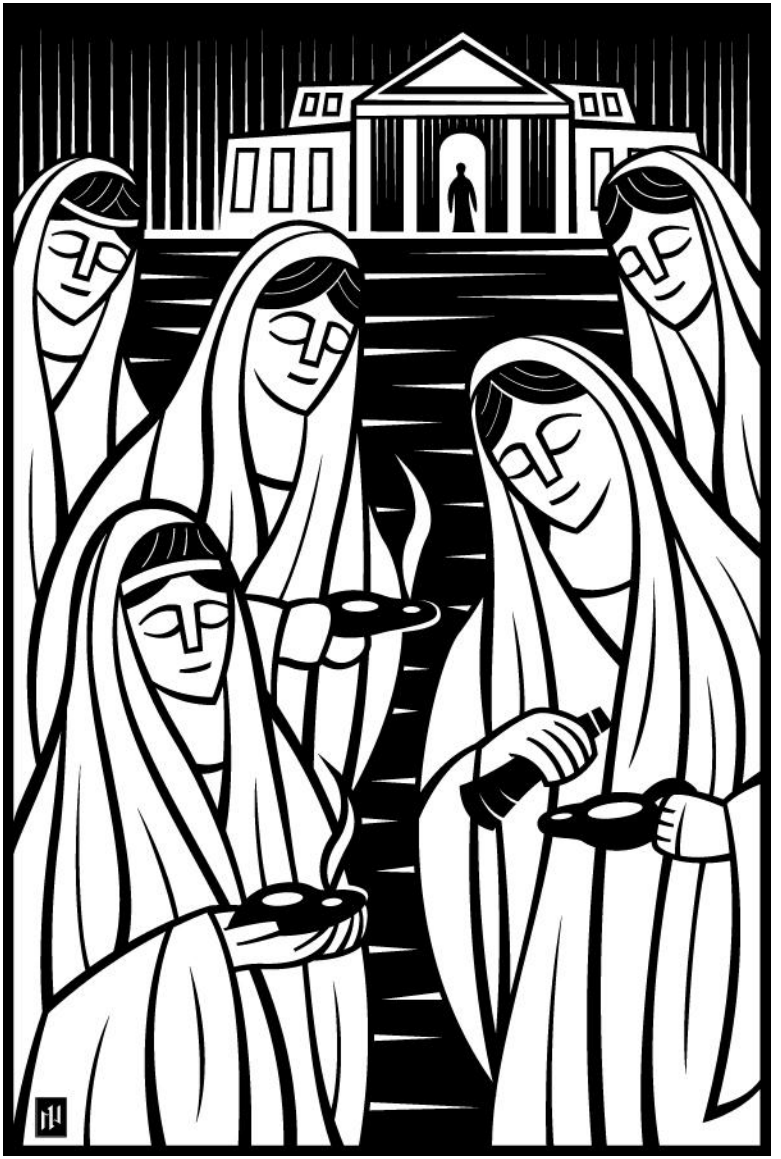
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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November 8, 2026

WELCOME

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and our Lord Christ Jesus. We're glad you found your way to us. If you're feeling lost, please be sure to reach out to your neighbor, and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We hope you feel welcome and comfortable at Town and Country.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very delighted you are here today. We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, encourage, and bless you all. At Town and Country, we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and giggle a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed. Children are always welcome.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please sit toward the front where your children can easily see. Encourage them to note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus is doing here promises to engage them.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to join in on parts. *Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father!* These belong to them, too.
- Be sure to sing, speak, and pray your parts also as you sit and stand. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here with us!
- If you need any help, please ask. There are many people here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing with you in Jesus words, **"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Luke 18:16-17 ESV)**

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three (LSB 184)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION **LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING** | *LSB 336*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stand

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

ABSOLUTION *[John 20:19–23]*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C **How lovely is your dwelling place,**
O LORD of hosts!

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
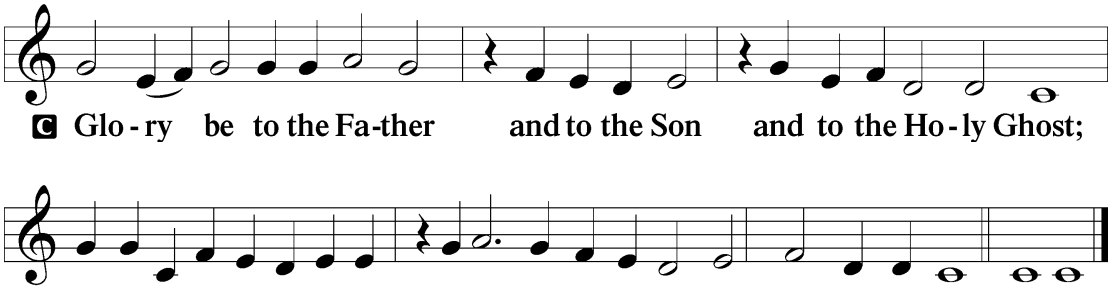
P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C **O LORD of hosts,**
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
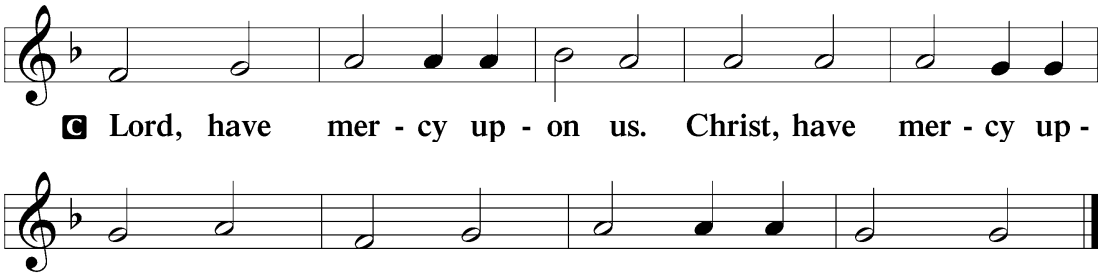
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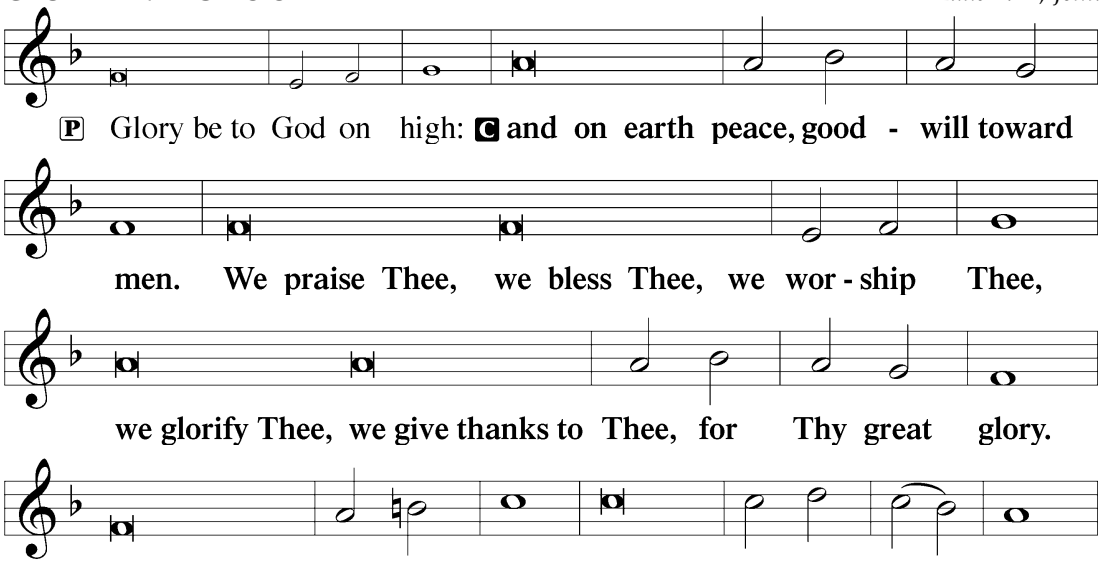
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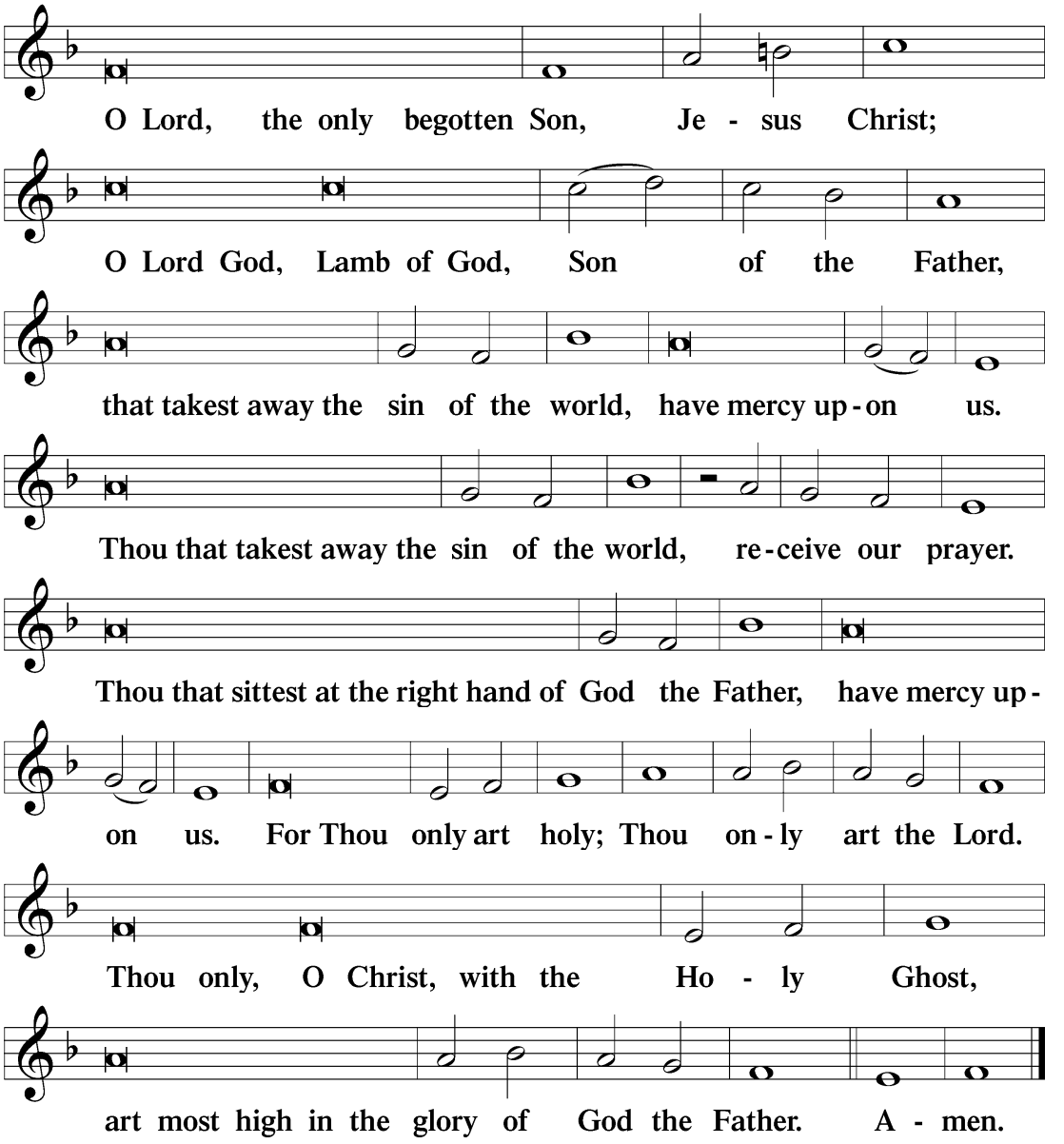


KYRIE *Mark 10:47*



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18–24*

A The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 5.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
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 peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

A The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY *Matthew 25:13*

P Alleluia.

C **Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For
when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks
of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and
slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying,
'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for

yourselves.’ [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12]But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

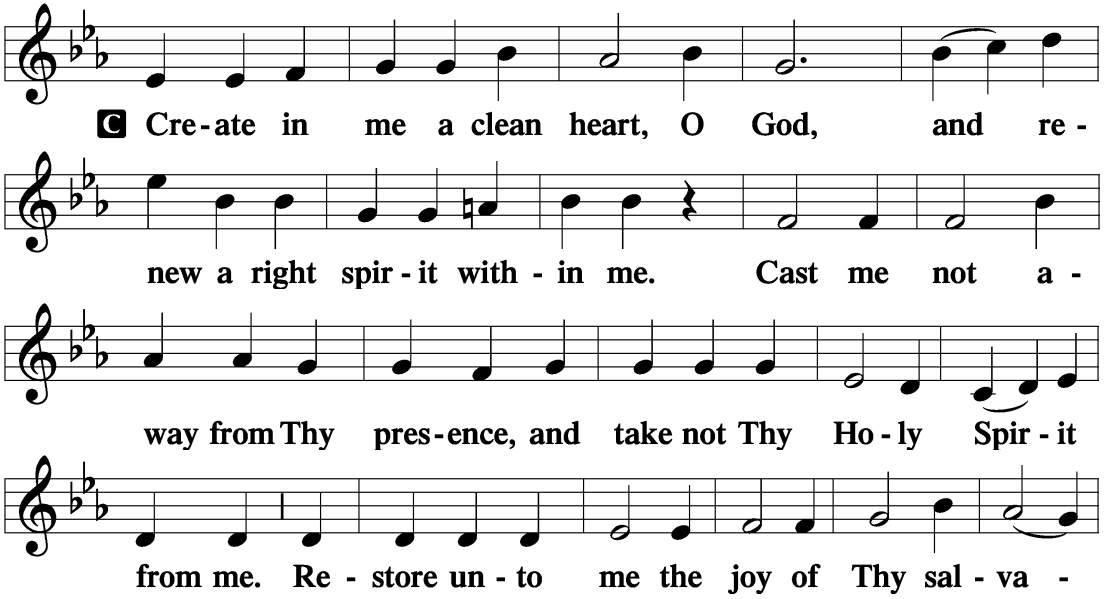
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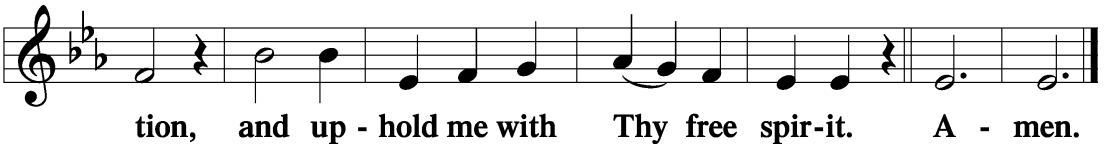
HYMN OF THE DAY **WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING** | *LSB 516*

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10–12*





Sit

OFFERING **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** | *Hand Bell Choir*

To help us know you and meet your needs, please fill in the ***Worship Attendance Card*** *found in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

The close and response to each petition is...

P Lord, in Your mercy,

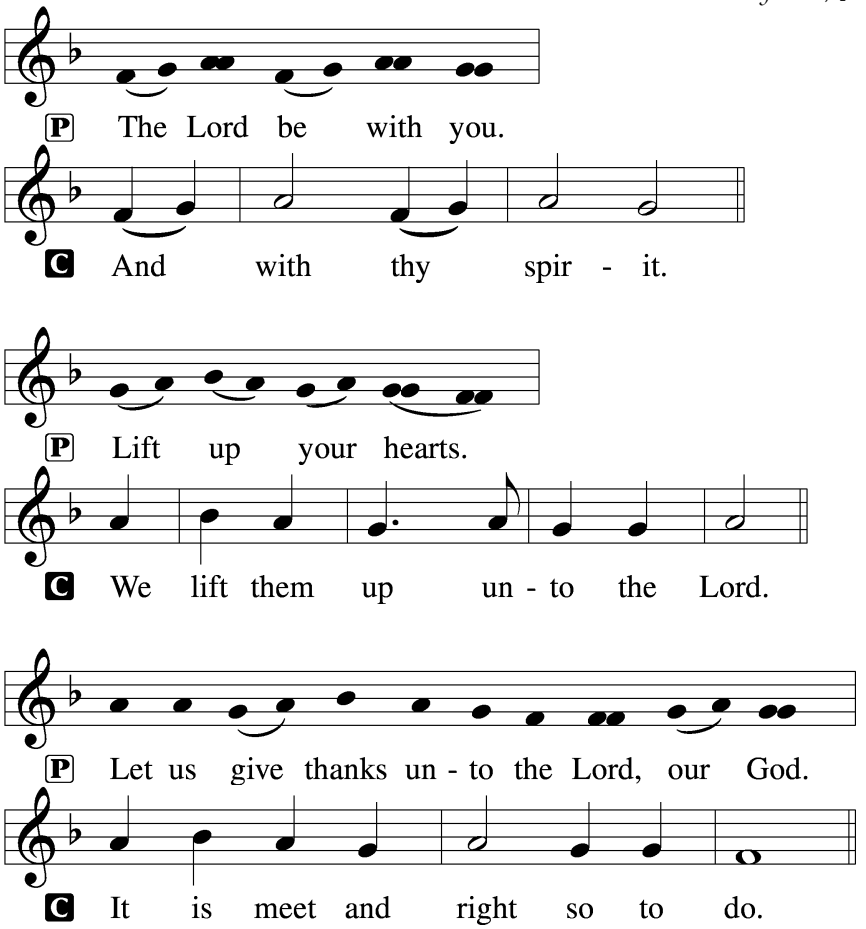
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayer concludes...

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

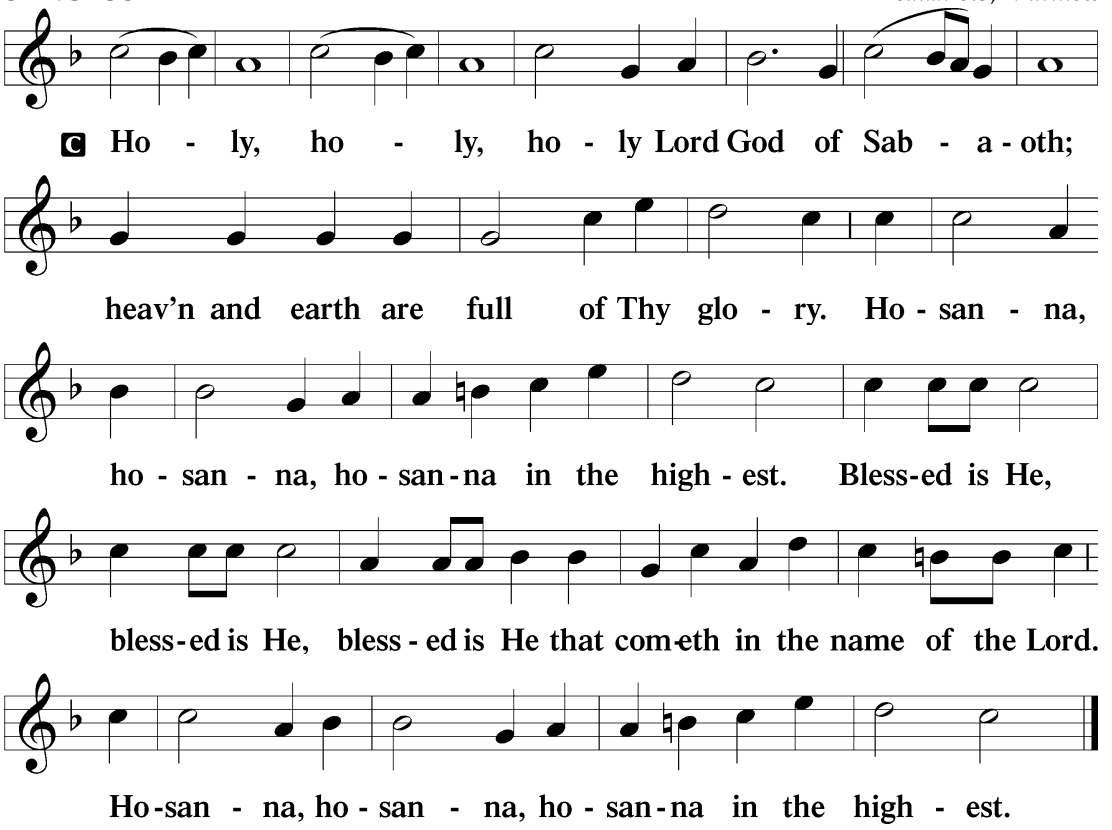


PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

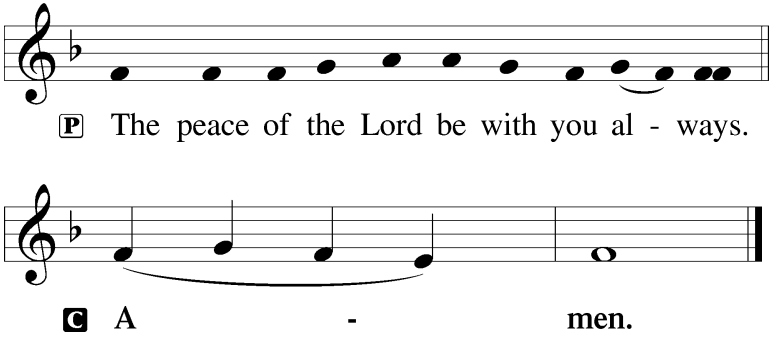
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

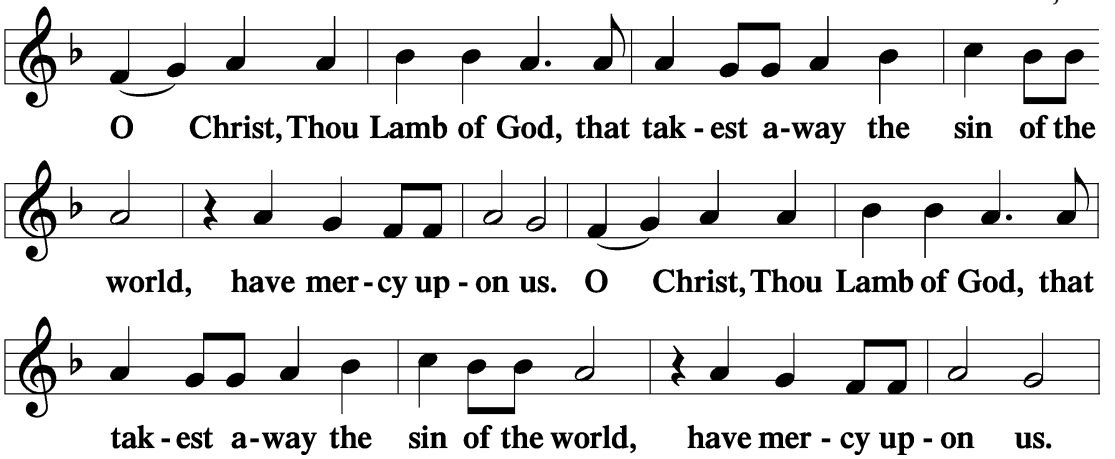
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

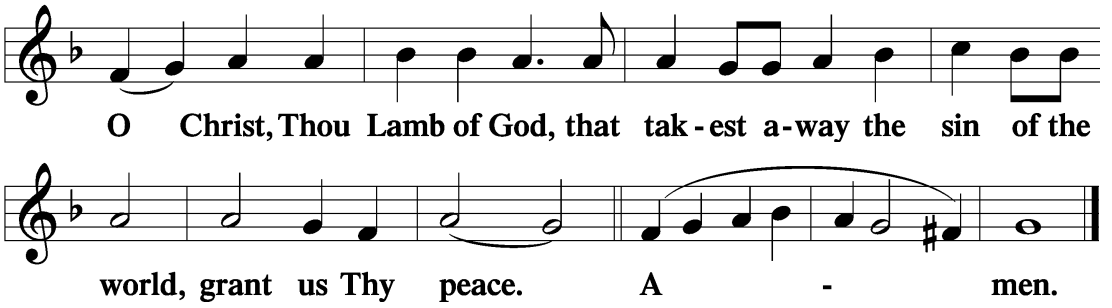
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*



AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*





Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN **THE BRIDEGROOM SOON WILL CALL US** | *LSB 514*
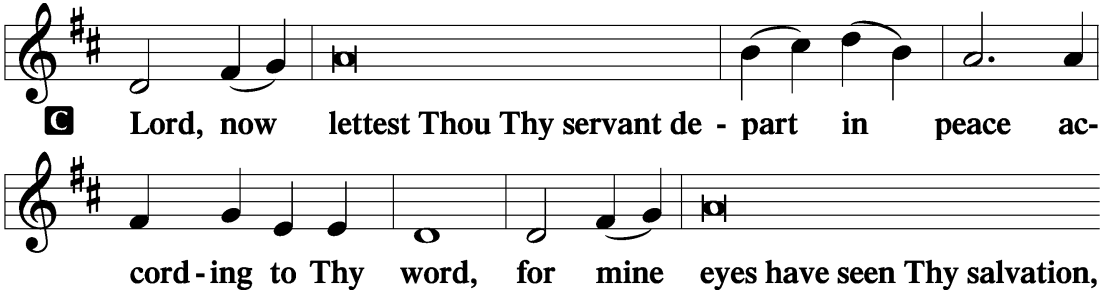
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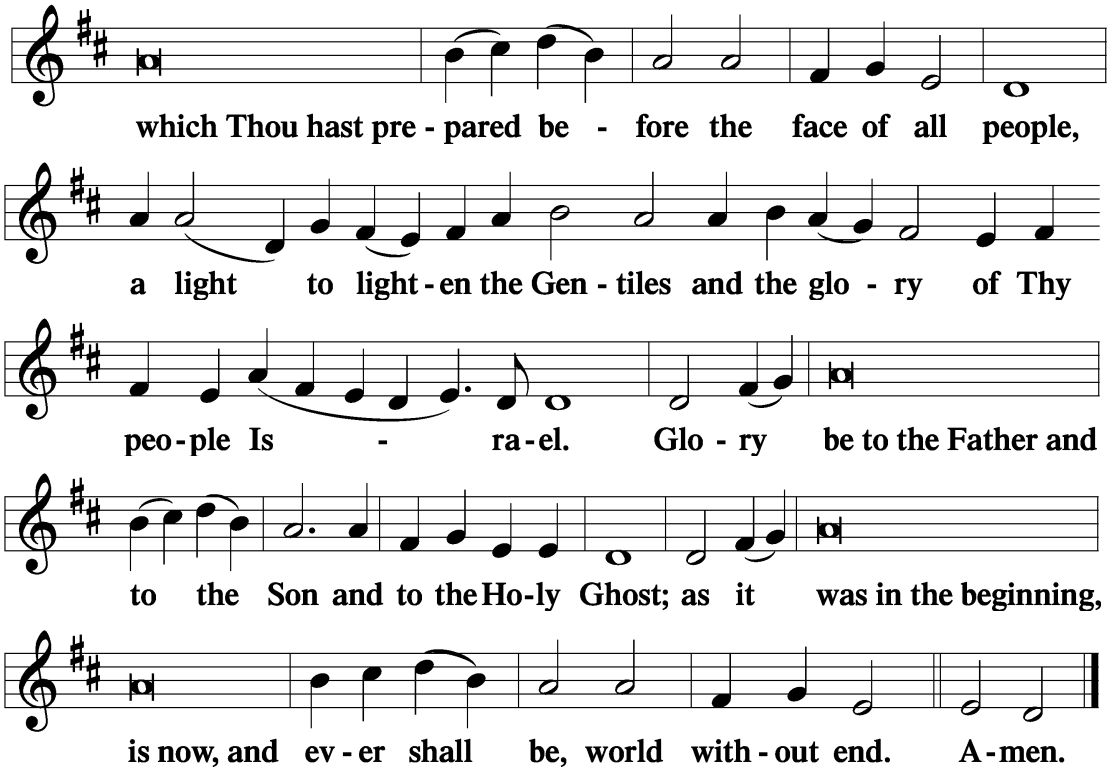
COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*





THANKSGIVING *Psalm 107:1*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS *Psalm 103:1*

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART **HOW GREAT THOU ART** | *LSB 801*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P The service is ended; go in peace, to love and serve our Lord.

C **In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

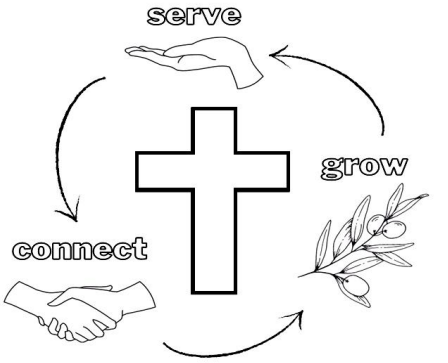


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Lay Ministers	Rich Nelson, Kirk Schild
Greeters	Rod & Gina Oswalt
Ushers	Dave Kretzmann, David Poddig, Ryan Espinoza, Tim Castleman
Organist/Pianist	Paul Krieg
Bells Director	Londa Skov
Reader	Sara Thompson
Screen	John Parrish
Sound	Tom Matthews
Altar Guild	Arlis Schild, Jacque Meyer, Hannah Tyndall, Peggy Mankin-Poddig
Fellowship	Marge Otto, Margie Tuckerman



The altar flowers today were provided by Jacqueline Meyer in loving memory of her husband, Harold.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests to be included in morning prayers can be given to an usher before church, who will pass it on to the Pastor. If you want to request prayer from "The Prayer Connection" please call Marge Otto (916) 481-3593 – After 6 PM please call Tracy Sanderson (916) 396-0846

PRAYER LIST

Serving Jesus at home…

Yvonne Jones
Tom Stoner
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 8 - 15, 2026

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:30 am **Divine Service**
10:45 am Fellowship
11:00 am **Education Hour**
Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
10:00 am Joy in the Morning
6:00 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm **Evening Prayer Service**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Flapjacks
9:30 am Ladies Bible Class

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
10:00 am Quilters and Crafters

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10:30 am Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:30 am **Divine Service**
10:45 am Fellowship
11:00 am **Education Hour**
Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The newsletter has been emailed to church members and those on our email list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email matt@tclutheranchurch.org. Hard copies are available at the church entrance.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Daily devotion booklets for October-December are available at the church entrance.

HARVEST FIELD

We continue to pray for our loved ones, for the faith that we are blessed with by the Holy Spirit to call upon them:

Bonnie M., James S., Naomi, Scott P. & Matthew B.

You may add to the list at the church entrance, if you want fellow church members to pray for everlasting life-giving faith for your loved ones.

FRIENDSHIP UNLIMITED

Friday, November 20th at 1:00 pm
@ El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant *5637 Sunrise Blvd. Citrus Heights, CA 95610*
Devotions after: Rod and Gina Oswalt's house *8235 Catalpa Dr. Citrus Heights, CA 95610*
RSVP: Rich Nelson: 916-296-1930 or Sharon Nelson: 916-296-4633