25th Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2026 9:00am Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE - All Things Bright and Beautiful – OSL BELLS

WELCOME

- Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- Welcome and thank you OSL Bell Choir!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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
into 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.

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

GATHERING HYMN Lord of Light 688:1-2

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance

of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

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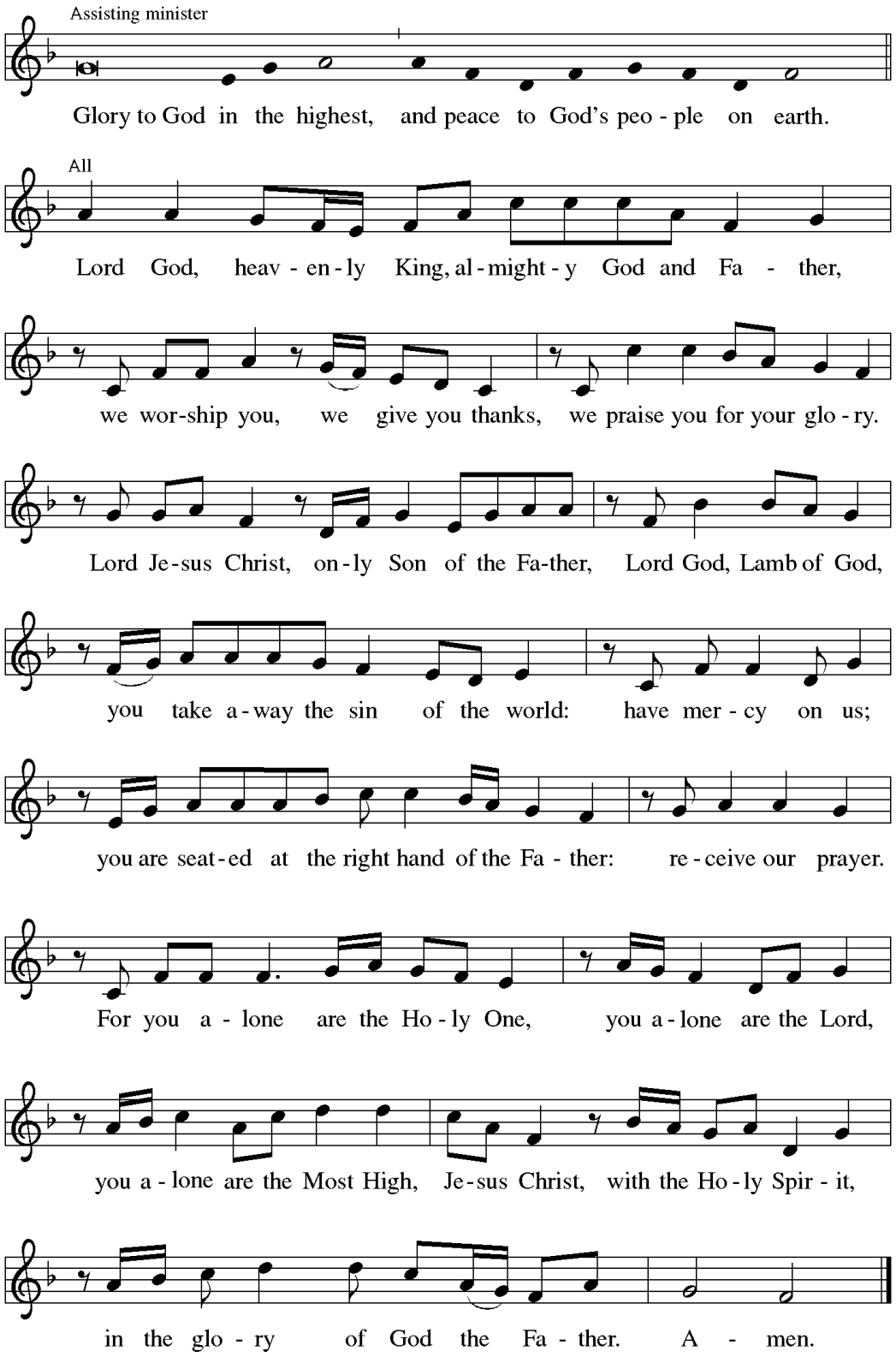
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Righteous God, 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.**

WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

[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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 90:1-8, 12

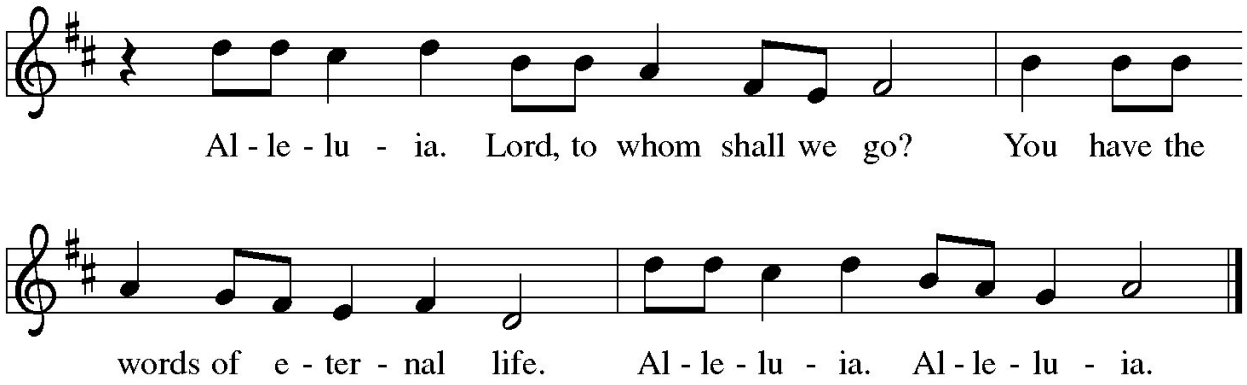
Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 90. We read together responsively by whole verse.

[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 children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
[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.
[12] So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30
The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.' "

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY As Saints of Old 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.

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

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing, *especially* Pauline Liesenfelt, Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson. Comfort those who mourn, especially the family of Martha Bauer on the death of her sister, Betty Chryst. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, and members of the ministry outside our walls, finance, money matters, and personnel. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the Mission Endowment Fund and for the good work it has done over the past twenty years. We thank you for those who have generously supported its mission through their gifts and donations, and for the members of the committee who have faithfully stewarded this resource. Sustain and grow the Mission Endowment Fund that it may continue to be a source of blessing and help for those in need. God, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you, especially Betty Chryst. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

SHARING THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Mission Endowment Fund – Brad Waznik

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Thanksgiving meals

MEAL

OFFERING Londonderry Air – OSL Bells

OFFERTORY As the Grains of Wheat 465:1
Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth

be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

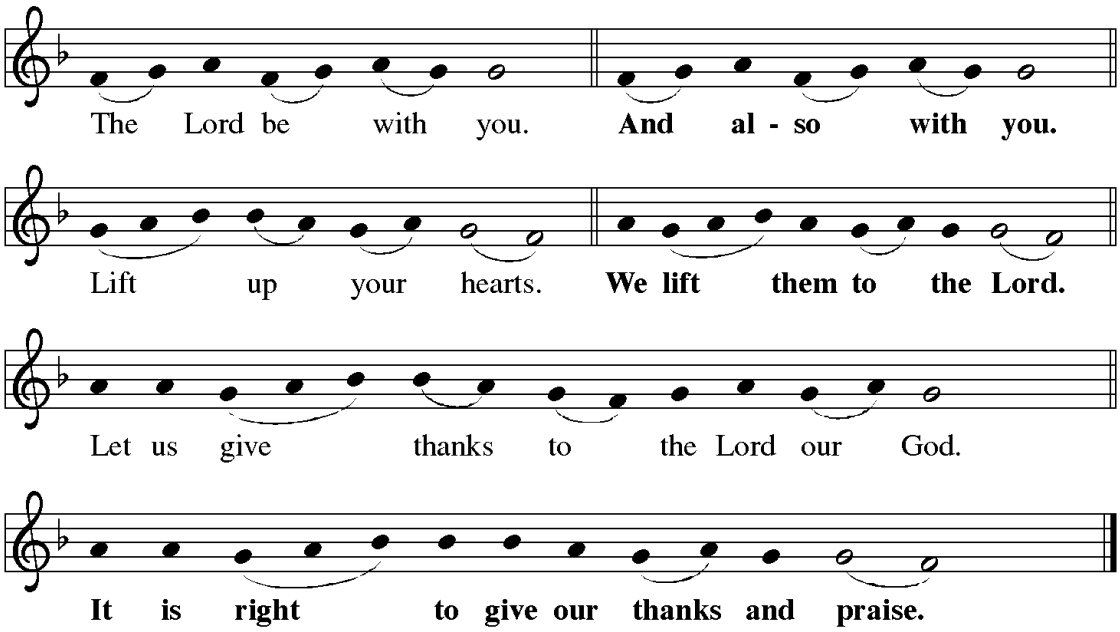
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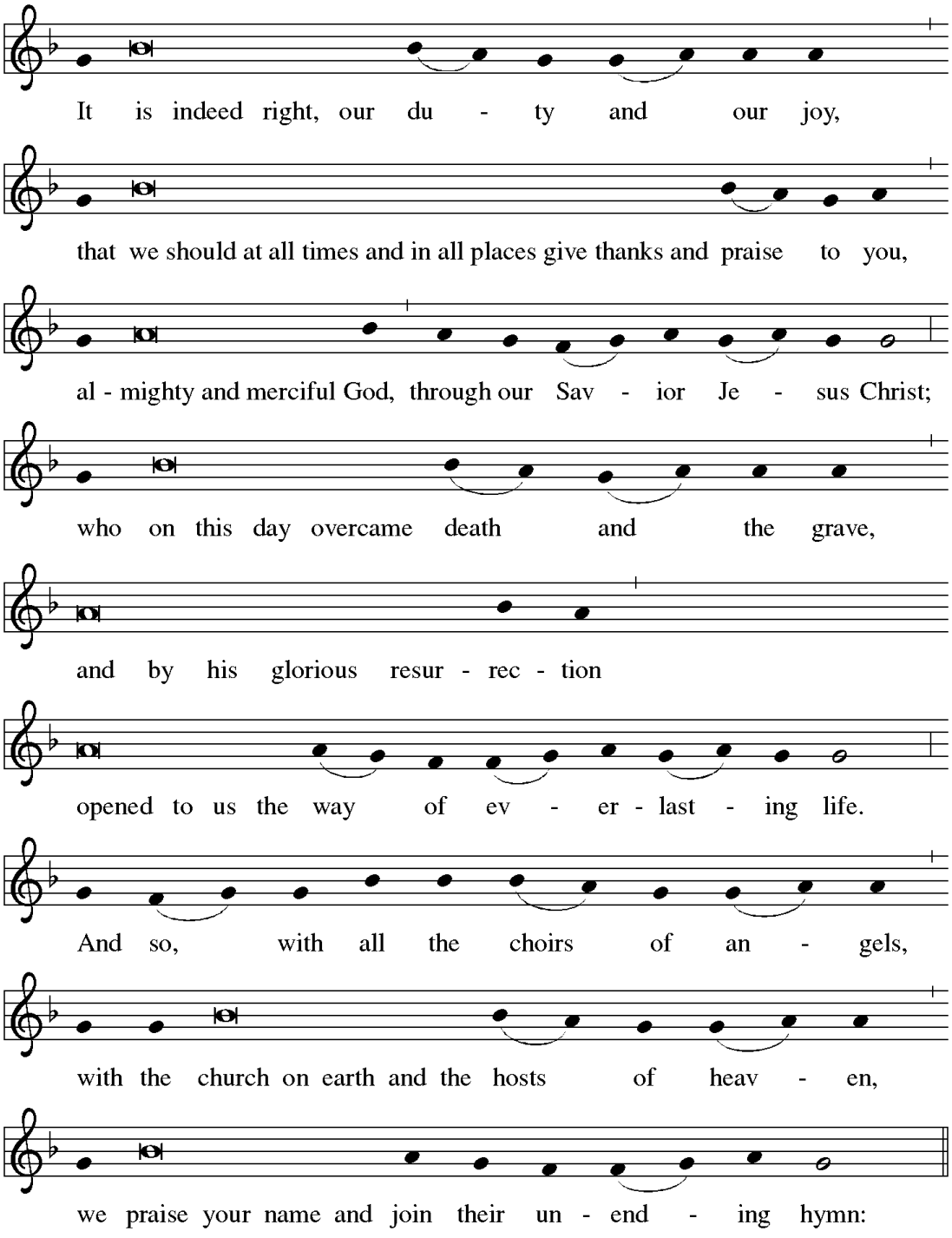
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

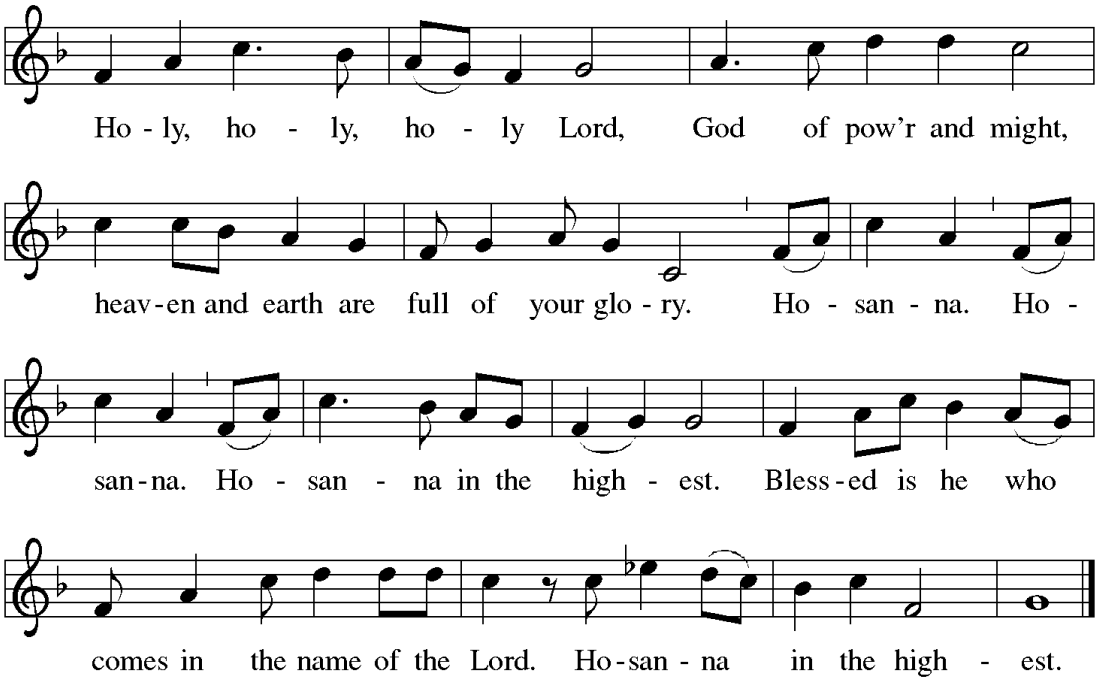


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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *Sarah*

Holy God, you have gathered your people from the ends of the earth, bringing us to your table, and setting an abundant feast before us. We give thanks for the gift of your dear Son, who is at the heart of human life, near to those in need, beside the sinner, among the vulnerable, and with us now.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church without end. Amen.

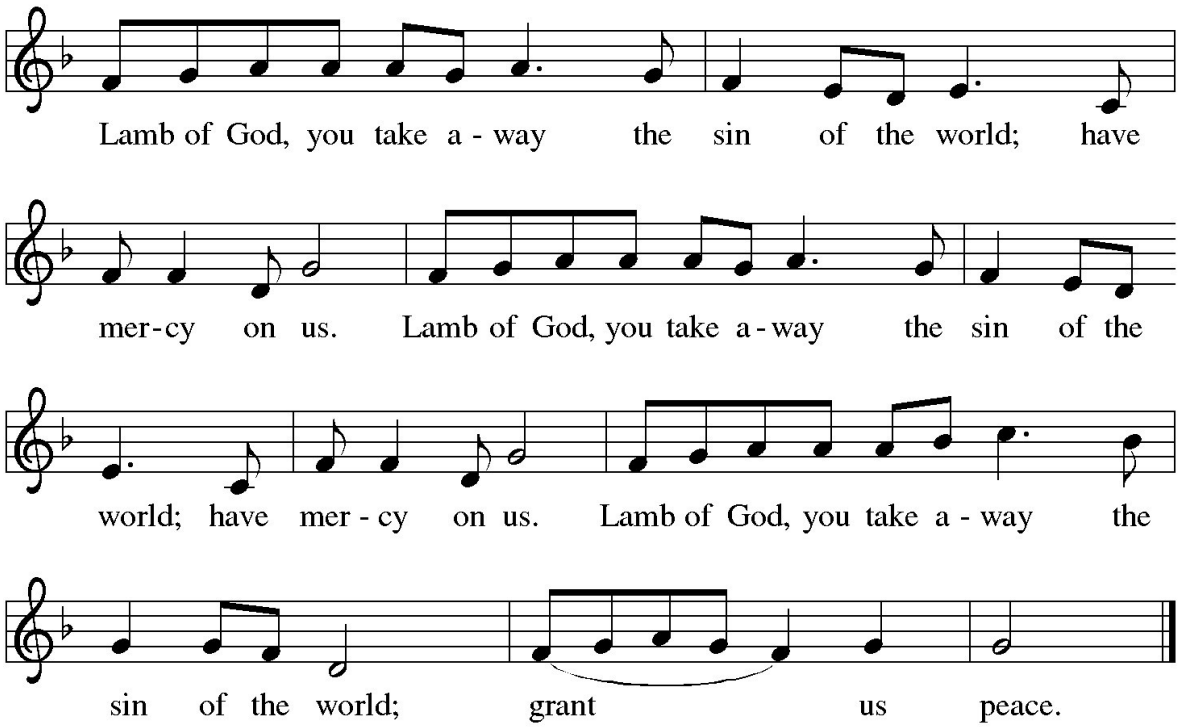
LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered in to one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us. .

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God



Come, Let Us Eat 491

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 461

1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

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. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past 632:1-4

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL
Gathered Ones: Go out in joy. Scatter the love of God.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Pauline Liesenfelt, Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine (sister to Donna Lark), Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel (sister to Kim Holten), Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan.
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish.

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Martha Bauer on the death of her sister, Betty Chryst.

Join us TODAY after worship for our Adult Bible study on Revelation, continuing throughout November.

OSL MONEY COUNTING TEAM

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to join the team! If interested, please let Pr. Sarah know.

Our Stewardship Campaign, **"Gathered to Scatter"**, is now underway. Today, we celebrate 20 years of the Mission Endowment Fund. We invite members to prayerfully consider their commitment and bring their pledge cards to worship on November 22 for Giving Sunday.

Building Renovations

Do you need to make a required minimum distribution for 2026? The property committee and council encourage you to consider giving to the OSL Building Renovation dedicated account. This account will be used to help pay for needed upgrades to our building, especially phases 2 and 3 of our Building Project. Look for more information about the scope of the project in the coming months.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Nov 15	Worship, 9:00 Sunday School, 10:15 Adult Ed, Pr. Dale Freberg, Revelation Coffee Fellowship, 10:15
Monday, Nov 16	Women in Action, 8:00
Tuesday, Nov 17	Distribution of Thanksgiving boxes, 9:00-3:00 Menomonie Singers rehearsal, 6:30
Wednesday, Nov 18	Distribution of Thanksgiving boxes, 9:00-7:30 CV Writers, 1:00 OSL Reading club,1:00 Confirmation, 5:45 High School, 5:45 Choir rehearsal, 6:30
Thursday, Nov 19	Quilting Queens, 9:00 Vibrant Voices, 1:00
Friday, Nov 20	
Saturday, Nov 21	

No Sunday School on November 22 and 29

Thank you to our OSL Bell Choir for sharing their musical talents in our worship service!

Thanksgiving boxes - All donation items are due today by 11:00am in the Friendship room. Any clearly labeled financial donations may be placed into the offering plate or in the office.

The donations for The Little Church will go to the Menomonie Area School Lunch Angel Fund for the month of November.

Dwight McNaughton health updates are on CaringBridge.org. Go to: "Dwight's CaringBridge". Encouragement and support mean so much during this time.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar-Oct	Oct
Income	$268,898.58	$32,207.93
Expenses	$223,945.12	$27,626.04
Over/short	**$44,953.46**	**$4,581.89**

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