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Sunday, November 8th, 2026 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.
Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE **Song of Gladness**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on our website

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENES

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

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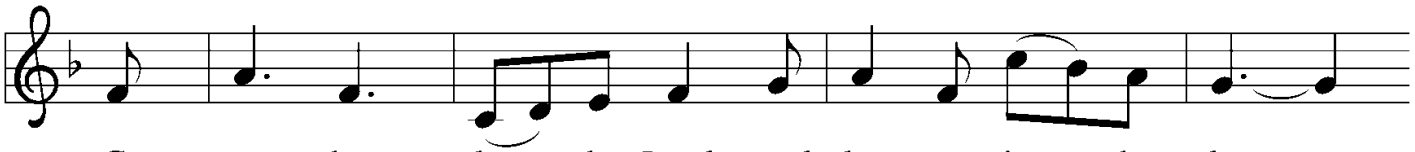
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.
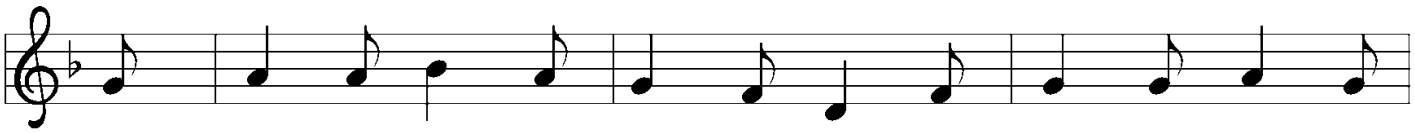
OPENING SONG **Come, We that Love the Lord** **ELW 625/Red Hymnal**

Come, We That Love the Lord
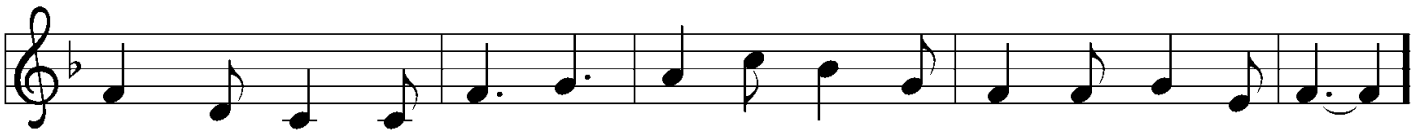
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

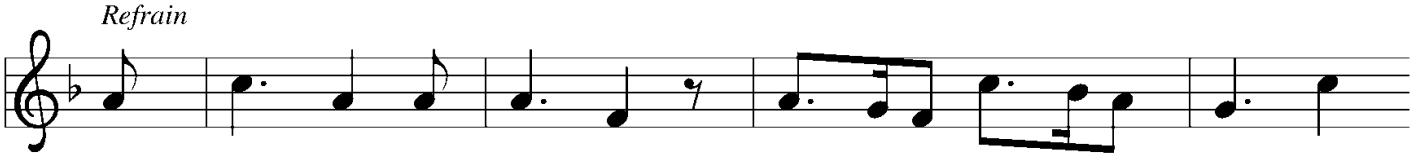


join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -
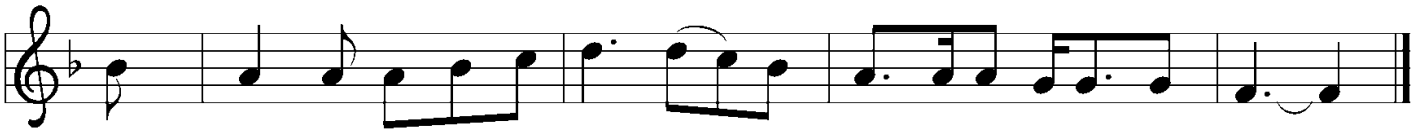


sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray…O God of justice and love**,**
C: you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.
C: And you also.

Depending on your comfort level, please share the peace with each other with a handshake and a smile.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: **Psalm 70**

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay

1 Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.
2 May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
3 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
4 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The Lord is great!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
ALL: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.
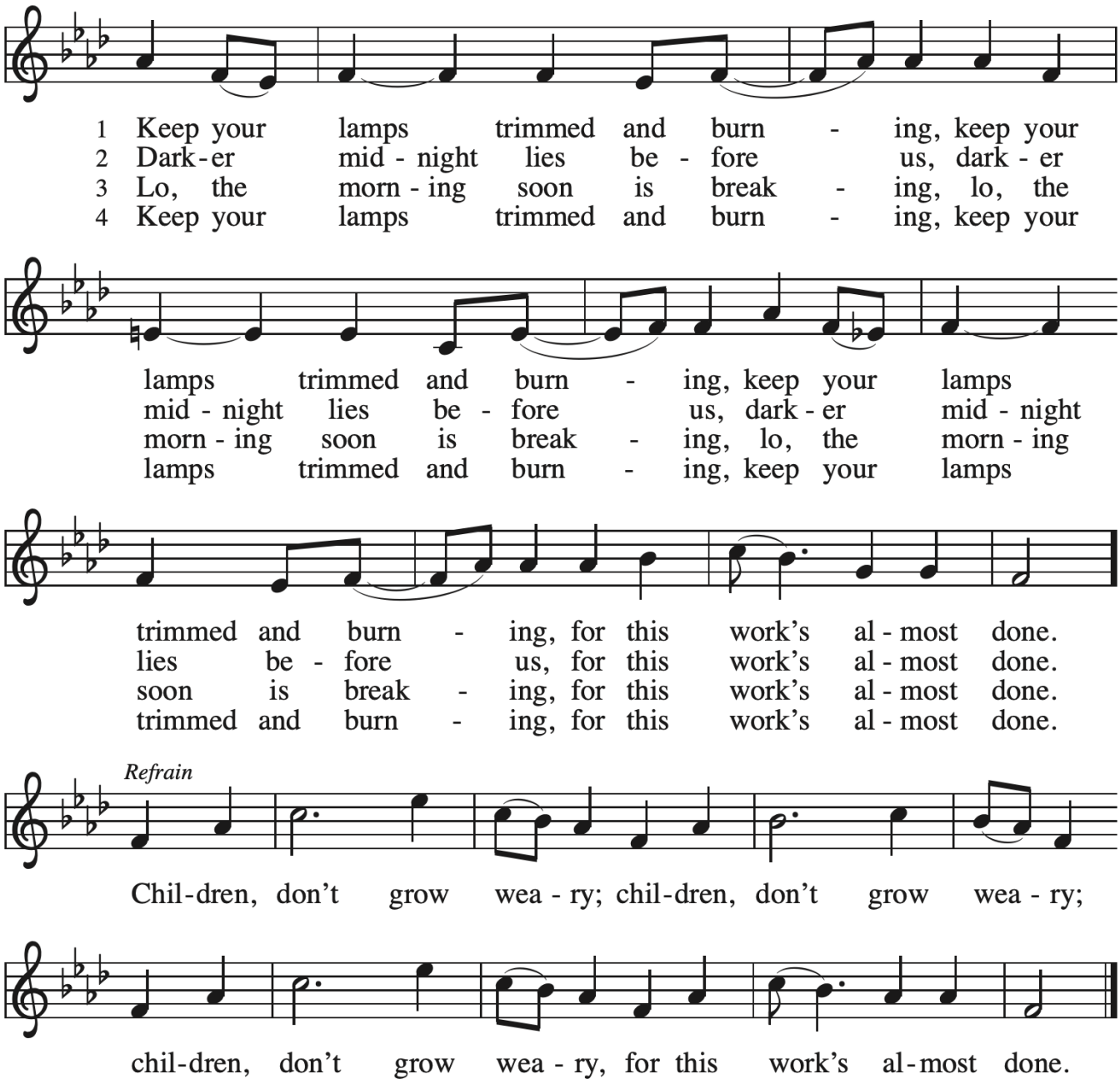
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord
ALL: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY **Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning** **ACS 949**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 power of 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.

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Eternal God,
C: 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.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music **Oh, How He Loves You and Me**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



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

A brief silence.
P: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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
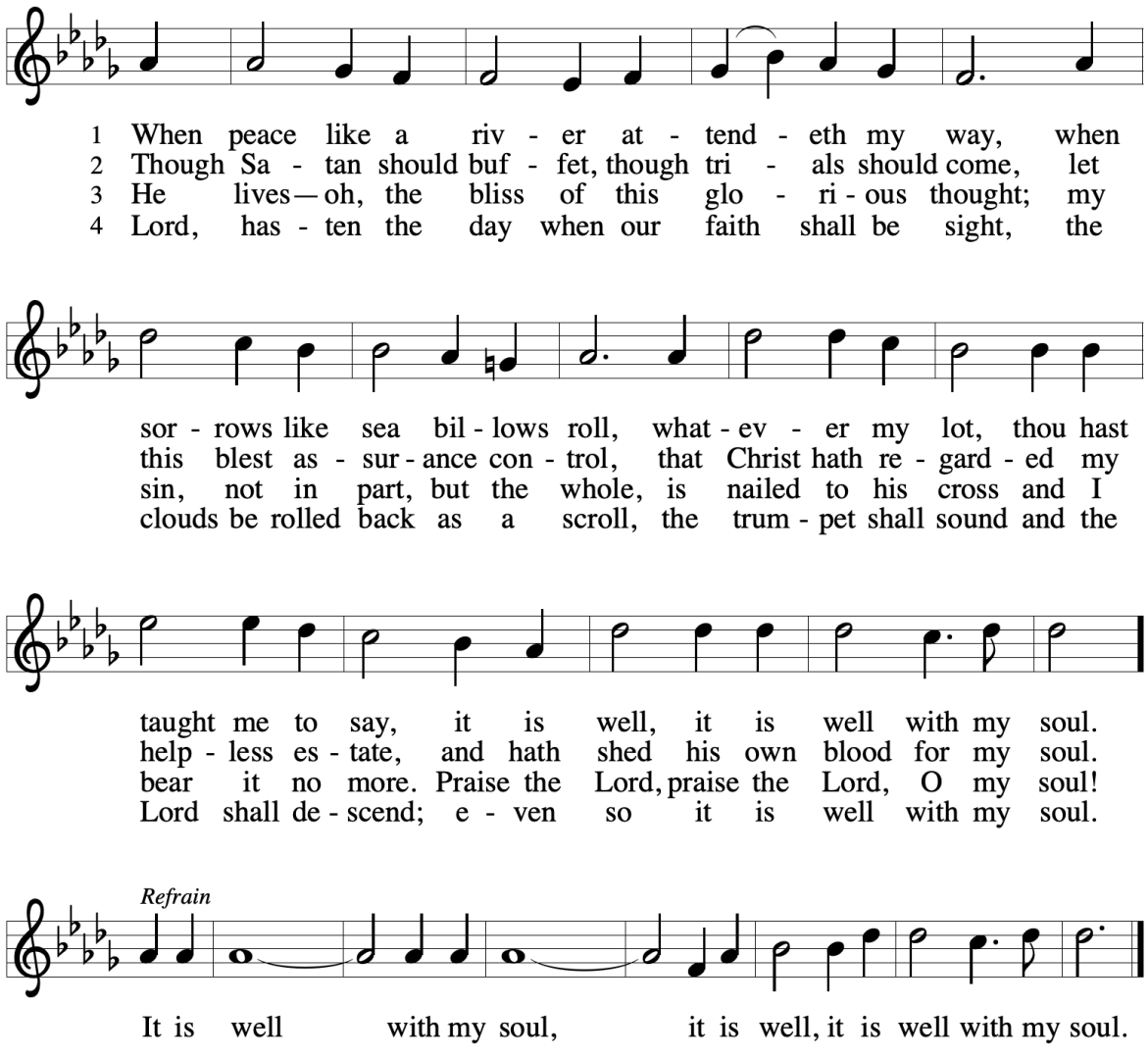
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymn
When Peace Like a River **ELW 785/Red Hymnal**

When Peace, like a River
It Is Well with My Soul



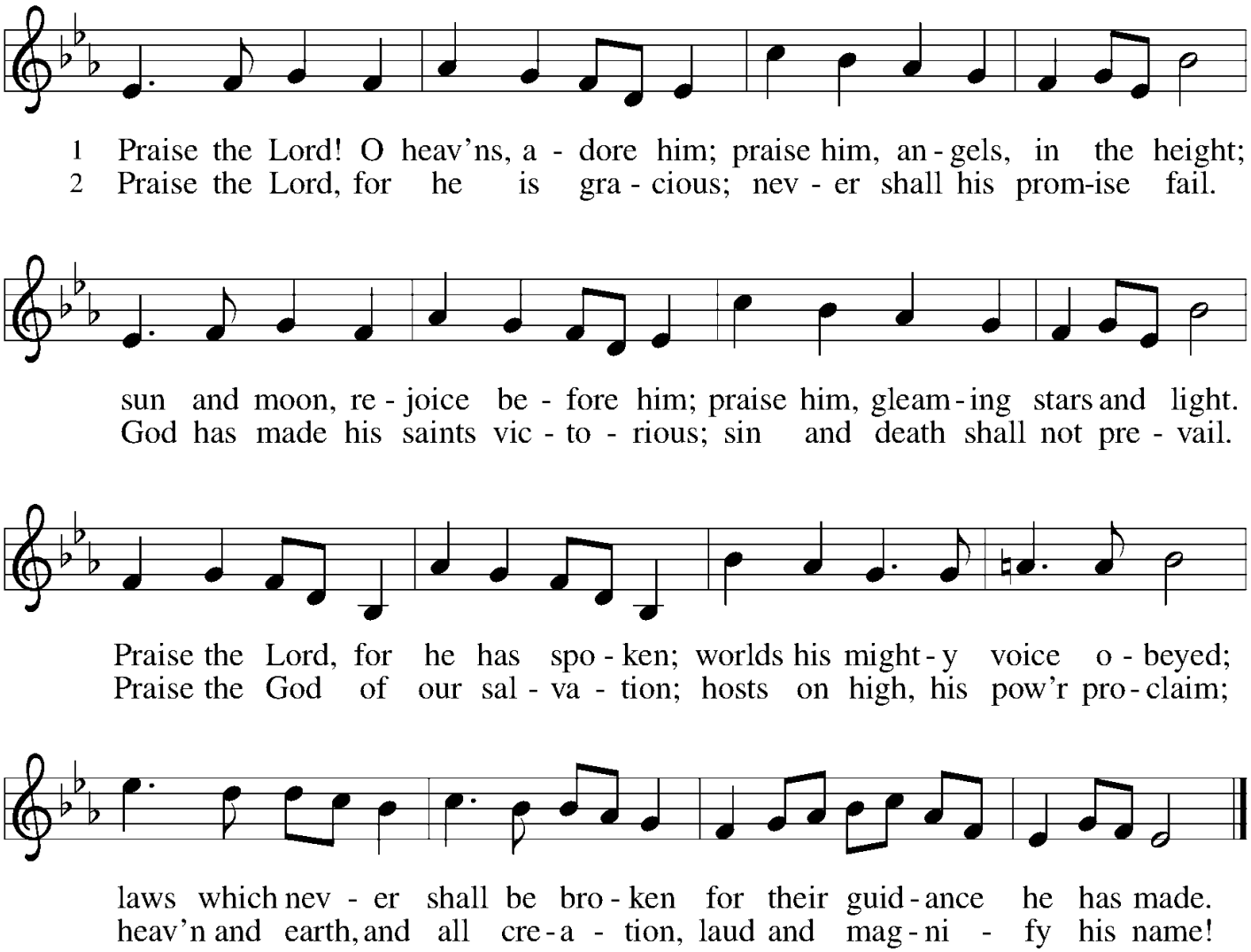
Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

CLOSING SONG
Praise the Lord! O Heavens **ELW 823/Red Hymnal**

Praise the Lord! O Heavens



Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

GOD SENDS US

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

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **For His Name is Exalted**

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON
Amos 5:18-24
Let justice roll down like waters
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 (alternate)
Wisdom Wisdom makes herself known
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 (alternate)
The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction. *(Ws. 6:17)*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The promise of the resurrection

11/8/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated today by Vicki Linden in loving memory of both Chad & Hunter Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on the first and third Sundays of the month through May at 9:30am for children ages 3 – fifth grade. Our next class is on November 15th.

NOV. 8th CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Vision Team has announced a Special Congregational Meeting for TODAY, Sunday, November 8, 2026. This brief meeting will be held right after our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to Accept the 2025 Audit. Vision Team is hopeful our members will be able to attend worship and help us to achieve a quorum. This meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Thank you for your special attention to this matter.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS The Worship Team can use your help on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 9am, to help set up Christmas trees, wreaths and decore in our sanctuary and welcome area. Please mark your calendars if you're able to help. This is generally 2-2.5 hrs. with many helpful hands.

LINE DANCE LESSONS take place in Fellowship Hall from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Questions may be directed to Nancy Corbige 847-212-0237.

LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP BOWLING FOR ELCA CHURCHES 18 and older, bowl on 2ND & 4TH Sundays each month at St. Charles Bowl. Contact Nick Rex 630-742-5836 or email lutheranbowling@gmail.com if you are interested.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL We are currently full with 18 registered for the Monday/Wednesday mixed-age class. And we are also full for our new 2-year-old class on Tuesdays with 8 students registered. Thank you to God for all of these blessings!

SECURITY FOR PRESCHOOL Please be reminded that our Preschool policies are that all entry doors remain locked during preschool hours. (Mon/Wed: 9:15am – 1:15pm and Tues: 8:45am – 10:45am) If you need to come into church, we ask that you lock the door behind you, and of course ensure it is locked when you depart.

DIRECTORY FAMILY PICTURE Cara Turner is available for your family picture taking on Sundays at 9am, downstairs in first SS room/office on the left, and after church service until 11am. Please contact her if you have further questions or need to schedule a picture taking at your home – her cell #: 630-291-6896.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the sign-up sheet posted on the board in the Welcome area.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org**.** If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please email the information to Marty Bradley by the 24th of the month: masbradley50@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Are you looking for ways to be a little more involved in our church each week? We have a variety of tasks that take place before and during each Sunday worship service, such as preparing communion and altar, reading our announcements and Bible reading, ushering, running the PowerPoint during the service. A variety of ways to be a part of our worship behind the scenes or up front. Please see Pastor for more information.

SHOE BOX COLLECTION in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

NOISY OFFERING We gratefully accept your "noisy offering" after each service. These funds add up and go towards our capital improvement projects.

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE We are thankful and blessed with your offering gifts. Received as of 11/2 – $ 3,342 (our weekly goal is $4,000).

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 132nd year of ministry ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH
* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
* Ministries and people of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop of the ELCA, and Erik Christensen, our new Bishop of the Chicago Synod.
* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD
* For every living person facing the threat of war – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION
* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

* The continued support of our members
* For all members of healthcare around the world
* For those serving as first responders and in the military
* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT…

For our "Grace Family" members: Dan Burtnette, Travis and Lissa Brown, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Mitch Hendry, Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Kay and Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortenson, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy and John Schaefer, Norm Turner, Bud and Marilyn Wise, Wayne Whiteside

For our Families and Friends: Kathy Barton (mother of Tom Barton), Cindy Carlson, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Rachel Glancy (friend of the Lindgren family), Joyce Helander, **2 yr. old John Karas with Kaytie and Alex (his parents),** Andrew Kinsel and family in the Ukraine, Bob Koehling, Sally Kruthoff (daughter of Nancy Schnaitman), Gay Leslie, Janell McDonald, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Mary Lindquist Rose**,** John Schnaitman, Bob Stanley (Marty Bradley's brother), Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, and Barbara Zegiel.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Vicki Linden for prayer shawls.