Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Thankoffering Worship Service

November 15, 2026

Pastor Brandon Johns

PRELUDE *Give Thanks* Henry Smith

BELL RINGING

GATHERING LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

(We sing the indented lines together. For the first verse we begin after it is played through once. Afterwards we sing immediately with the music.)

> **We gather together to seek the Lord's favor,**
> **For daily we savor God's goodness divine.**
> **Together confessing, we seek his greatest blessing**
> **And find an honored place at his table to dine.**

Let all the earth sing praise to God!

Let the sound of his praise be heard in all the world!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together in the presence of the Lord.

Let us exult in God's steadfast love!

> **We gather together with songs of thanksgiving.**
> **To God ever-living, our anthems we raise.**
> **With anthems unending, let praise be ascending**
> **With hearts and lives united to show forth our praise.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his deliverance.

Let all who take refuge in God rejoice; let them ever sing for joy.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises God with joyful lips.

Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart!

We gather together, abundantly gifted
Our voices uplifted ring sweet in God's ear.
O blest congregation, with high adoration
Come now to offer thanks; in God's temple appear.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *With Joyful Thanksgiving* Mark Patterson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 90:1-8, 11-12 *(Read Responsively)*

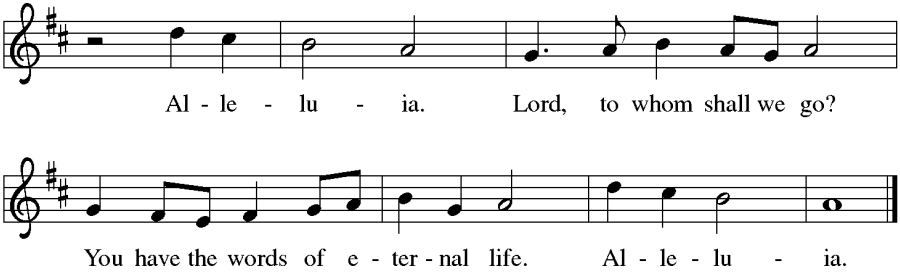
1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like**
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.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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. *This is the Word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
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.' "
This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Light



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CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed)

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

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.*

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.

The response for each petition is:

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.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DAILY BREAD

Give us this day our daily bread.

God gives daily bread, even when we do not pray for it, even to those who do not deserve it.

(We sing the indented lines together. For the first verse we begin after it is played through once. Afterwards we sing immediately with the music.)

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Daily bread includes every blessing we need for this life, such as:

Women: **home and property**
Men: **food and clothing**
Women: **work and income**
Men: **a devoted family**
Women: **good government**
Men: **an orderly community**
Women: **peace and health**
Men: **favorable weather**
Women: **a good reputation**
Men: **and true friends and neighbors**

Bless Lord the labor, we bring to serve you
That with our neighbor, we may be fed
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you
Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We ask in this prayer that God would help us realize his goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Father providing food for your children,
By your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that rejoicing
With us, all others may know your care.

We shall not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God, made flesh for us.
He is the Bread of Life.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**God gives daily bread, even to those who do not deserve it.
We ask that God would help us to realize his goodness,
and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

**Then will your blessing, reach every people,
Freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where all obey you, no one will hunger;
In your love's sway you nourish the land.**

OFFERING PRAYER

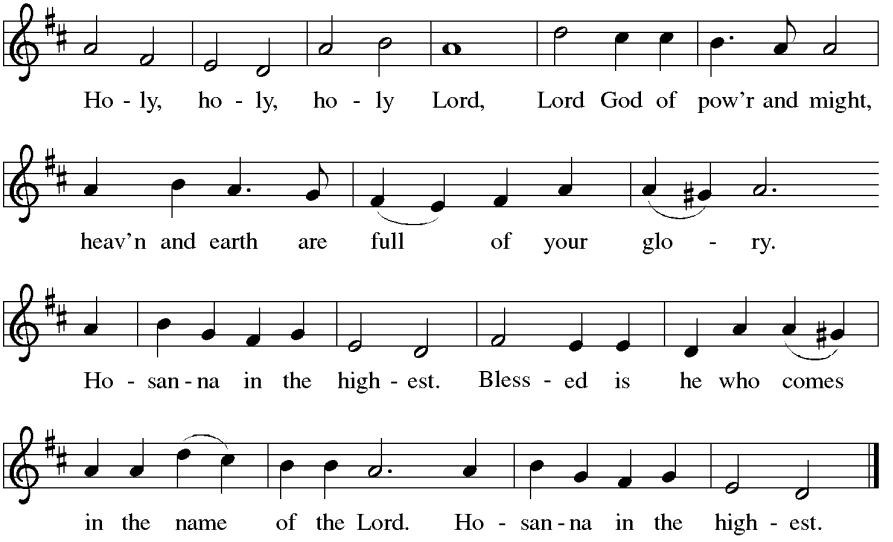
Let us pray. *(silence)* Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE *(It is indeed right…. join their unending hymn)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

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 in remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

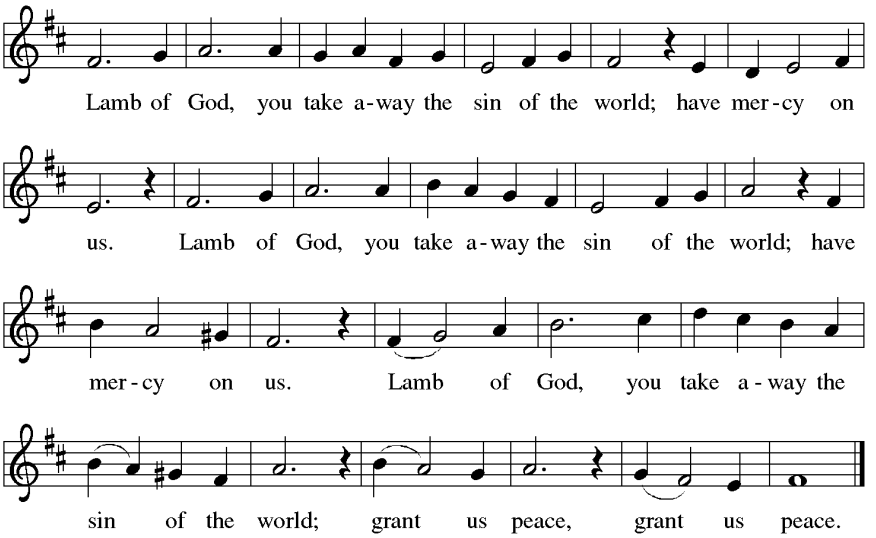
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come to the banquet, the foretaste of the heavenly feast to come.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)*



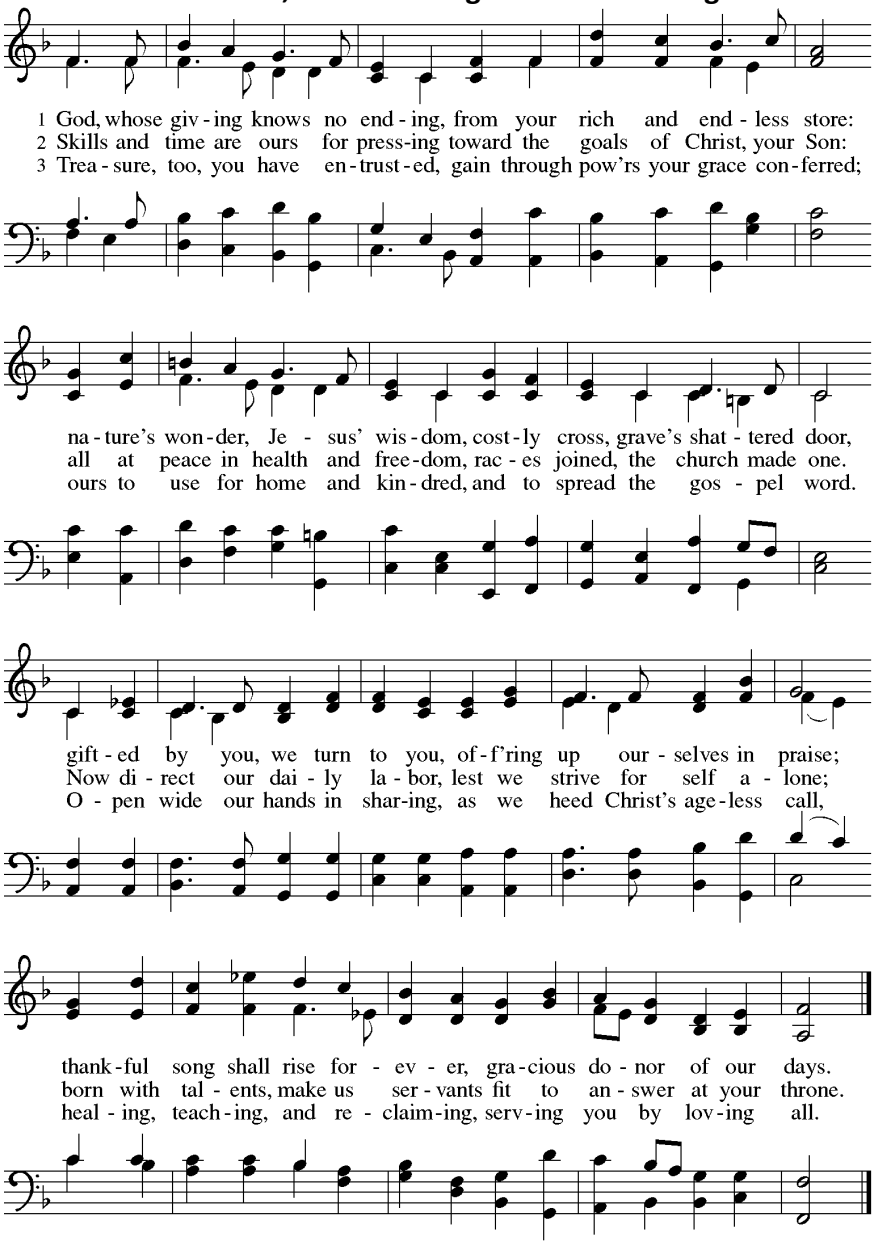
The Sacrament will be offered with these words:
The body of Christ, given for you. *and* The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Optional responses **Amen** *or* **Thanks be to God** *or* **Renew us, Lord**

BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION
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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Mighty Is the Lord of Hosts* Chester Nordman

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	Donna Daugherty
Berty McMillen	Stephanie Hogan	Annastyn Hogan
Debbie Beahm	Michael Grigorovich	Matthew Wible
Nancy Zattiero	Rick Reifenstein	Karen Ferrari
Glenn Fulghum	Robin VanDyke	Jessica
Danielle Campbell	Rita Reifenstein	Jared Hartzel
Chris Sutton	Kathy & her husband	

The families of Randy Crump, Karen Hartman, and Angie Banyay

Today's altar flowers are given by Becky Rengers in loving memory of loved ones and in honor of her children & grandchildren & great-grandsons



Today's altar flowers are given by Brandon & Christine Johns in honor of November birthdays in the family

The Eternal Candle is presented by Becky & Rick Riddle in memory of their parents

Our Benevolent Cause for November: **Glade Run Lutheran Services**
If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope Glade Run.

Featured November Food Cupboard Donation – snacks, cookies, crackers, and popcorn

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Monday-Friday	4-6:00 pm	After School Program
Wed. Nov. 18	10:00 am	Community Quilters Group
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7 & 8:00 pm	Cantata Practice & Choir
Thurs. Nov. 19	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. Nov. 21	5:00 pm	All SPY Dinner & Devotions
	6:30 pm	Game Night

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is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

ELCA Presiding Bishop	The Rev. Yehiel Curry
SWPA Synod Bishop	The Rev. Melissa Stoller
Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Asst. Minister	Deb Mort
Lector	Staci Bettencourt
Acolyte	Ethan Johns
Bell Ringer	Austin Schmidt
Ushers	Casey & Dan Guerriero
Nursery	Linda Schmidt
Tech Support	Adam Price
Greeters	Becky Rengers & Cheryl Thomas

Upcoming Youth Schedule:

11/21 – Dinner & Devotions, Grades 3rd-12th, 5-6:30pm,
then stay for Game Night at 6:30pm
11/29 – SPY Advent Lunch – 7th-12th prepare during Sunday School
All help during and afterwards
12/12 – Christmas Program Rehearsal at 10:00am
12/12 – All SPY Christmas Party, 6-9:00pm
12/19 – Christmas Program Rehearsal at 10:00am
12/20 – Sunday School Christmas Program, 6:00pm, arrive at 5:30
12/22 – Christmas dinner (5-6:00pm), caroling (6-8:00pm)

Turkey Dinner – Thank you to all who donated, prepared, served and dined with us for the Turkey Dinner. It's a wonderful time in our congregation and community.



Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.

Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer).

Nursery – is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Offering – Thank you for supporting our ministries! Plates are available at the front and rear of the nave to receive offering, or you if you prefer, we have Venmo as an option. If you choose to use Venmo, please note how you would like the funds to be designated, like for Current Fund, etc.

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