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Sunday, November 15th, 2026 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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,

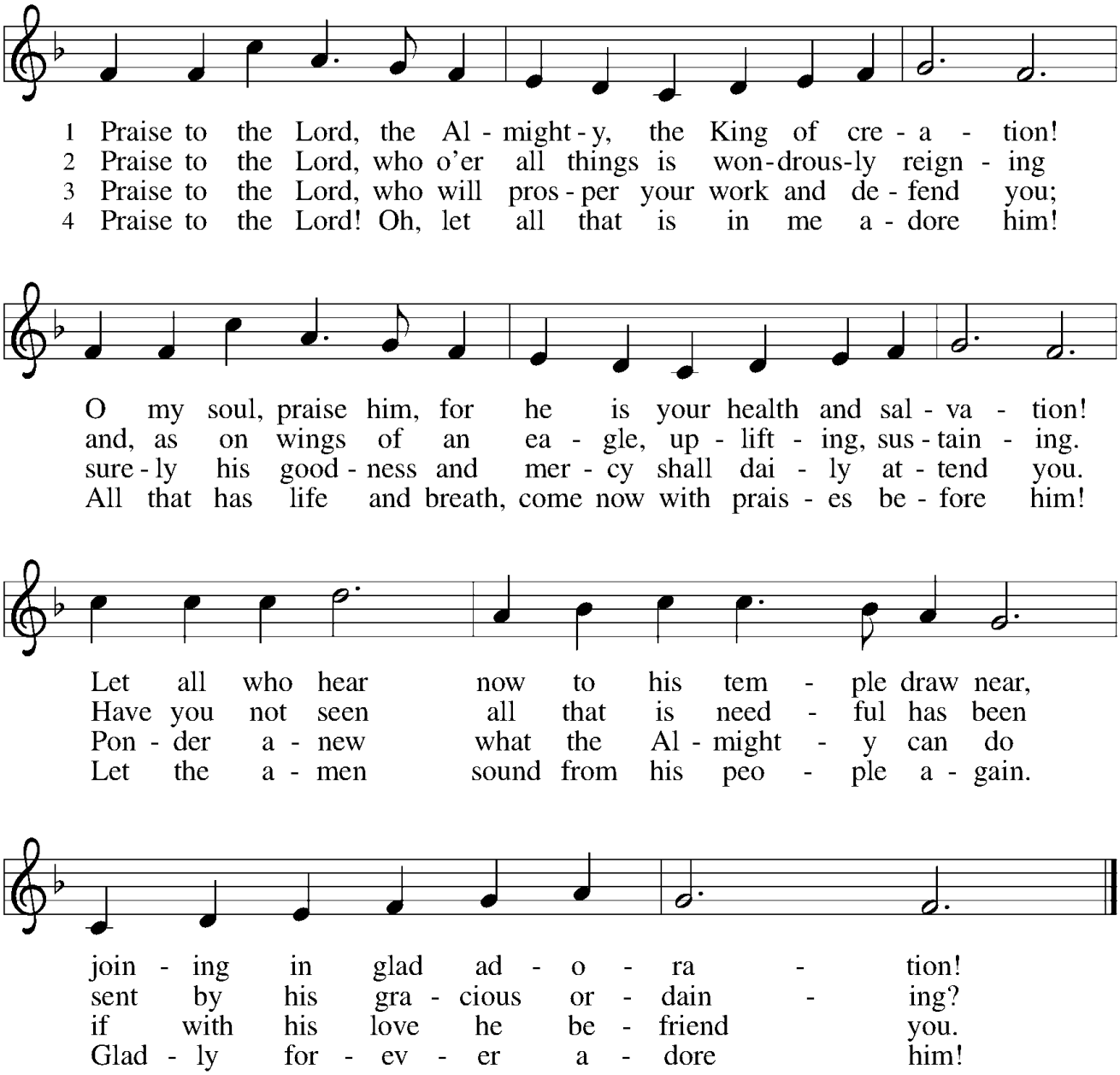
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse 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 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **ELW 858/Red Hymnal**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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…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.

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: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

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.

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

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
ALL: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[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

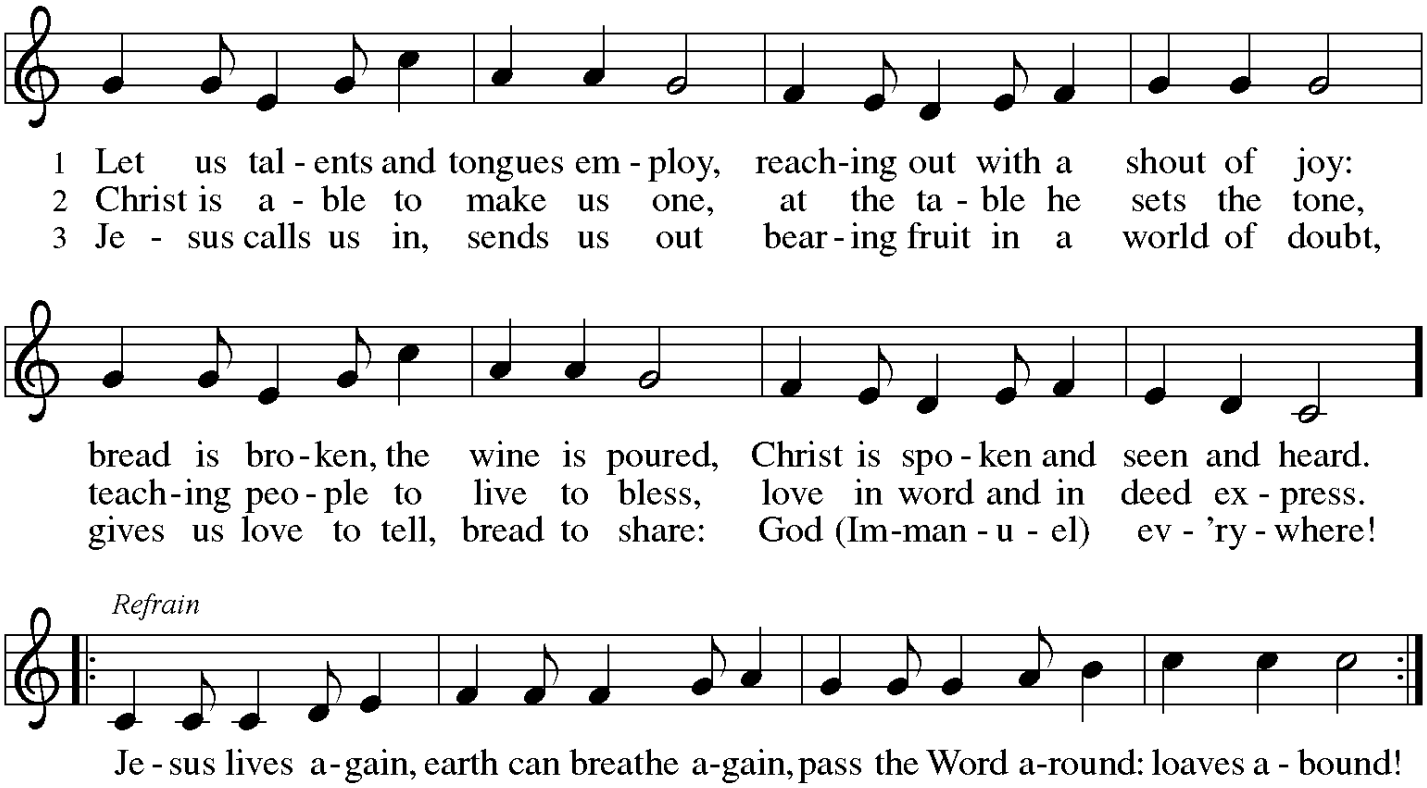
have made five more talents.’ [21] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord
ALL: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** **ELW 674/Red Hymnal**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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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 **Just As I Am**

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 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,
C: hear our prayer.
P: 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,
C: hear our prayer.
P: 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,
C: hear our prayer.
P: 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. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: 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. 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
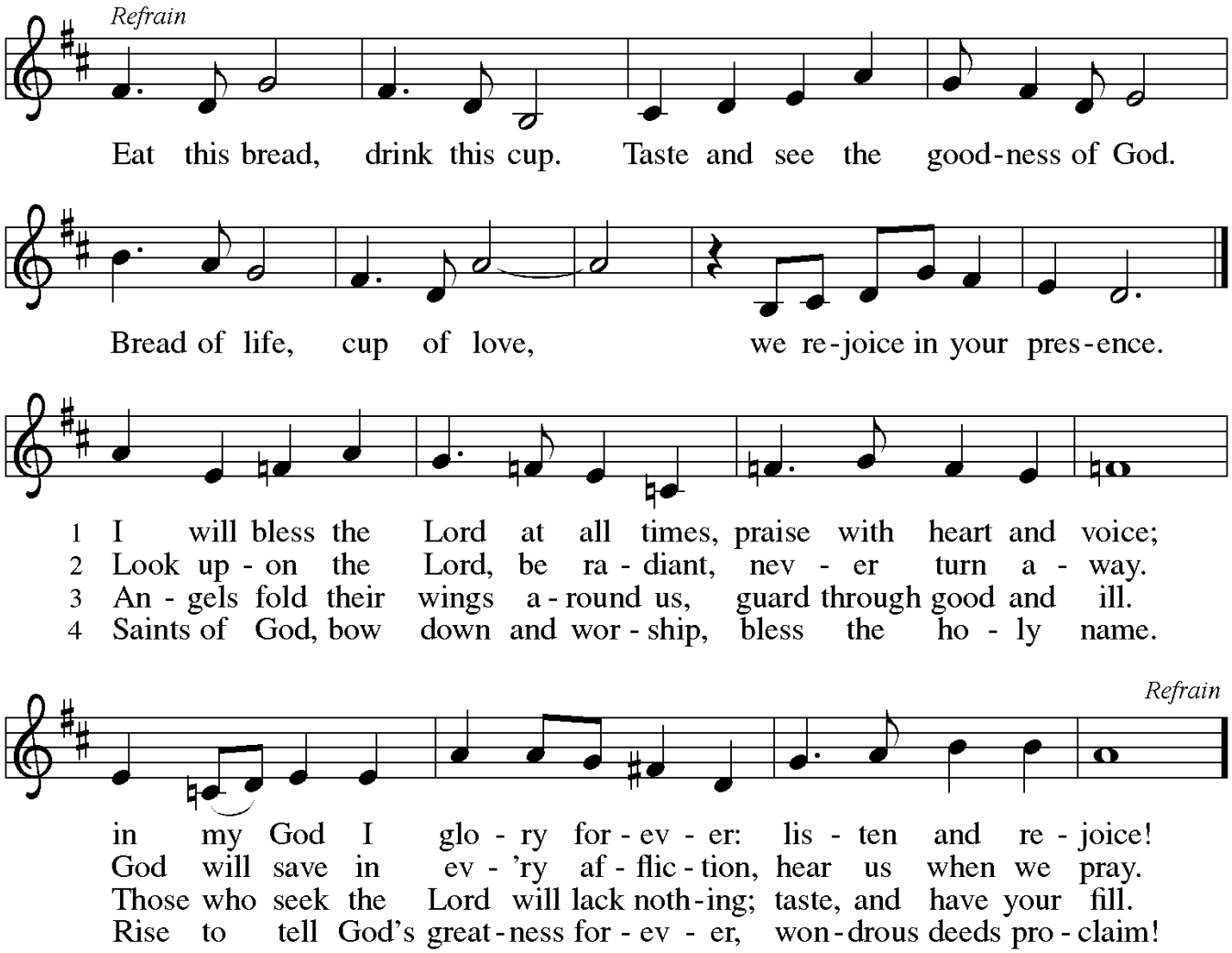
ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup **ELW 492/Red Hymnal**

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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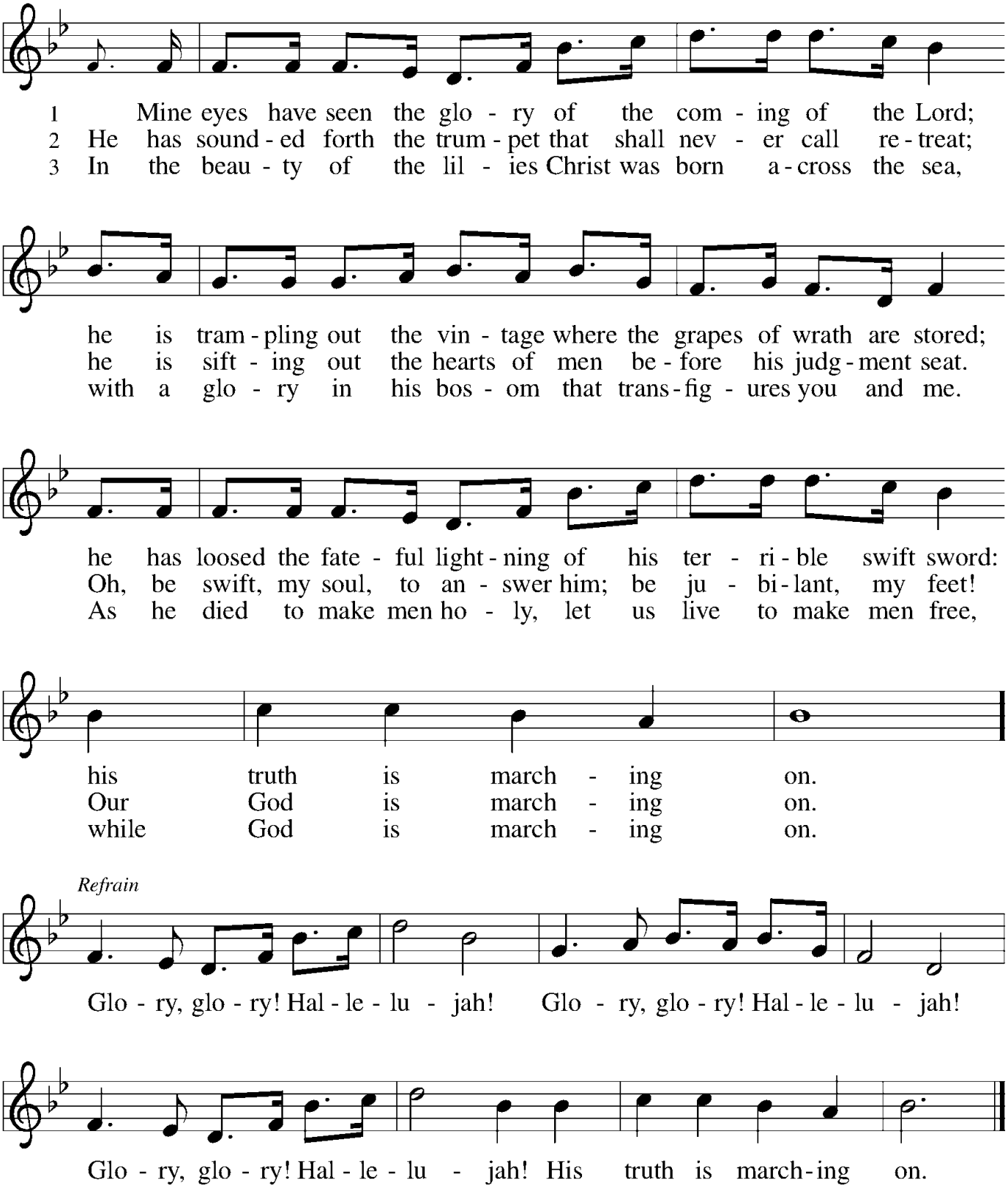
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory **ELW 890/Red Hymnal**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

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 **Majesty Sits Enthroned**

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *(Ps. 90:12)*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord

11/15/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated today by Nancy Schnaitman for her birthday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is TODAY and continues on the first and third Sundays of the month through May at 9:30am for children ages 3 – fifth grade. Our December classes are December 6th and December 20th. ***On 12/20, the Sunday school and preschool children will be singing to the congregation*** at the beginning of worship immediately followed by a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall during the remainder of worship.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets Tues, Nov. 17th at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact Twyla Strom at twy.strom@gmail.com if you have any questions about joining this engaging women's church group.

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.

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

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

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.

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 11/10 – $ 3,603 (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, 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.