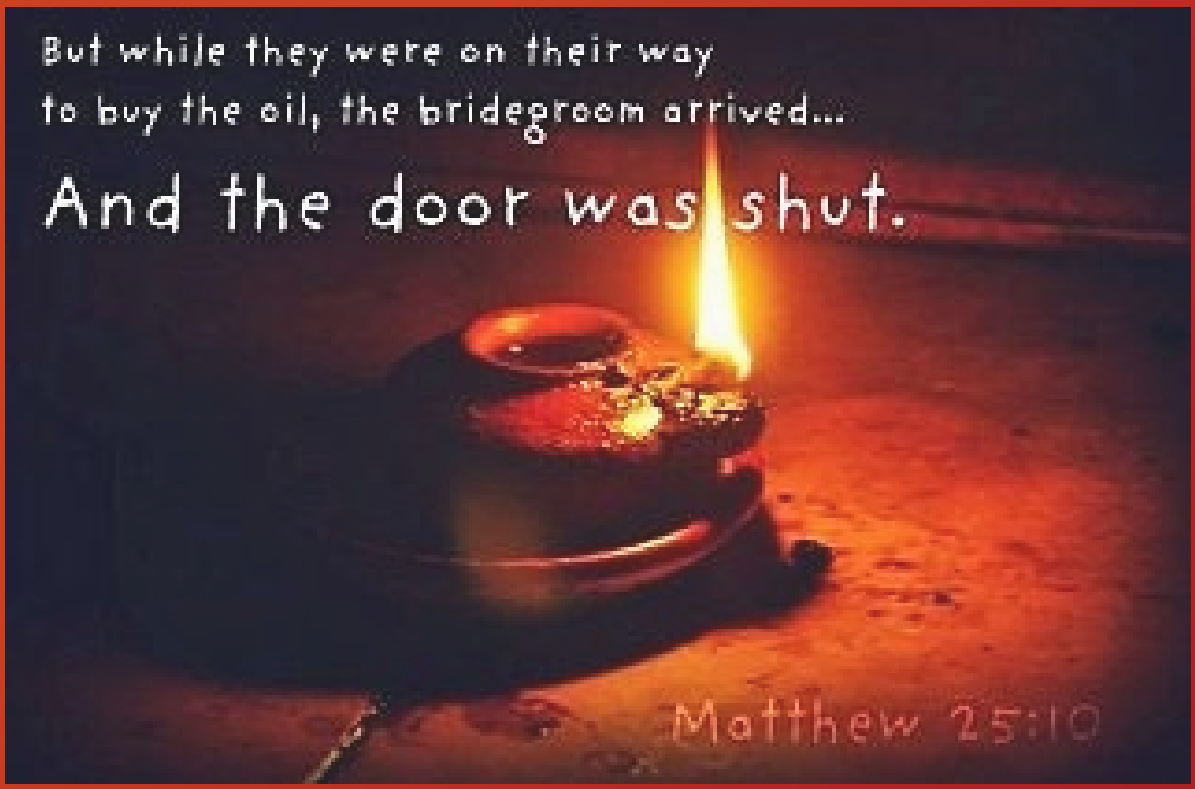
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost



Sunday, November 8, 2026

Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.

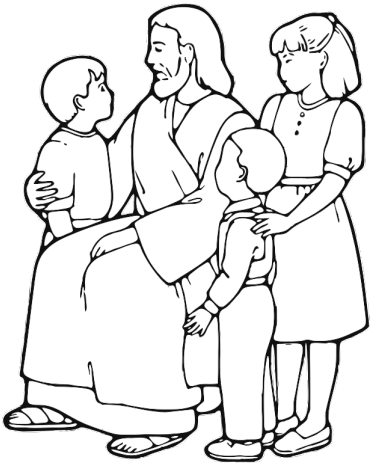
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained-glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.

- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.

- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

  If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!



Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!

Prelude

HYMN: "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" *LSB 514*

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution *LSB 151*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant

of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
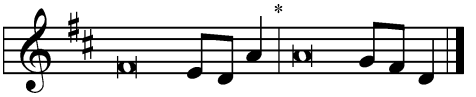
C **Amen.**

Remain Standing

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3



P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

C **How lovely is your | dwelling place,***
O | LORD of hosts!

P Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.***
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

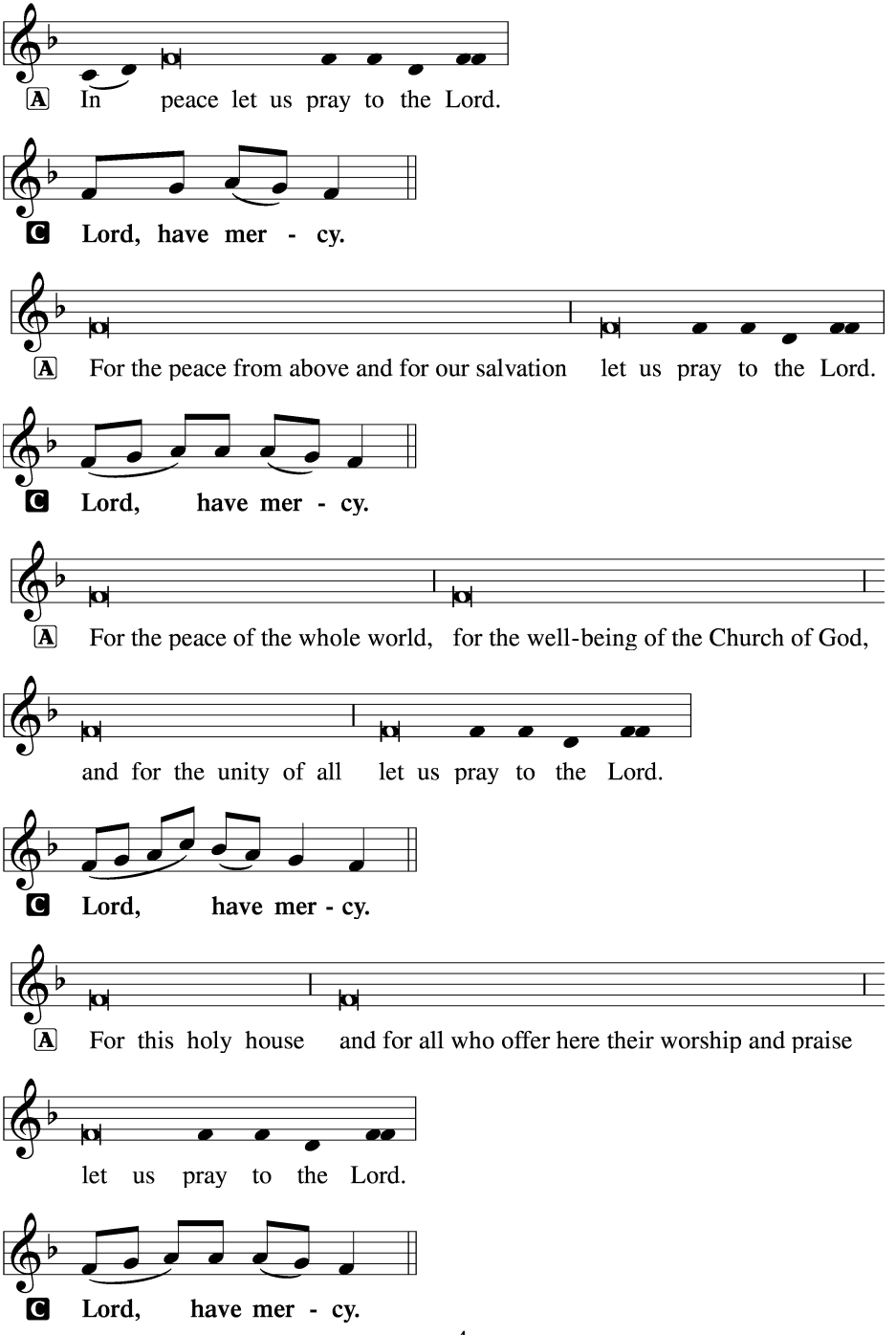
C **O | LORD of hosts,***
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

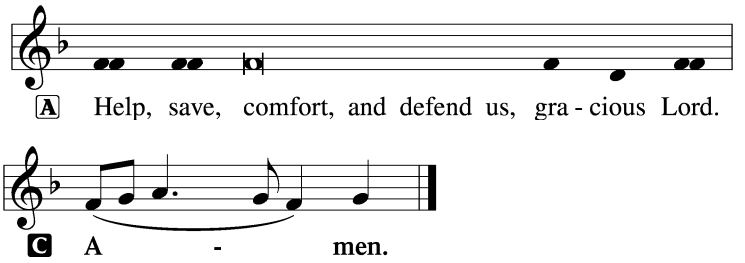
ALL **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

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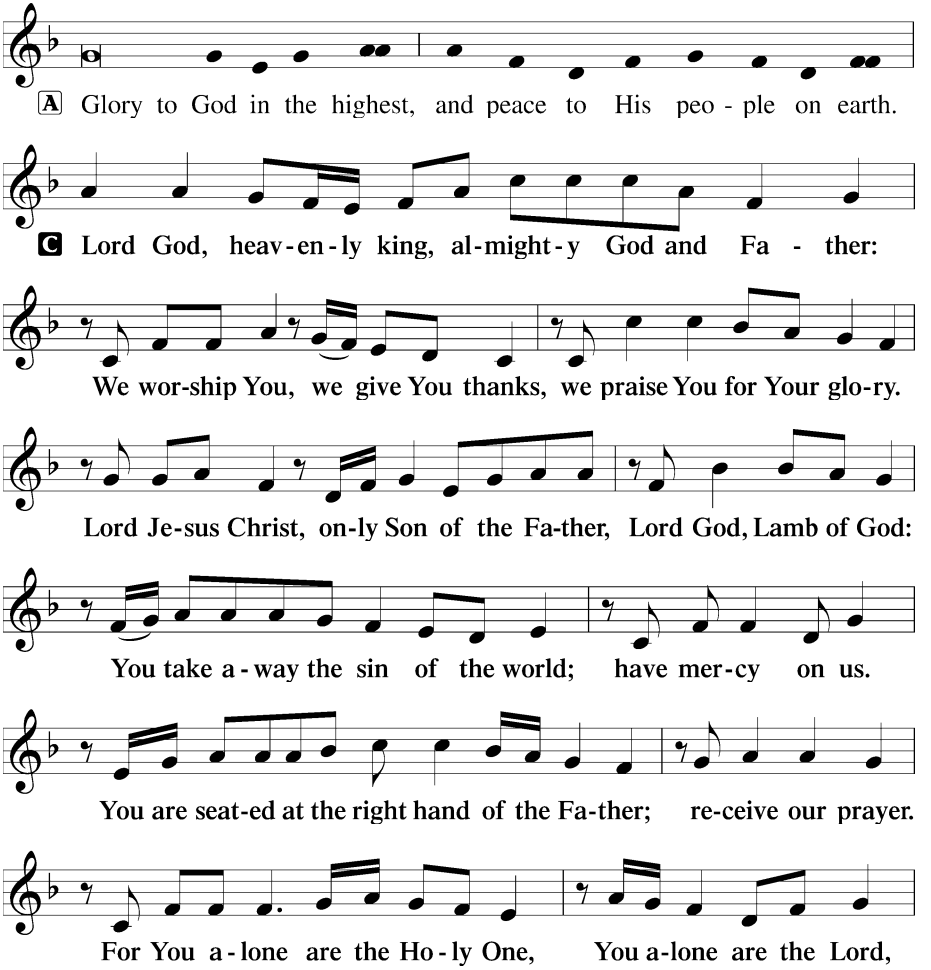
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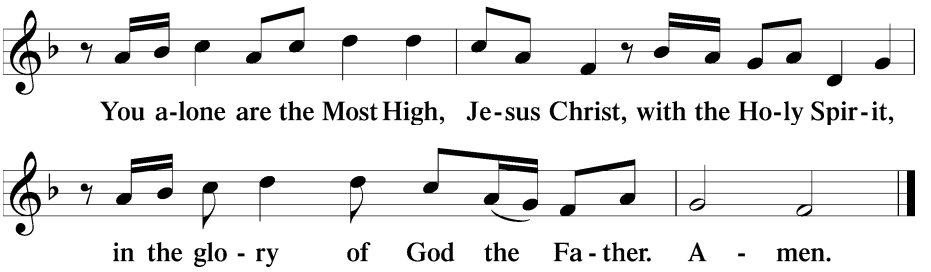




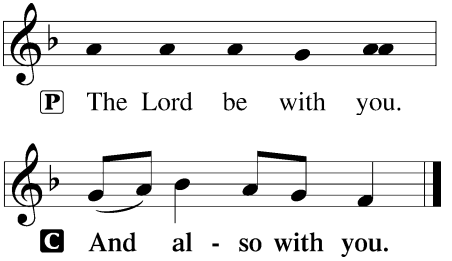
Gloria in Excelsis

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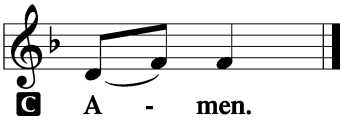




Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

[8]Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
[19]as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
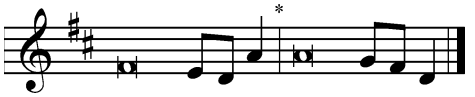
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



P These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb,

C **Blessed are those whose strength is | in you,***
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the

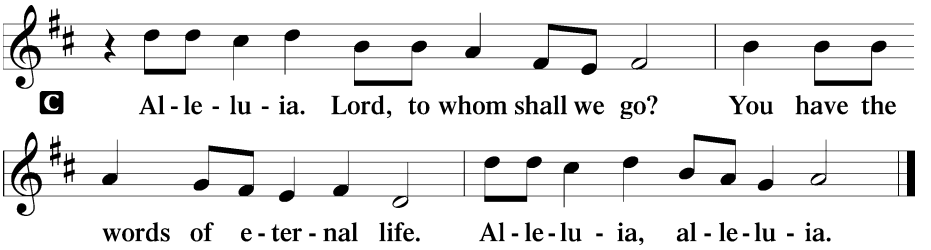
air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

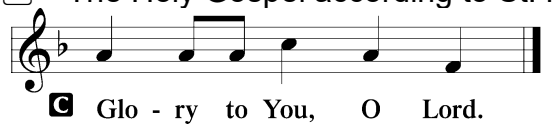
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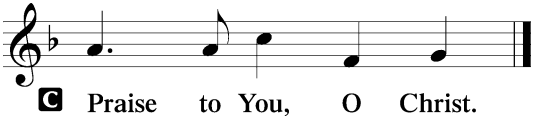
Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

HYMN: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" *LSB 516*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador,
President of the LCMS SWD (Sunday)

The Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall,
CUW - Associate VP of Academics for Faith Integration (Wednesday)

Stand

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

℗ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

℃ **Amen.**

Nicene Creed

℃ **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition:
P ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

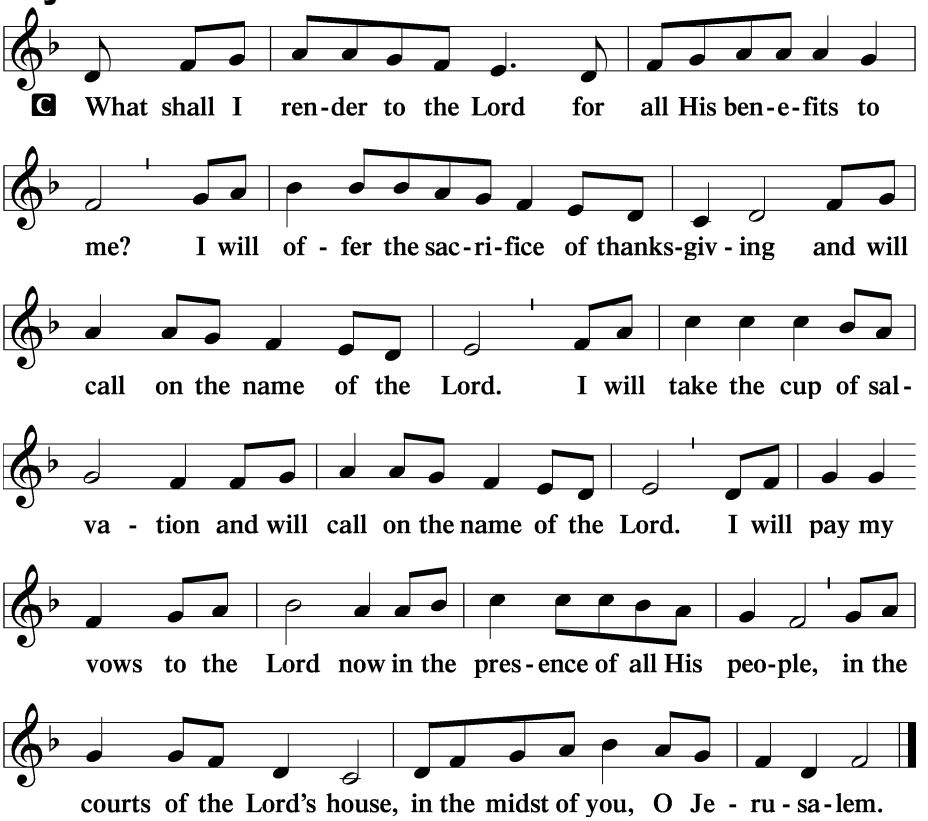
Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Offertory

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Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.
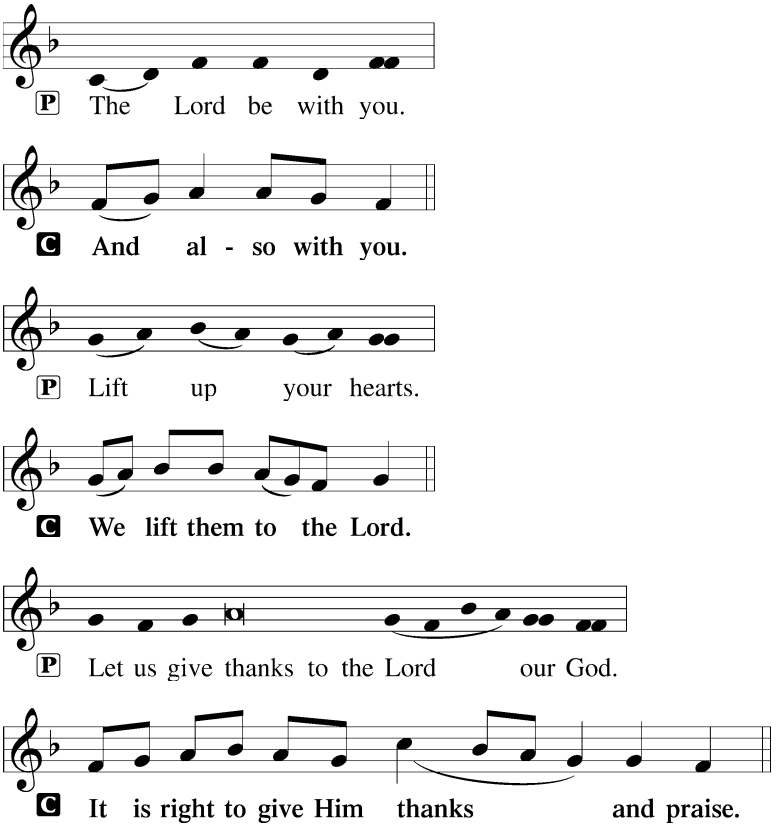
Our Communion Statement - continued

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice. For further study, *see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

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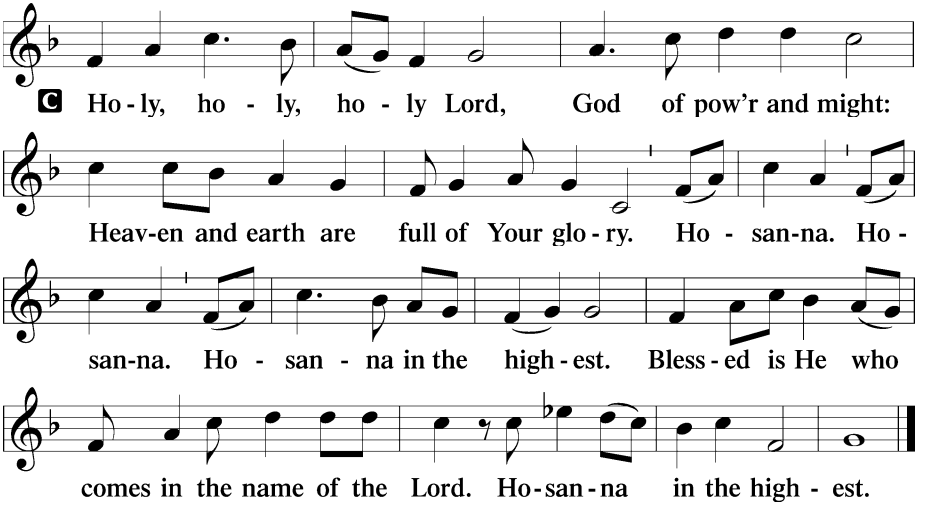


Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

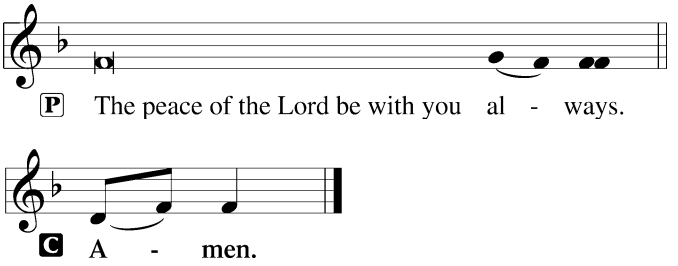
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

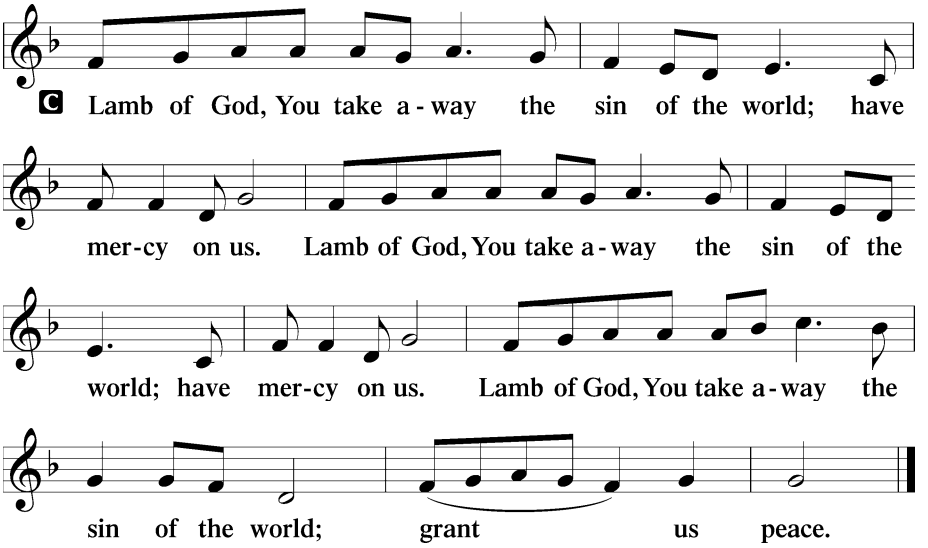
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 163*



Agnus Dei *LSB 163*



Sit

Distribution

HYMN: "O God of Light" *LSB 836*

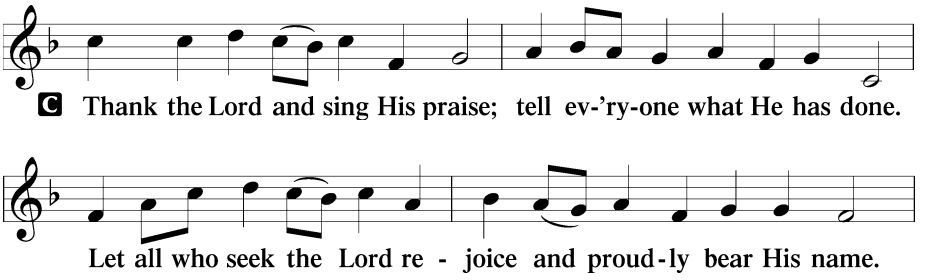
HYMN: "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" *LSB 708*

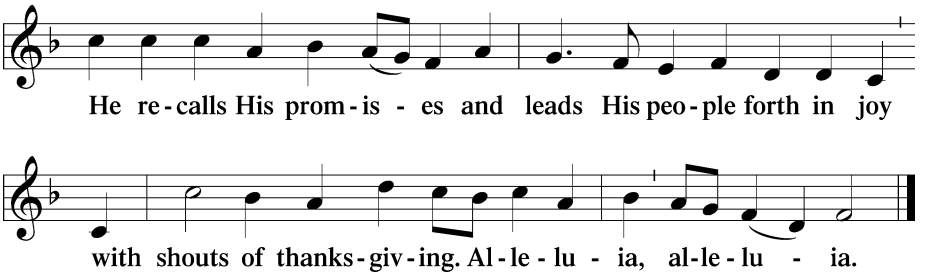
HYMN: "Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray" *LSB 663*

HYMN: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *LSB 621*

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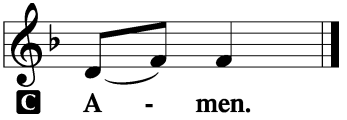
Thank the Lord *LSB 164*





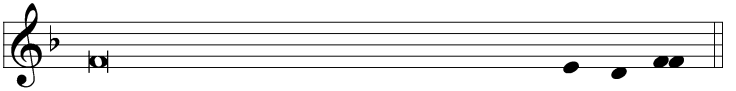
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
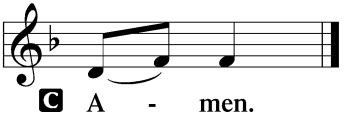


Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Sit

Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LSB 515

Serving Us this Week

Elders (8am): Abe Rohde
(1030am): Rob Russell
Finance Team: Parchim & Hempelman
Altar Committee: Sue Gerth & Shelia Shultis
Usher Team (#2): Kent Schueller, Captain

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun (11/8/26)
✝ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Divine Service 8am and 1030am–** *with Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador*
- Bible Study and Sunday School Hour 915am-1015am **(Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary)**
- Blood Drive 1030am-3pm- *Fellowship Hall*
- Board of Education meets after 2nd service

Tues (11/10/26)

- Women's Bible Study – 1pm *Church Library*

Wed (11/11/26)

- UGT 11am-3pm
- Youth Catechesis 5th and 6th grades – 530pm
- Divine Service – 7pm *with Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall*

Thurs (11/12/26)

- Men's Bible Study – 630am
- *Fredonia Family Restaurant*

Sun (11/15/26)
✝ 25th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Divine Service 8am and 1030am–** *with Rev. Richard Gaub*
- Bible Study and Sunday School Hour 915am-1015am

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- ✢ Rose Bottesi
- ✢ Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- ✢ Judy Fischer
- ✢ Keith Johnson
- ✢ Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- ✢ Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- ✢ Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- ✢ Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)
- ✢ Amelia (Mass family friend)
- ✢ Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- ✢ John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- ✢ Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- ✢ Mike Czysh
- ✢ James Blecha (Mike Berry's Grandson)
- ✢ Ellen Heilgendorf (cousin of Rose Bottesi)
- ✢ Sandra Truebenbach
- ✢ Family of Jeff Ader
- ✢ Family of Nathan Simms (great-nephew of Charlene Landing)
- ✢ The Family of Eileen Malitz (Carol Tanko's sister-in-law) in memory of her passing

Poinsettia Order Forms

are on the **Welcome Center** if you need a form. Please complete the form by Sunday, November 22nd. Place in the church mailbox #222.



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- Restaurants
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Please consider donating gift cards in amounts of $50 or less to ensure equitable distribution ($10, $20, or $25, $50). Mark your gifted card with the amount on it.

Drop-off gift cards in the church office or church mailbox #222. Deadline is Sunday, November 22nd.

The Childcare Raise Right Program is a great way to purchase cards and help two missions at the same time. Proceeds of the gift cards support the Childcare here at St. John.

If you have any further questions or would like to utilize the Raise Right program, please contact the church office at (262)692-2734.

Help decorate the tree for local families in need!

Donate socks, scarves, hats, and gloves for adults or children to spread the Good News!

All donations will be given to the local Food Pantry to help families stay warm this winter! Thanks for your support!! Please have your item ready by December 6, 2026.

Thank you!





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