Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8 , 2026

Prelude *Gospel Roundup* (Joel Raney)
Spirit Ringers

Welcome

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C Amen.

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

Kneel or sit as you are comfortable. Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C 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 in to 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.

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

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn *In Christ Called to Baptize* (ELW 575)

1 **In Christ called to baptize,**
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

2 **In Christ called to banquet,**
one table we share,
a haven of welcome,
a circle of care.
Although we are many,
we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
proclaims Christ, our head.

3 **In Christ called to witness,**
by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ's ways.
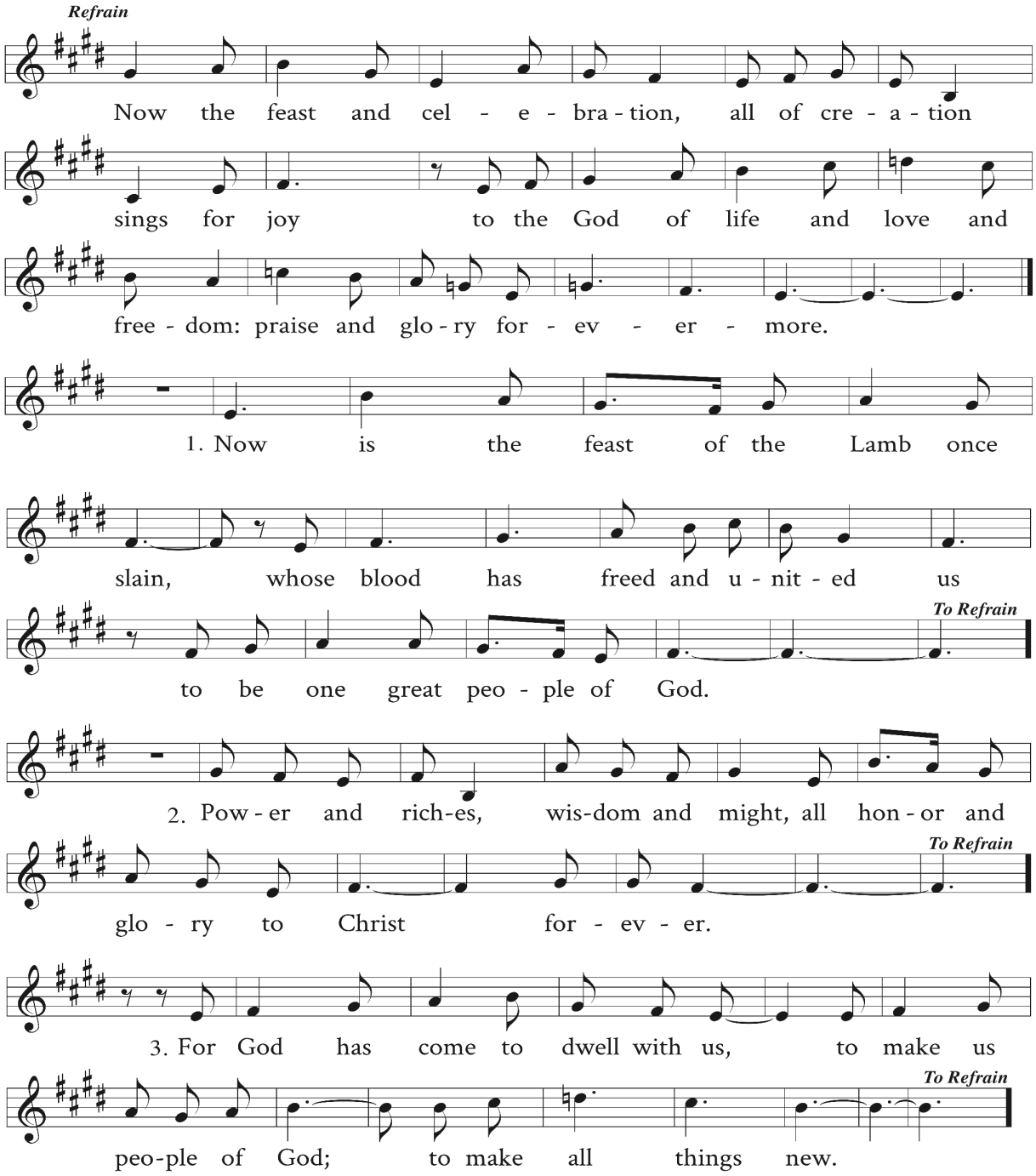
4 **Unite us, anoint us,**
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.
Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.
In Christ may we grow.

Greeting

P The grace of the 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

P Let us pray. Righteous God,

C our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

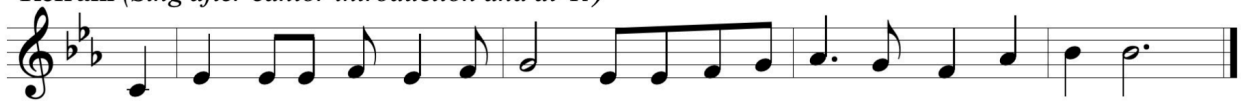
7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a
sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not
do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the
day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of
distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and
thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they
have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the
fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the
inhabitants of the earth.

R Word of God. Word of Life.
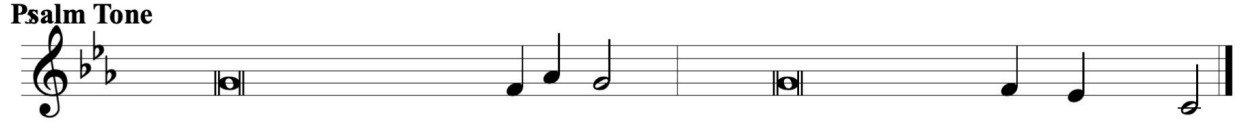
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 90:1-12

Refrain *(Sing after cantor introduction and at 'R')*



Psalm Tone



1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R
9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath? Who rightly fears your | indignation?
12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
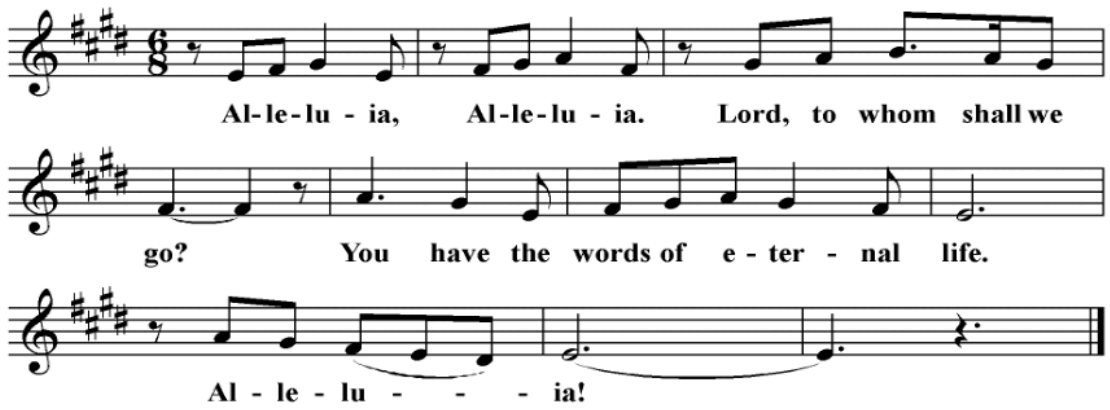
the night. [3] When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

R Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Kid’s Message

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug

a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Andrew Kitzing

Hymn of the Day *Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us* (ELW 707)

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,

warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

3 **Wondrous honor you have given**
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

4 **Lord of glory, you have bought us**
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Prayers

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

After each petition, respond with, ***"Hear our prayer."***

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs) Recent concerns: Jan Westberg, Pastor Carl Kramer, Dan Horn, Jane Zatechka, Velda Schmidt. Those with ongoing concerns: Brad Johnson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Nyabuony Ubeck, Juli Johnson, Jan Christensen, Jeanette Metteer, Tom Hoeft, Terry Lander, Mary Brass, Michael Dalton, Mary Phelan & Beth Strasheim. Those who are part of our homebound community: Sylvia Kempf, M. Joyce Hansen, Cynthia Holt, Betty Miller, Dennis Schuster, Rod Price, De Hansen, & Margrett Wehland.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

Peace of Christ is Shared

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

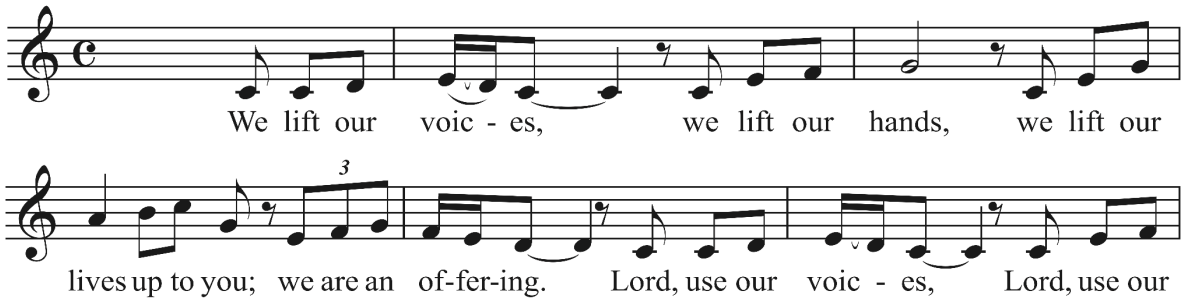
Music Offering *May the Mind of Christ my Savior* (Lloyd Larson)
Adult Choir

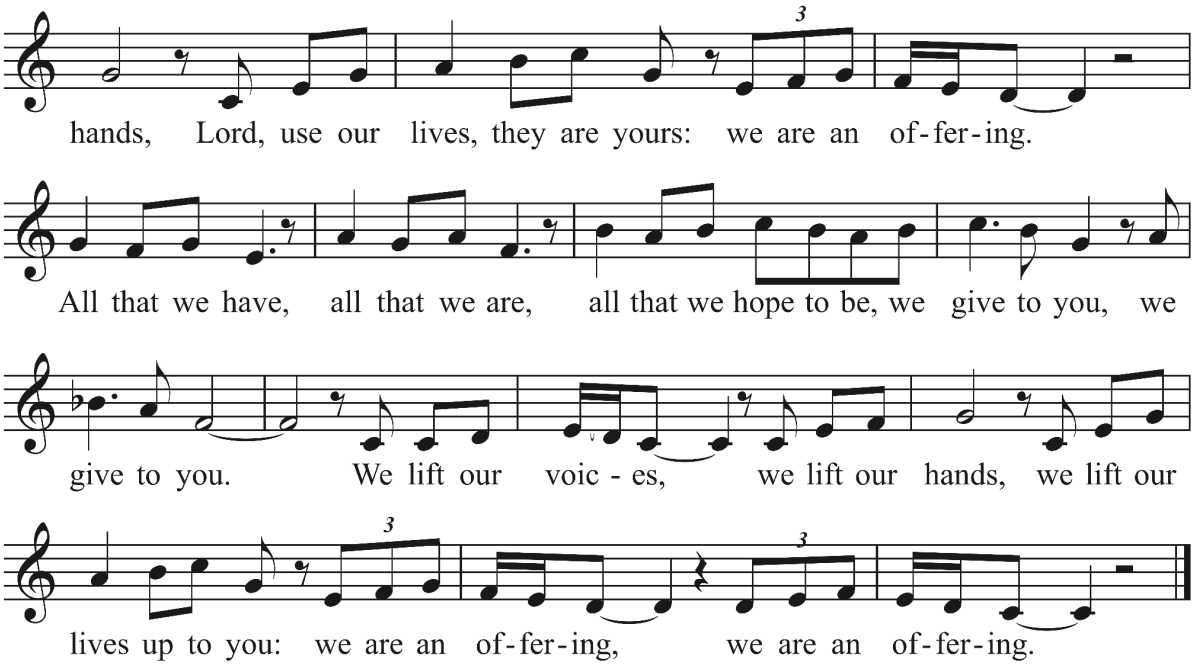
Musical Offering response:

P To God be the glory.

C Amen.

Offertory Hymn





Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. **Eternal God,**

C our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

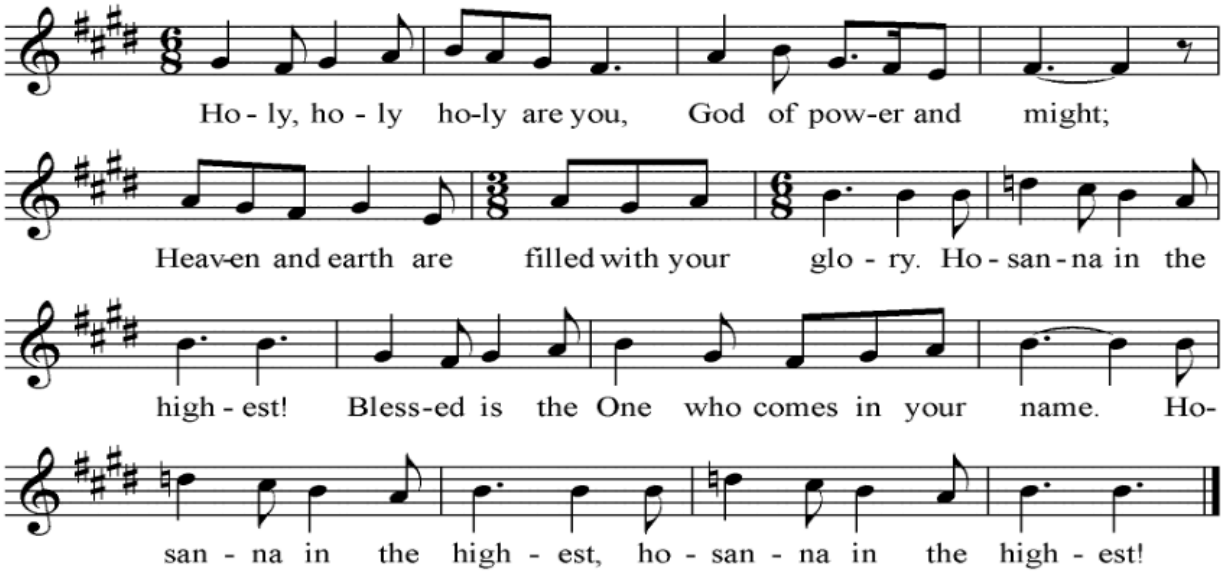
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed… *(here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, Mighty Lord, Gracious Father… all your saints in light.

C Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

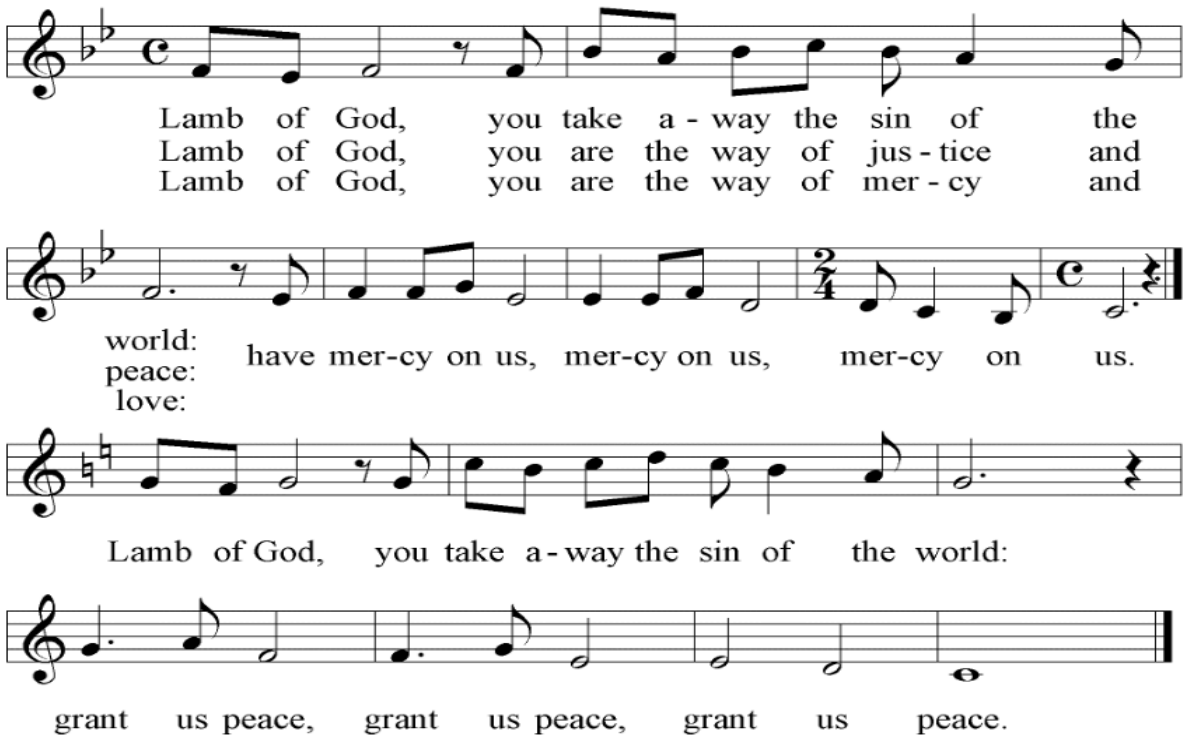
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come to the feast!

C Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God



Communion Music *O Christ the Same* (arr. John Barnard)

Betsy Bjerke, vocal

Communion Hymns *As Saints of Old* (ELW 695)

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering

to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

3 **In gratitude and humble trust**
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)

1 **We give thee but thine own,**
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 **May we thy bounties thus**
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

3 **The captive to release,**
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

4 **And we believe thy word,**
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

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

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P Let us pray. Holy God,

C 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. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P 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 in the name of the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840)

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3 **All praise and thanks to God**
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Carillon* (Nicholas Lebégue)

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Visitation Pastor: Ron Drury
Cantor: Betsy Bjerke
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