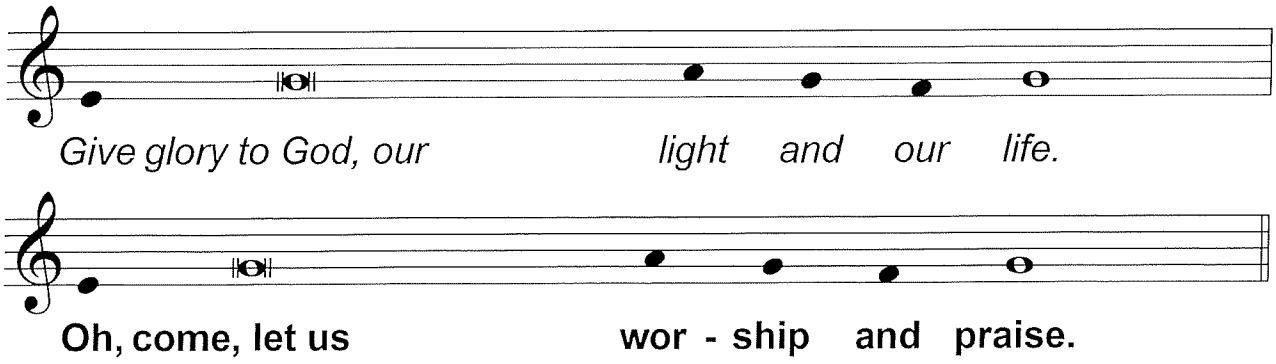
MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BELLS OF PRAISE

ST. GEORGE WINDSOR *Jason W. Krug*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING *DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18*

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

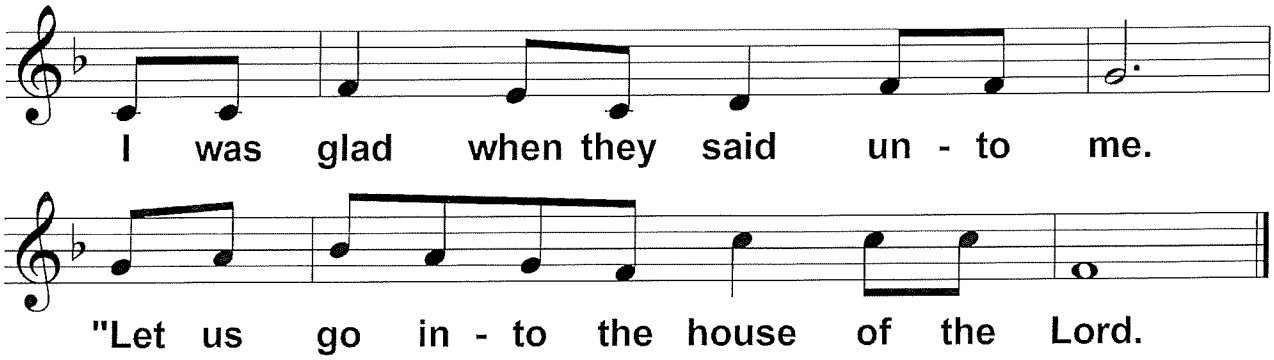
AM: A reading from Deuteronomy, the eighth chapter.

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams,
with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat
and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,
9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land
whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat
your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. 11 "Take
care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments,
his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have
eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and
flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is
multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great
and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He
made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that
your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you
good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten

me this wealth.' [18] But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

AM: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *PSALM 122:1-9*



The Cantor will sing the verses:

[1] I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."
[2] Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
[3] Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;
[4] to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. ***Refrain***

[5] For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.
[6] Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. ***Refrain***

[7] Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.
[8] For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.
[9] Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." ***Refrain***

SECOND READING *2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15*

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

AM: A reading from 2 Corinthians, the ninth chapter.

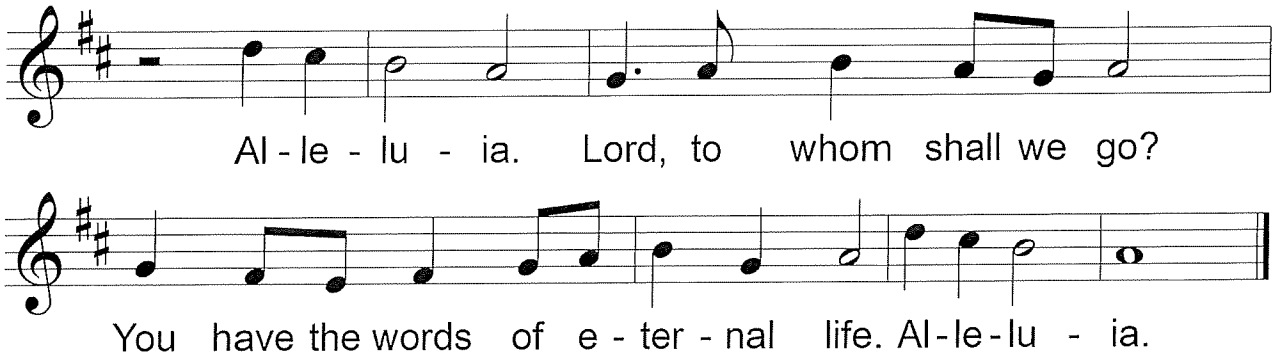
[6] The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

[8] And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [9] As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."[10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, [12] for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. [13] Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

AM: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.
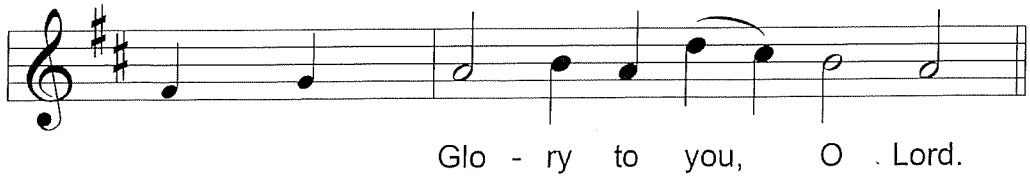
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL *LUKE 17:11-19*

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.
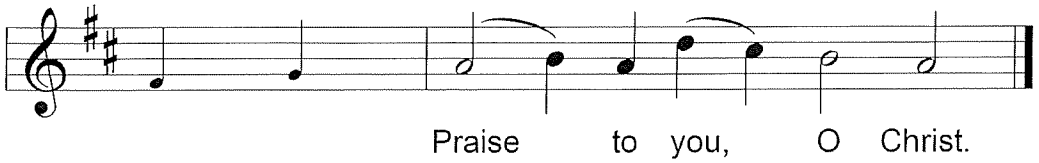
PM: The Gospel according to Luke:



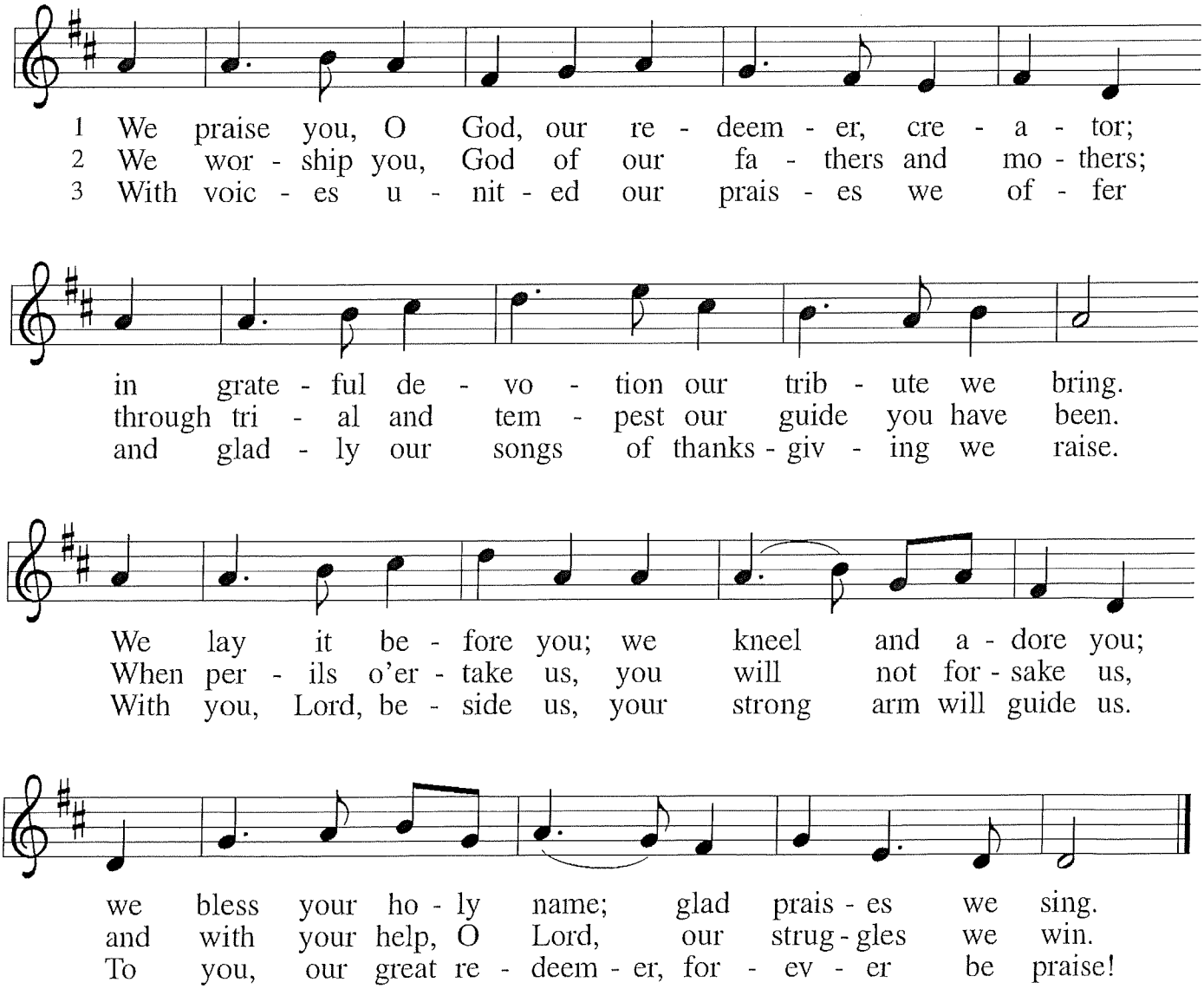
[11] On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. [12] As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him.

Keeping their distance, [13] they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
[14] When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And
as they went, they were made clean. [15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16] He prostrated himself at Jesus's
feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. [17] Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten
made clean? So where are the other nine? [18] Did none of them return to give glory to
God except this foreigner?" [19] Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your
faith has made you well."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY *WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD* *ELW # 870*

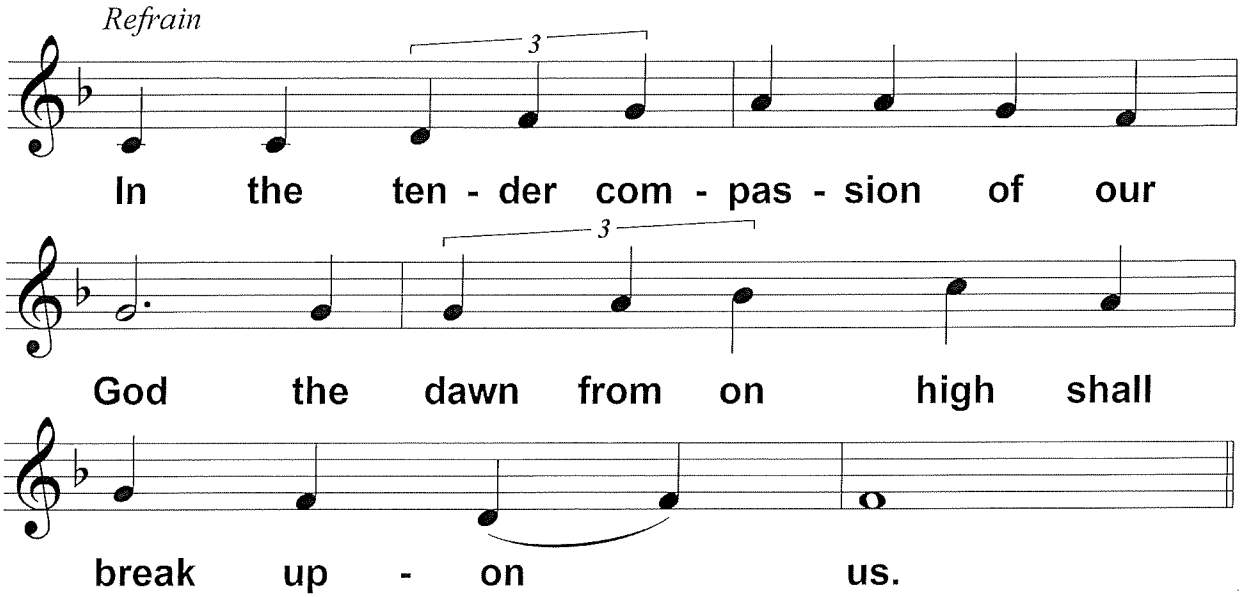


The assembly is seated.

SERMON ***PASTOR ROGER M. GIESE***

The assembly stands.

CANTICLE



The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLE'S CREED

PM: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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.

The assembly is seated.
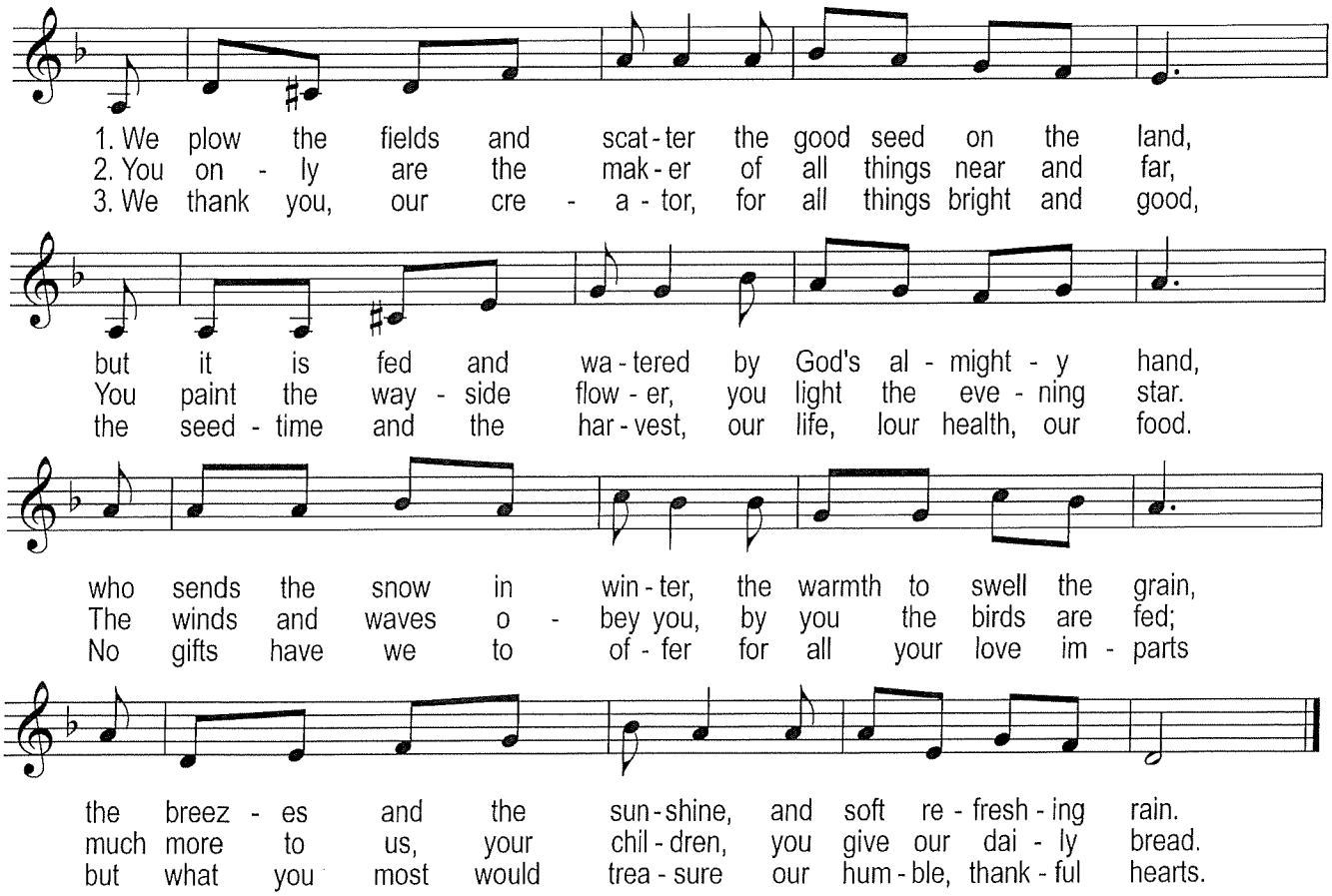
OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

THE ASH GROVE *Robert A. Hobby*

Let All Things Now Living

The assembly stands.

OFFERING SONG *WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER* *ELW # 680*



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.

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: We give thanks for the communion of the church.
Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people.
Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We Pray together:

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

We are grateful for your 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.

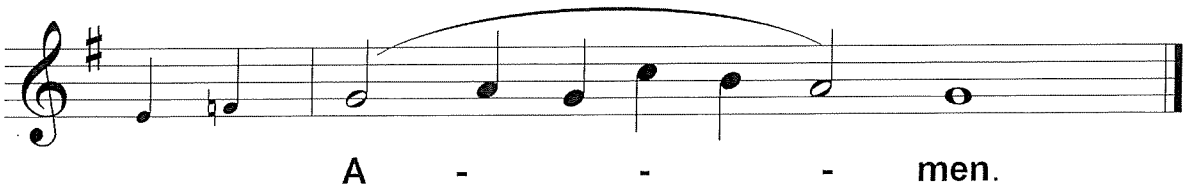
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
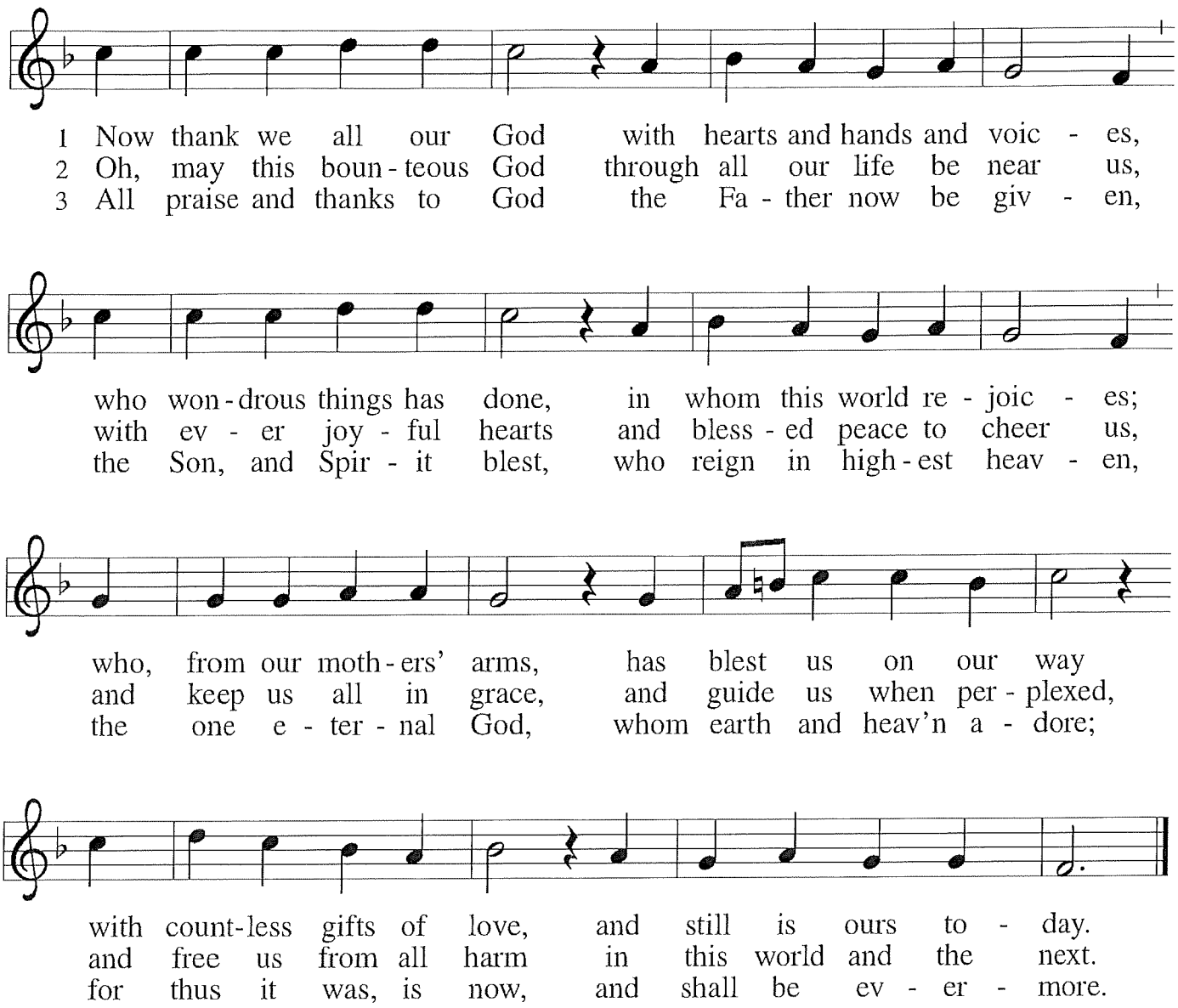
Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

PM: 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.



SENDING SONG — *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD* — *ELW # 840*



DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.
PM: Live lives of grateful thanksgiving to the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT — *Sigfrid Karg=Elert*

Chorale on Now Thank We All Our God

Events in Review

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**



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 29**
10:00 AM	Lessons & Carols
	Tuba Christmas
Monday	**Nov 30**
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Dec 1**
Wednesday	**Dec 2**
	ADVENT
Thursday	**Dec 3**
Friday	**Dec 4**
Saturday	**Dec 5**

Bountiful Feast

returns TODAY after the service. Please stay and enjoy the fabulous meal and company.

We will also be decorating for Christmas. So it should be a fun time!!!

TSO returns December 15th at 7pm.

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

TOLEDO SYMPHONY

Piece Corp is looking for new members and flat sheets for the filling of the LWR quilts.

TUBACHRISTMAS

November 29, 2026

All are welcome to participate either in the audience as a listener or as a tuba player. If participating, registration is $15.00 starting at 2 p.m. with rehearsal to follow at 3 p.m. The performance will begin at 4 p.m. Admission is free for those who want to watch and enjoy the merriment from the audience.



Reminder about the Thanksgiving Basket donations. List of needed food items can be found in Hallway along with a basket to place them in. Today is the last day to donate.

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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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