

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Put Your Affairs in Order

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

November 15, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

When you know that your death is approaching, you try to put your affairs in order for the sake of others. When you know that the second coming of Christ is approaching, what is the appropriate response? We are not to be sedentary. Jesus has not yet returned because there is still work to be done. And Jesus carries out his good work through us. So until he comes again and says, "Stop!" we will be busy with faithful service. It's the beginning of the end, and we use our gifts and talents in an orderly way for God's glory.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord's Supper.

Pastor……Jeremy Glowicki
Organist……Noah Helke

586 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest *CW 586*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession *CW 172*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

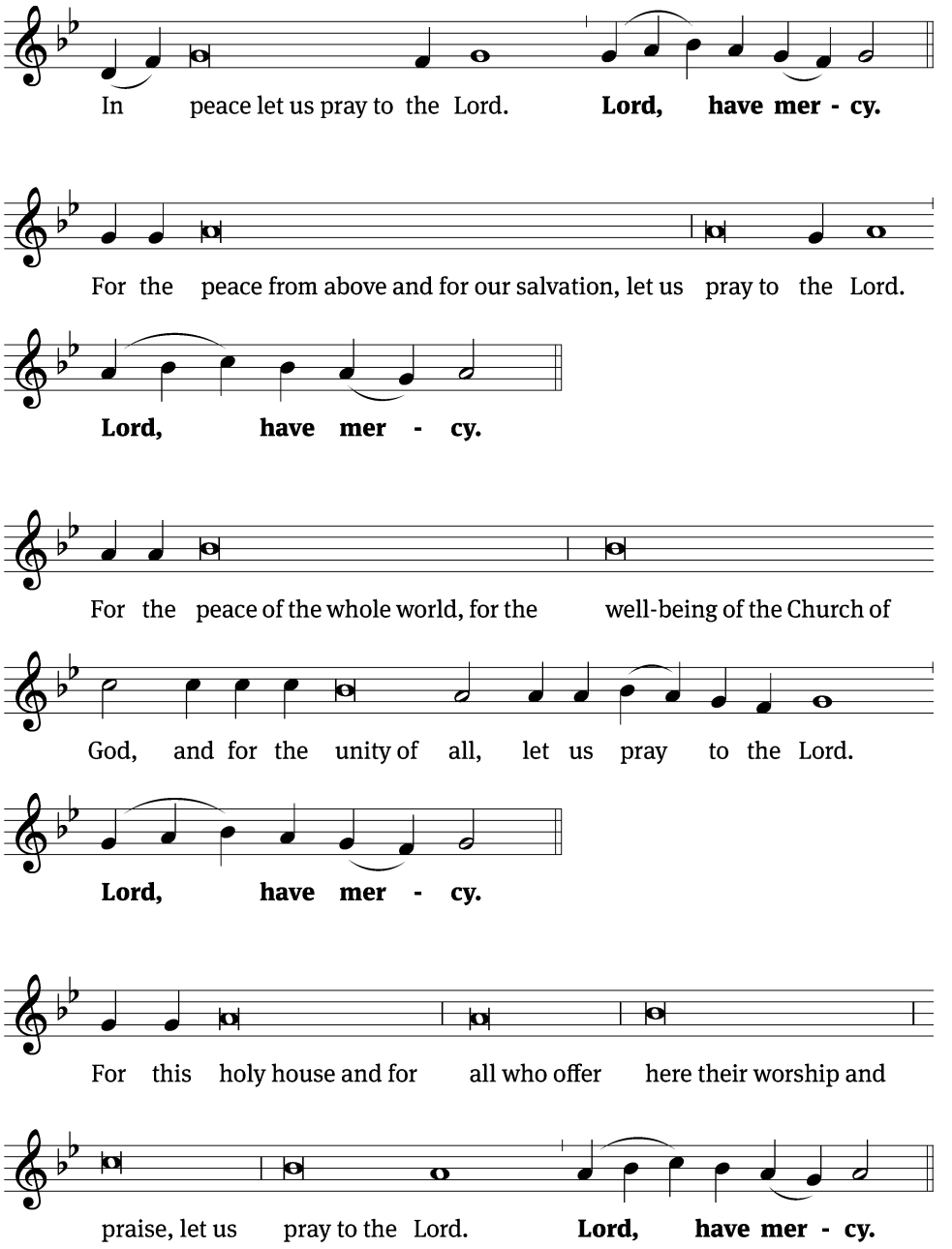
Silence for meditation and reflection

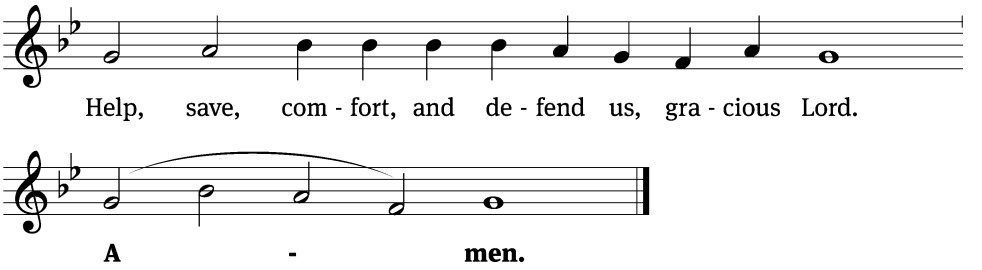
Absolution *CW 172*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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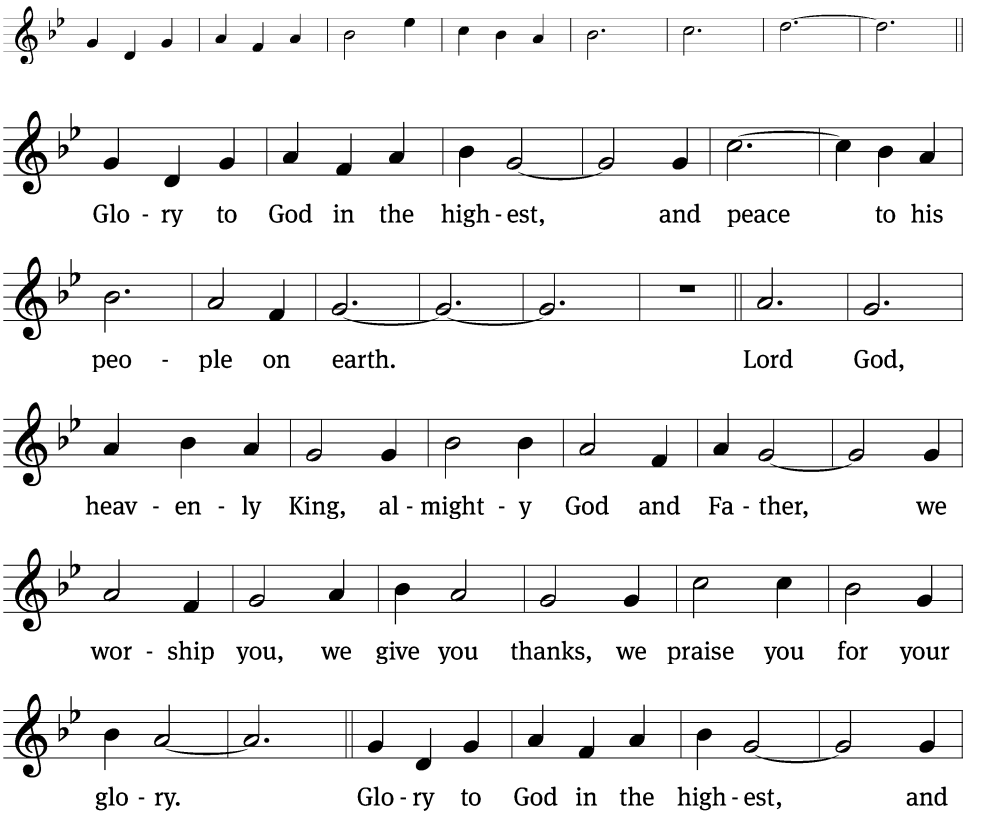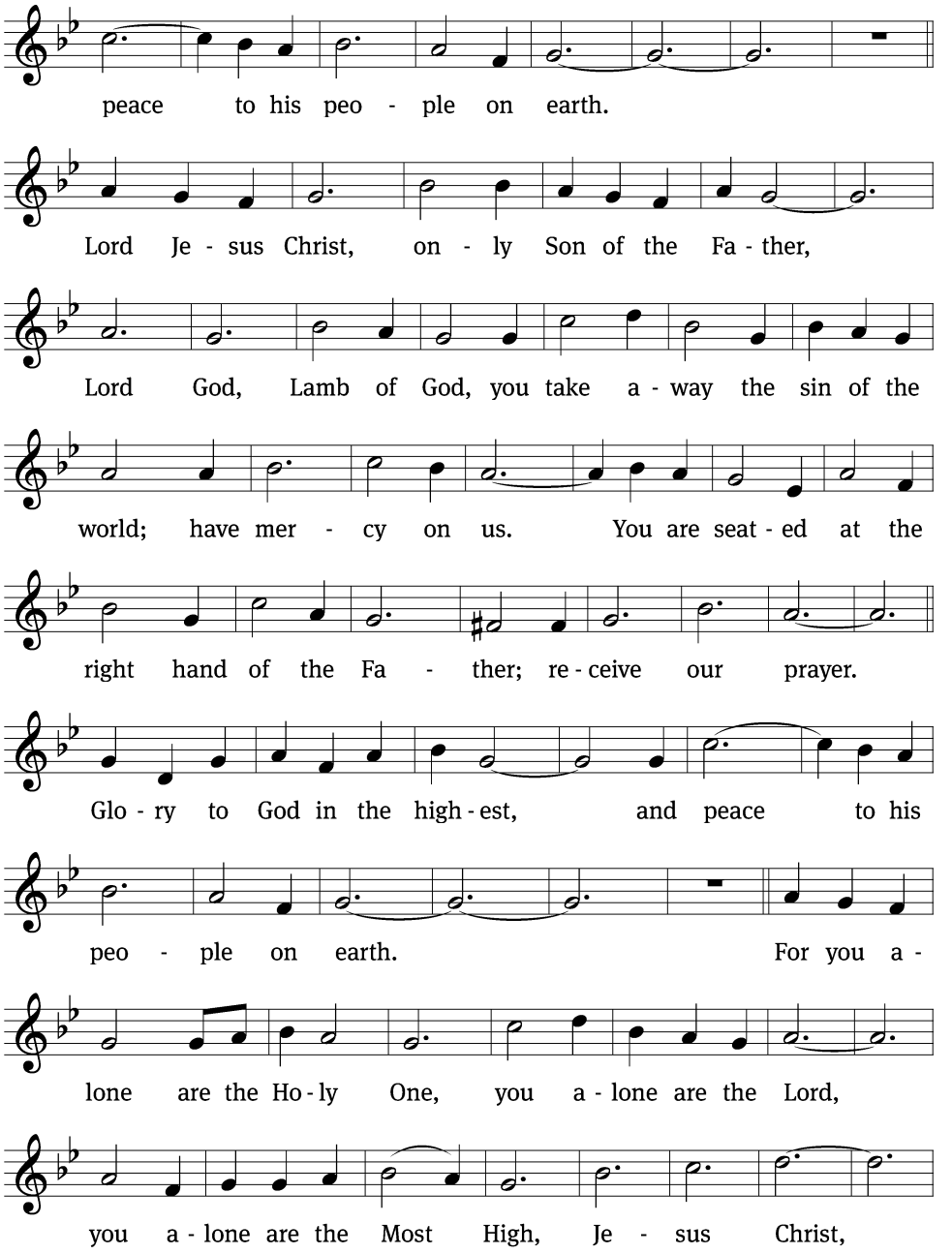




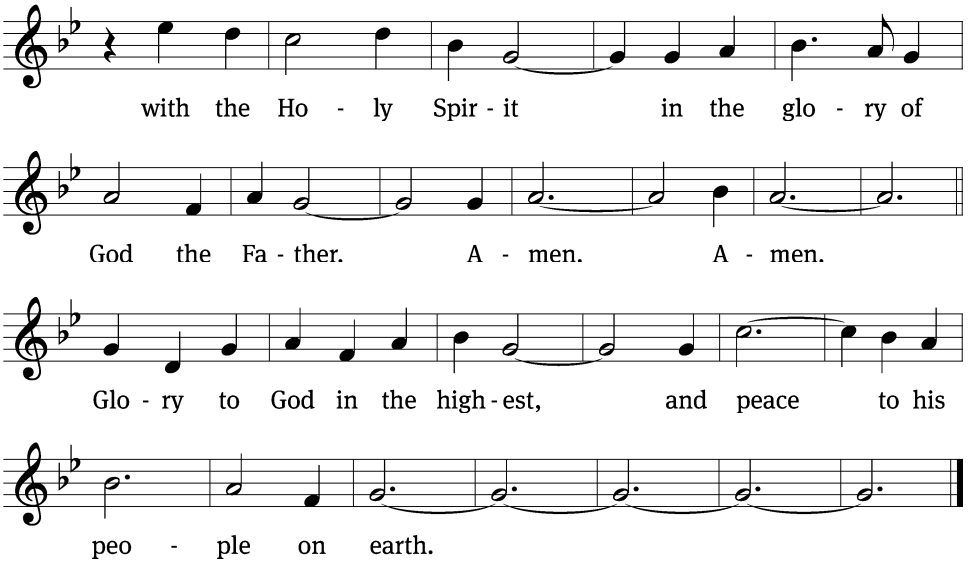
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Glory to God in the Highest

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peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10–18

Although Old Testament Israel responded to God's gifts with grudging service, God remained faithful to his promises.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD. I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings and enough fat from well-fed animals. I am not pleased with the blood of bulls or the blood of lambs and male goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked for this from your hands: this trampling on my courts? Stop bringing worthless offerings! Your incense is an abomination to me. I cannot stand your sinful assemblies on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days. Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to me. I am tired of putting up with them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. Learn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

128A Blest Are All Who Fear the LORD

Psalm 128A

Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

With God's mercy in view, we use God's gifts faithfully in joyful response.

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you

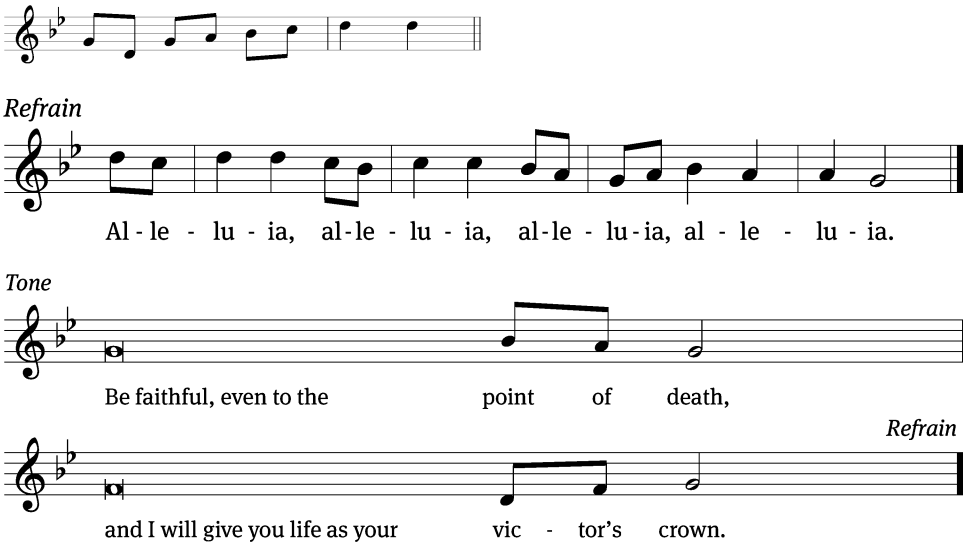
ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10



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Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

Through a parable, Jesus calls his followers to faithful service.

"You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' "The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.' "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' "Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made *CW 751*

Sermon

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.
Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.
Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.
Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.
Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.
Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.
Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

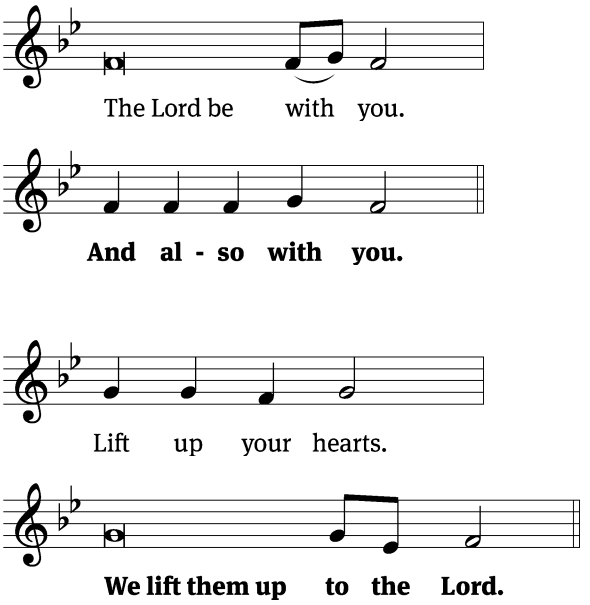
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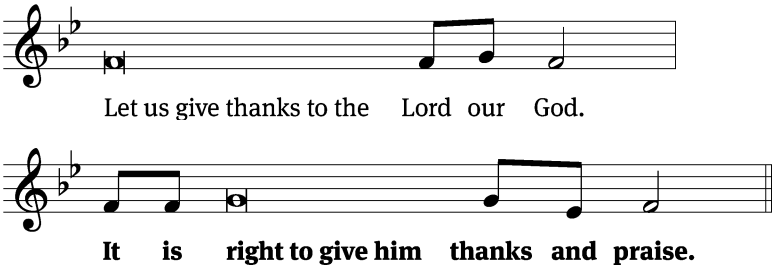
The Sacrament

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Preface

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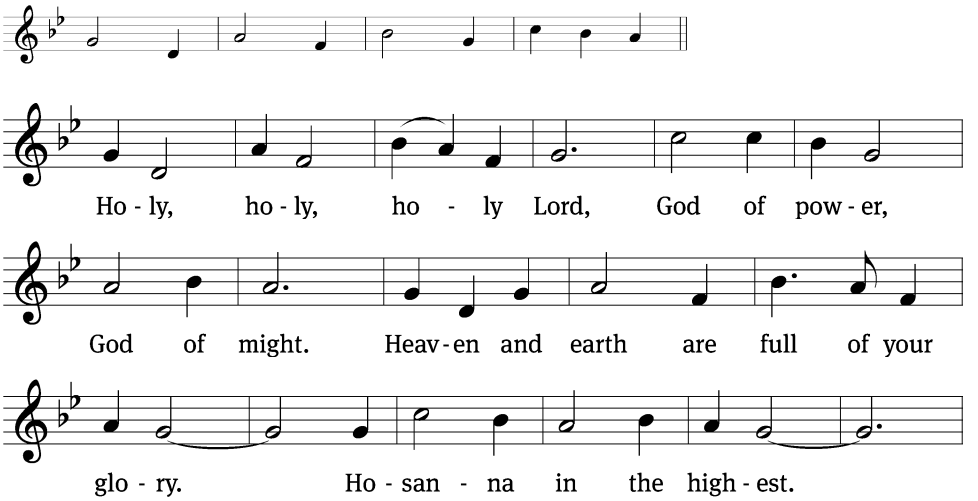


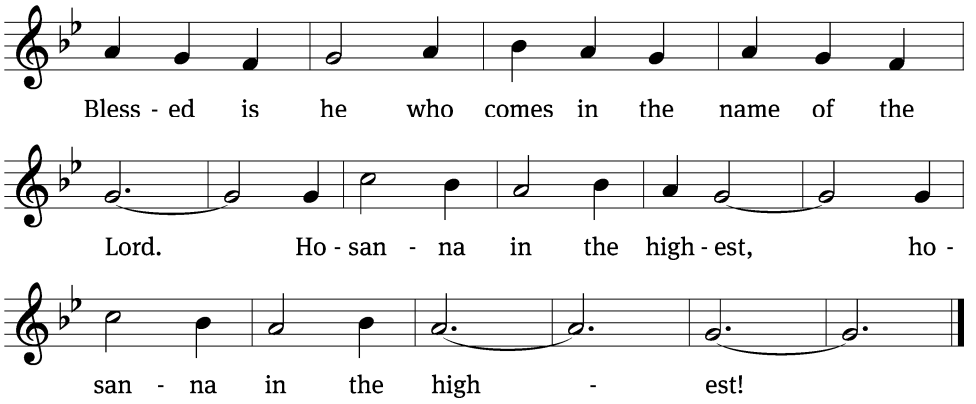
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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

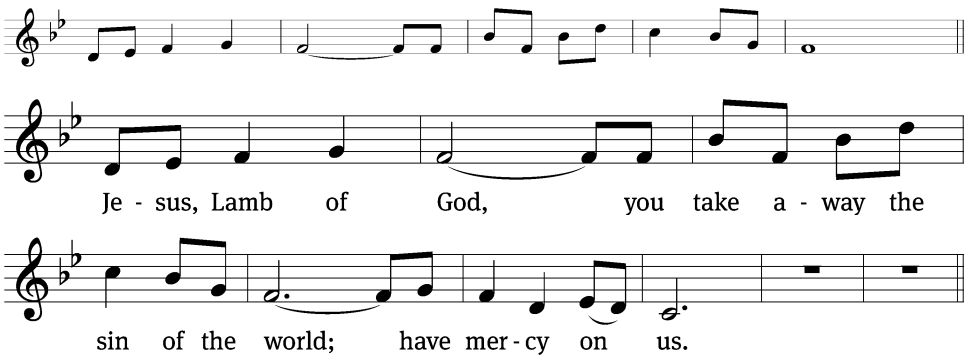
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

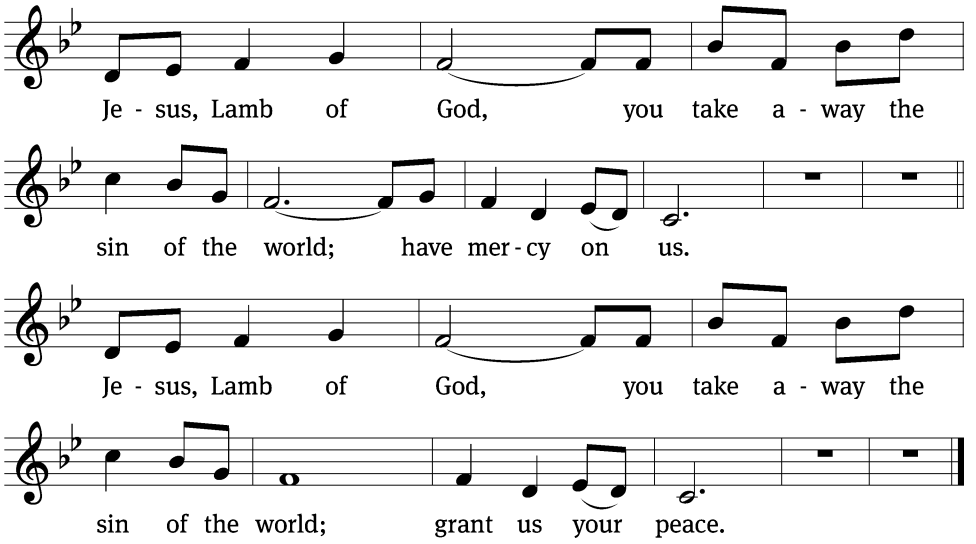
Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Be seated

Distribution

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior *CW 729*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly *CW 748*

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New Sermon Series – Begins November 29th
Lord Jesus, Bring Your Gifts

The Lord Jesus arrived with gifts. At Christmas, we remember how he came in the flesh, born of Mary, laid in a manger, true God and true man. He brought us gifts of salvation and fulfillment. His first coming secured our redemption once for all.

The Lord Jesus arrives with gifts every time we gather for worship. Through his Word and sacraments, he is present with his gifts of grace today. In the gospel preached, he speaks forgiveness into our ears. In Baptism, he gives us a new identity, claiming us as his own. In the Lord's Supper, he moves us to repentance and faith, giving his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

And he will arrive again with gifts. The same Jesus who ascended will return in glory with his eternal gifts for all who believe in him. On that day, faith will become sight, and every promise will be fulfilled. For believers, this is not a day of fear but of joy, for our Savior arrives to take us home.

So we live between his arrivals, remembering his birth, receiving his grace, and waiting with confidence. We pray with joy, "Lord Jesus, bring your gifts!"

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Gary and Ruby Smith in celebration of their 9th Wedding Anniversary and Gary's 70th birthday. Thank you!

Thank-You
Thanks to members of our Roots group who worked together to help with leaf cleanup around our community this past Sunday. It was great to see Christian love in action!

Congregation Budget and Elections Meeting
Our Congregation Budget and Elections Meeting is today following worship. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be no Bible study today.

Theology on Tap
Join us for Theology on Tap this Thursday at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee. There are drink options available for everyone, as well as food items to order.

Advent by Candlelight
Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight dinner on Sunday, December 6th. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dinner is at 5 pm, with the program to follow. This event is open to all women and girls 7th grade or above. Feel free to invite family members and friends! You can either host a table or join someone who is hosting. Please register by November 29 if you are hosting.

Sing to the Lord Bible Study
The Lutheran Church is often called the "Singing Church". Martin Luther helped restore hymn singing to the congregation and others followed his example. What makes a good hymn? Are there more to the hymns we sing than meets the eye? Learn more starting November 22nd following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Potluck and Evening Prayer Worship
On Wednesday, Dec. 9, we gather for a potluck dinner and Evening Prayer Worship as we take a moment to consider "The Perfect Present". This is not a soup supper, but a potluck and it is for the entire congregation. It is the time when we hold Foundation's class but

our time in worship is the class. All students in Foundation class are expected to attend. Dinner begins at 5 pm and worship is at 6.

Christmas Gift for a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student
Each year we gather gifts for a Seminary student, usually married, who has financial need. We work with the Seminary to give a gift to that student. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you will find a plexiglass receptacle marked for a Seminary Student on the counter at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. You can also give electronically through our online giving. Just choose the "Gift for Seminary Student" account.

Thank-You
We thank Rebecca Jensvold for cleaning during the month of October. If you would like to participate in helping with the cleaning of church, use the signup sheet in the binder on the counter heading into the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Christmas Service & Practice
Ancient Cradle Songs is our theme this year for the Children's Christmas Service on December 20th at 9 am. Practice is December 12th & 19th at 9 am.

JordanDazzle Parade
We will again have a float in the JordanDazzle Parade. We are still finalizing the number of people we will need for the parade, but if you would like to be a part of it, the date is December 5 at 6 pm. Even if you don't participate, it is a great time to be in downtown Jordan.

Radio Broadcast
The signup for sponsoring radio broadcasts in 2027 is in the binder. The rate from KCHK has increased to $71.

Christian Wedding
Keira Devine and William Dopp were married here this past week. We wish them God's richest blessings on their future together!

Upcoming Events

We would love for you to be part of these special opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service. A full calendar of events can be found on our website at spljordan.com

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov. 15	Congregation Budget and Elections Meeting	10:15 AM
Thurs, Nov. 19	Theology on Tap **Mana Brewing**	6:30 PM
Wed, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec. 5	Jordan Dazzle Parade	6:00 PM
Sun, Dec. 6	Christmas Decorating	Following Worship
Sun, Dec. 6	Advent by Candlelight	5:00 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Reflections Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
Sat., Dec. 6	JordanDazzle Parade	5:00 PM
Wed, Dec. 9	Advent Dinner & Evening Prayer Worship	6:00 PM


NOW THANK
we all
OUR GOD
Thanksgiving Worship
November 25 - 7:00 pm

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes	11/15 **Henley and Hudson Ambroz** 11/22 **Carson Kalal** 11/29 **Greta Newton**
Ushers	11/15 Group 2 11/22 Group 3 11/29 Group 4
Media Booth	11/15 **Ryan Bertrang** 11/22 **Cooper Kalal** 11/29 **Izzy Kalal**
Organist	11/15 Noah Helke 11/22 Lois Zander 11/29 Noah Helke
Greeters	11/15 11/22 11/29 Kalal Family

November Altar Guild	Service Group 3 Leader	December Altar Guild
•Angela Ambroz •Nancy Stocker •Brenda Stocker	•Dianne Jabs	•Dianne Jabs •Lynn Sorenson

Attendance	
Sunday	*86*
Monday	*9*
Total	***95***

Gifts to Our Lord

Received	$10356
Online Giving	$589
Total	**$10945**

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