Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



What keeps your spiritual fire burning?

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026
10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

PRELUDE *Love Is of God* Esther Higgins

BELL RINGING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
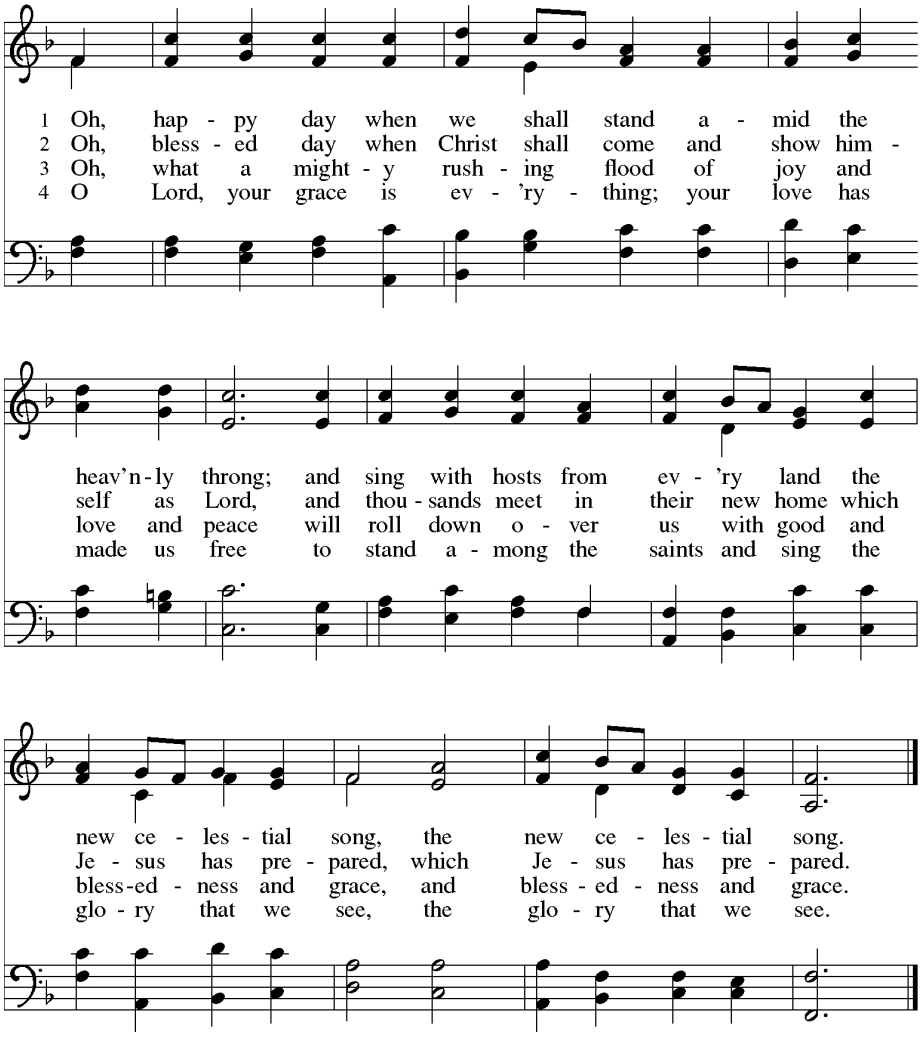
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand
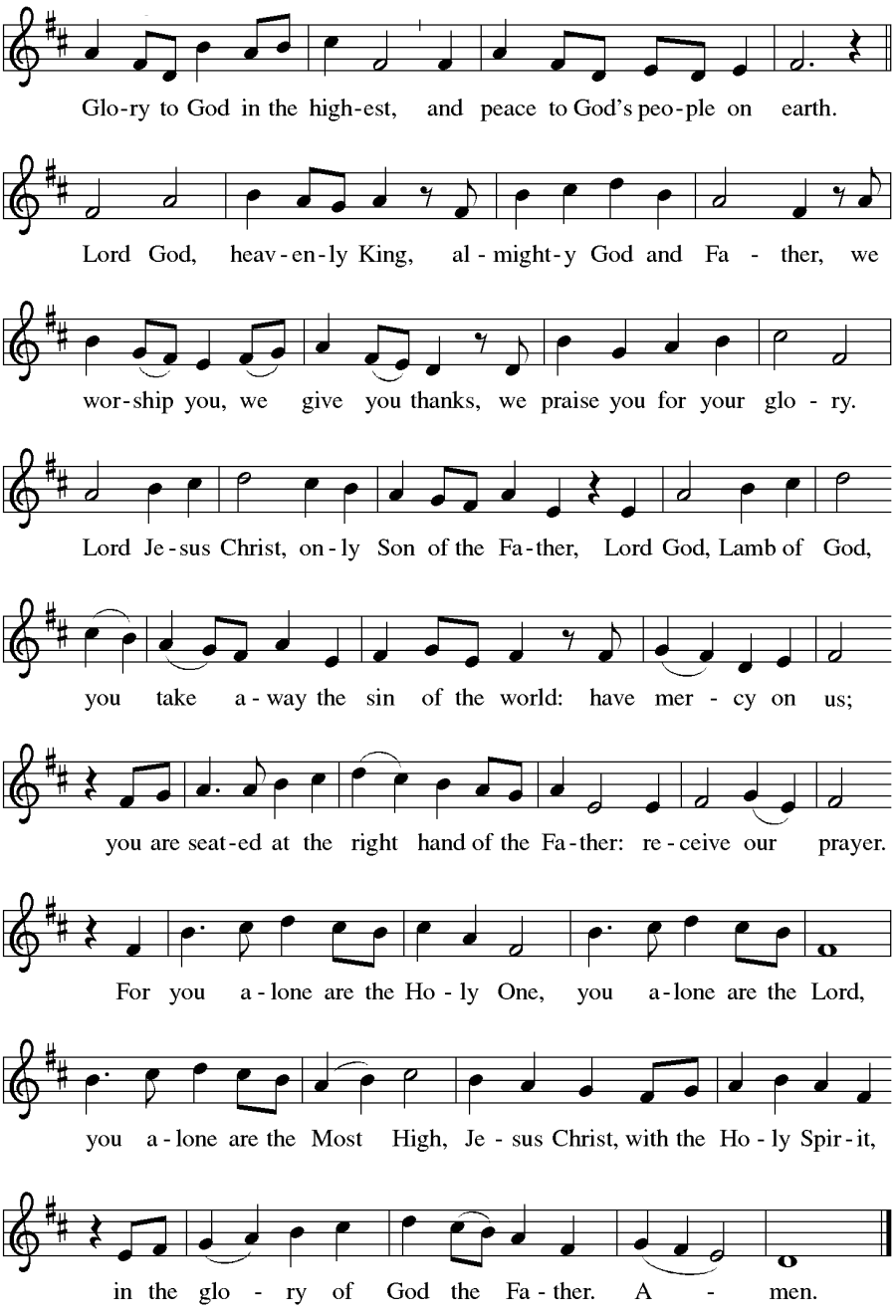


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GREETING

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

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, 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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR *Give Me Oil In My Lamp*

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

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

PSALM 70 *(Read Responsively)*

[1]Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2]**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and be disgraced.
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4]**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

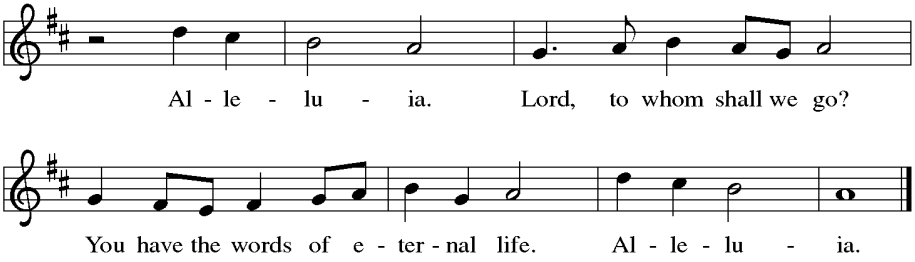
[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(*The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.
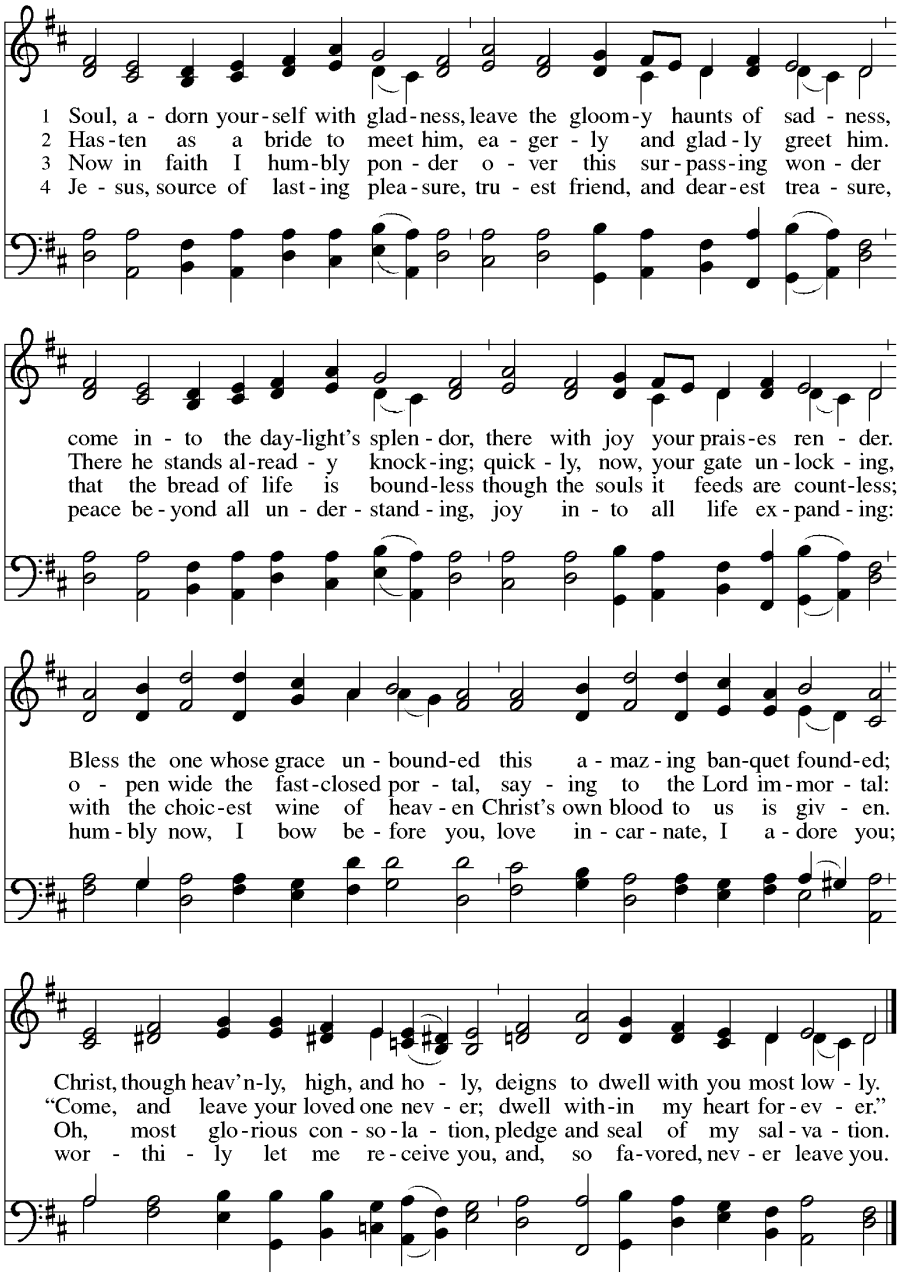
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with 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 bridesmaids 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 bridesmaids 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."

This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY: Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness



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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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APOSTLES CREED

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 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 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.

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.**
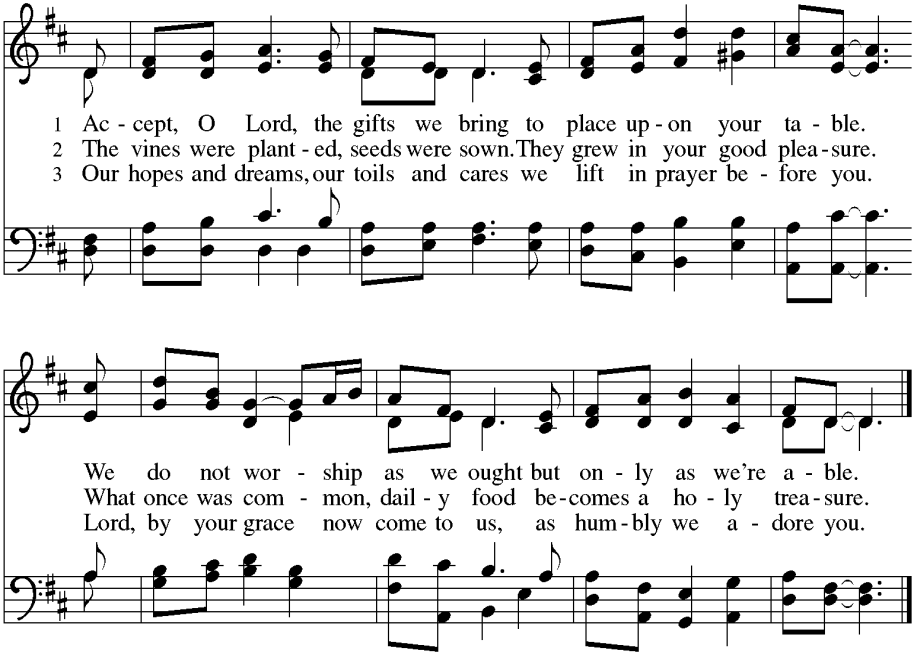
PEACE

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

OFFERING

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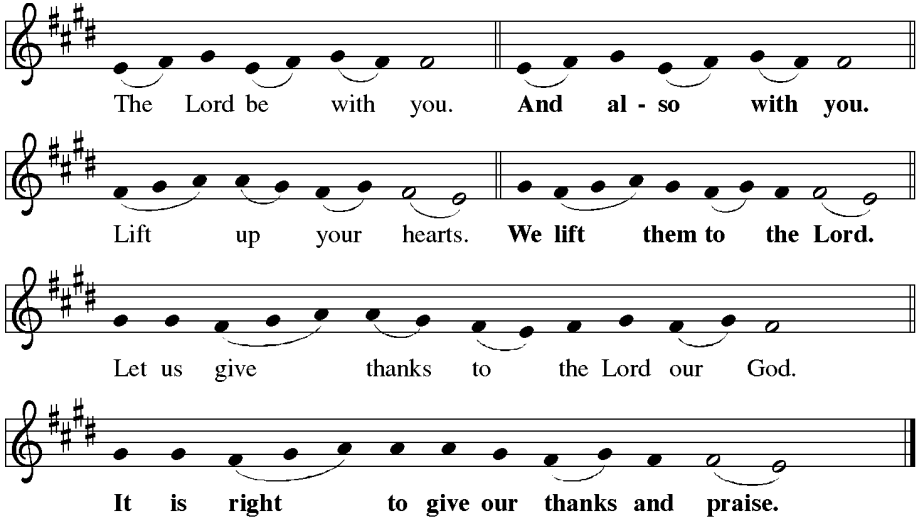
OFFERTORY SONG: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



OFFERING PRAYER

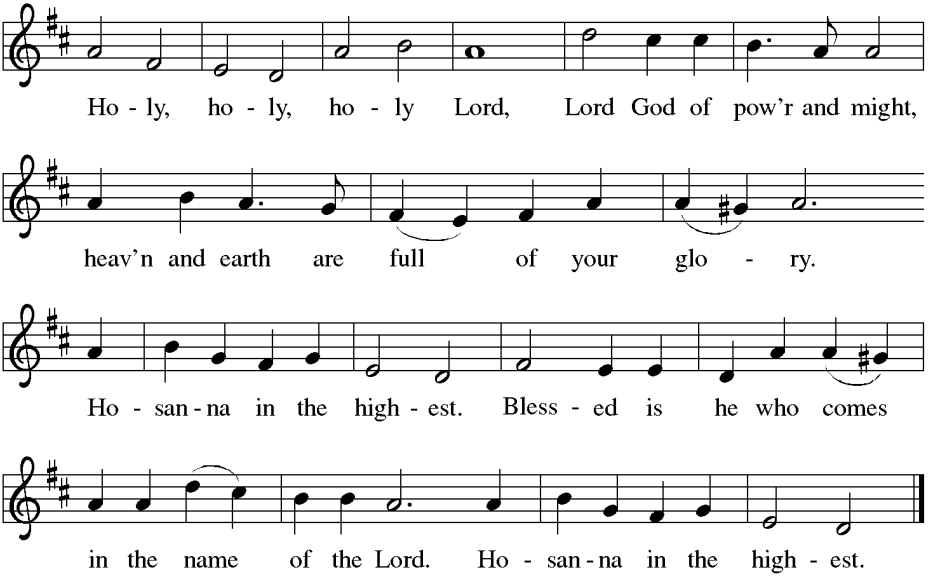
Let us pray. *(silence)* Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

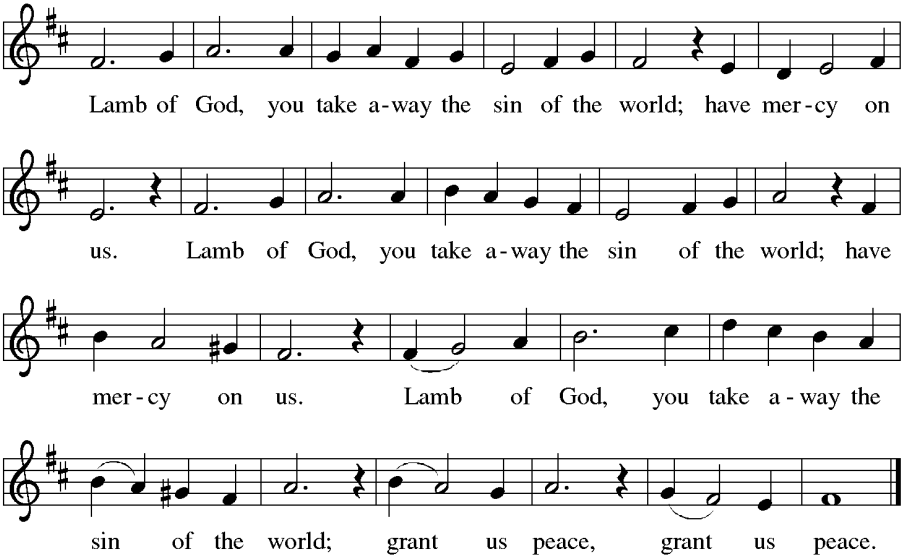
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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
Jesus prepares the table where all of God's people are made one. Come to this meal of mercy.

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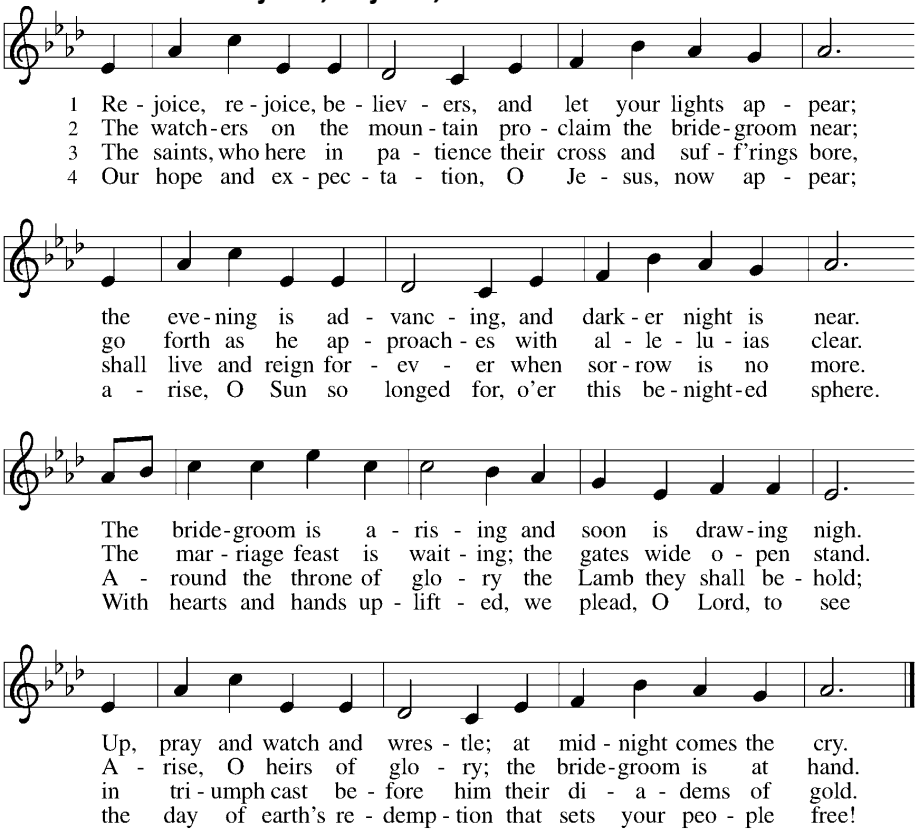


The Sacrament will be offered with these words:
The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Optional responses **Amen** *or* **Thanks be to God** *or* **Renew us, Lord**

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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

SHARING FOR SERVING: Birthdays and Mission Notices

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Alla Marcia* Chester Nordman

Today's altar flowers are given by Walt & Amy Grigorovich in honor of Kelly Mazur & Amy's birthdays this week



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



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
Ken Nagle	Butch Barto	Robin VanDyke
Danielle Campbell	Rita Reifenstein	Jessica
Kathy & her husband	Diane Mashuda	Chris Sutton

Jared Hartzel The families of Marilyn Stevens, Arlene Cameron, Dick Marburger, Randy Crump, and Karen Hartman

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

Congregational Meeting Today – We will consider and approve a mission spending plan for our community, as well as elect people we believe to be called by God into leadership for this season in our church's life.

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Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
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Acolyte	Luke Johns
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Bell Ringer	Ryan Bonicky
Greeters	Beverly Banyay & Donna Daugherty
Lector	Melissa Bonicky
Ushers	Cindy & Tom Ayres
Nursery	Staci Bettencourt
Tech Support	Heidi Beahm

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:		
Mon. – Friday	4 – 6:00 pm	After School Program
Tues. November 10	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. November 11	10:00 am	Community Sewers
	7:00 pm	Cantata Practice
	8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs. November 12	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. November 14	4:00 pm	Turkey Dinner

Turkey Dinner – Our Turkey Dinner will be on Saturday, Nov. 14th. The donation poster is up, so please take a look, and sign up to donate if you are able. Please have all donations besides pies and rolls to the church kitchen TODAY. Pies and rolls can be dropped off on Friday, November 13th between 9-12pm and Saturday, November 14th between 11-2pm.

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. 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 service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery.

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.

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