Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

WELCOME

A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome at worship.
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST
November 8 - 15

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m	Worship
Monday	1:00 p.m.	MOW Meeting Room 1
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	CVSM in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	WELCA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	8:30a.m.	ELCA Conference Meeting
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Harvest Home Sunday with Holy Communion
		FNF DEADLINE

GATHERING

WELCOME & HONORING VETERANS

Thank you to the Veterans who have served in the United States Military to protect our country. We appreciate you.

Jim Brown	*Seth Cody*	*Rick Gates*	*Denny Love*
Ralph Burdick	*Mike Dent*	*Bob Hammer*	*Amanda Rankin*
Scott Carbaugh	*Pam Dent*	*Don Shoop*	*Daniel Cody*
Gary Fleegal			

Currently Serving: Hunter Boock, Rubens Paul and Zachary Peters

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **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.

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

Come, We That Love the Lord

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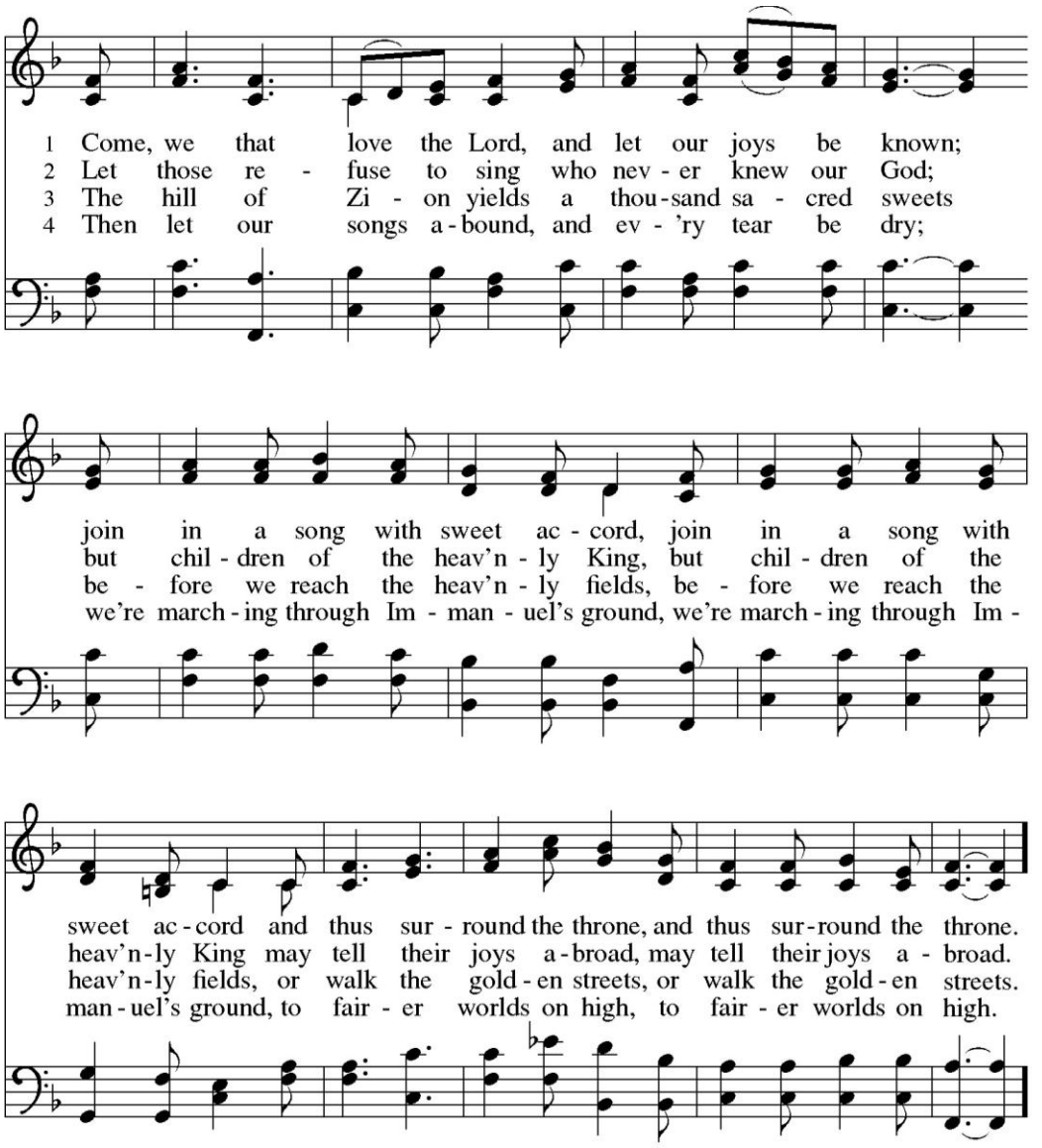
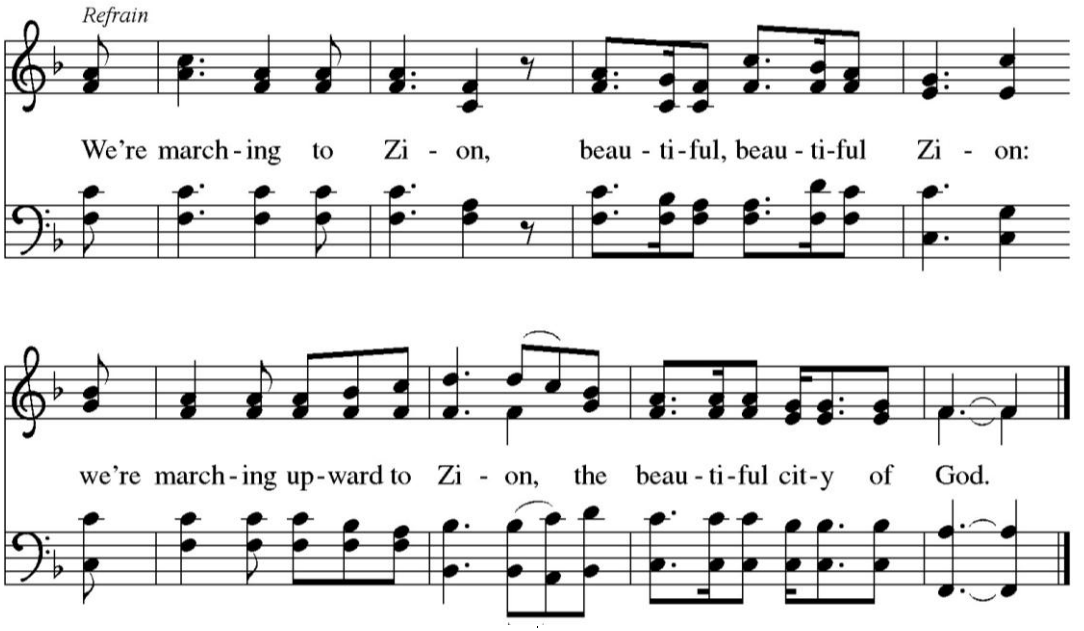

GREETING

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.**

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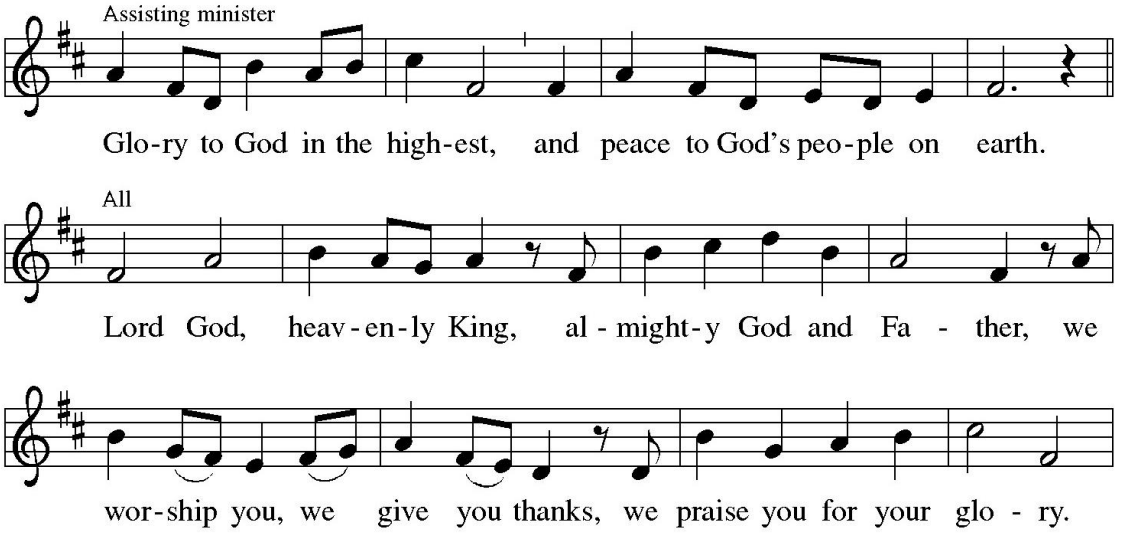
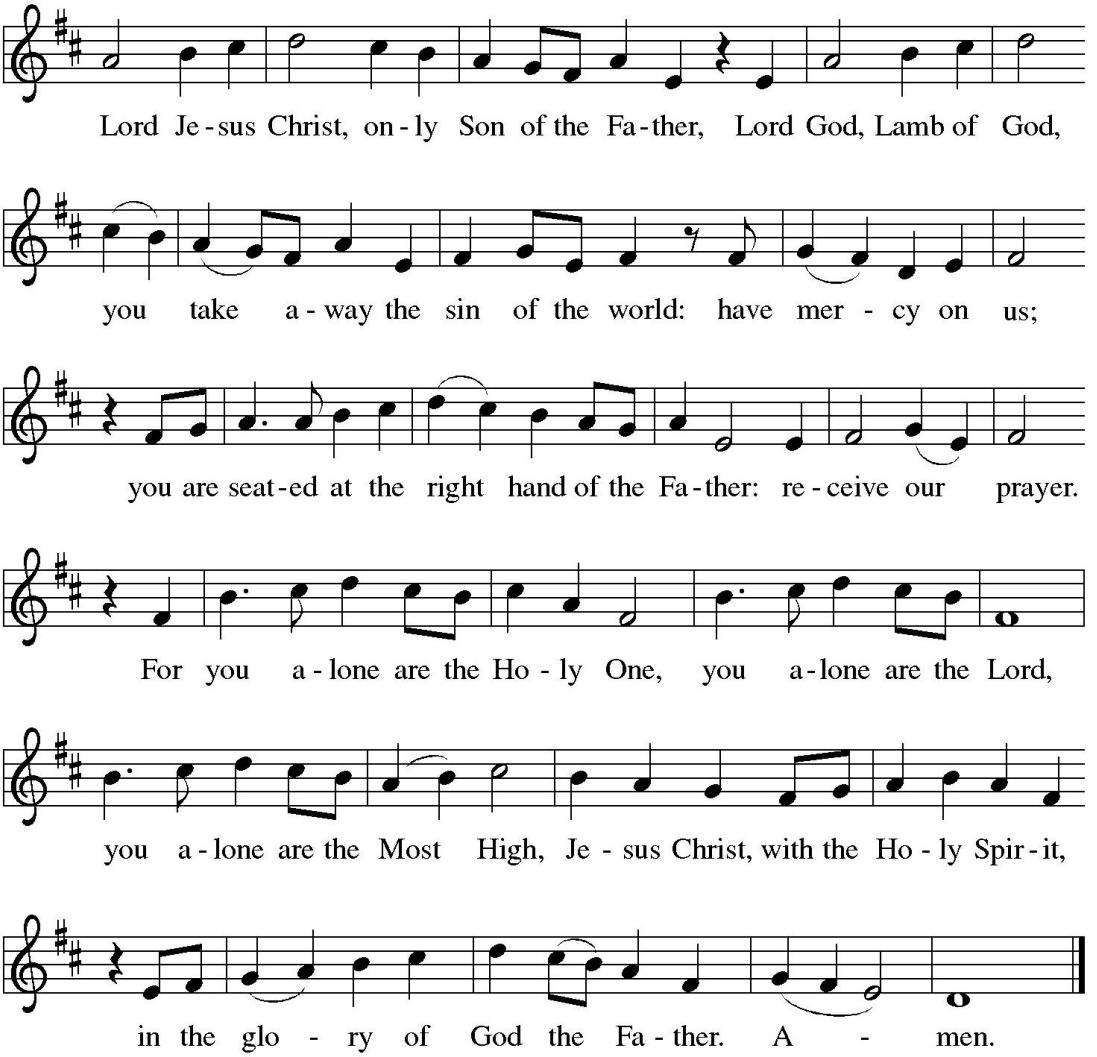

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to 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 water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 70

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.

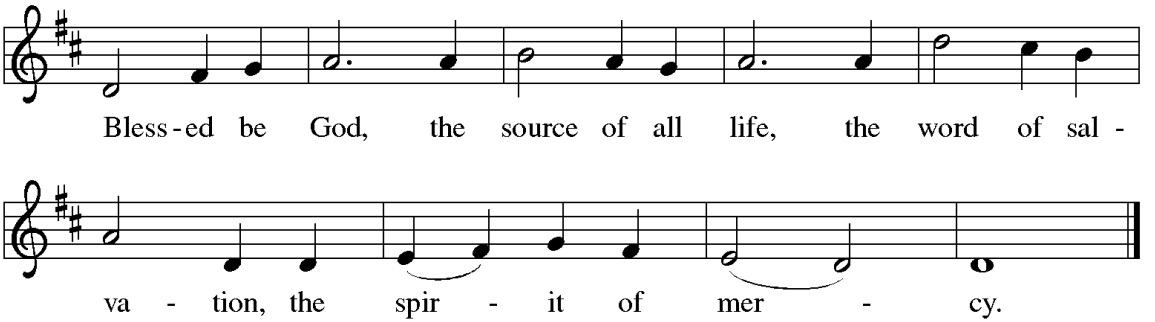
SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Following the sermon silence is kept for reflection. Please stand for the hymn.

When Peace, like a River

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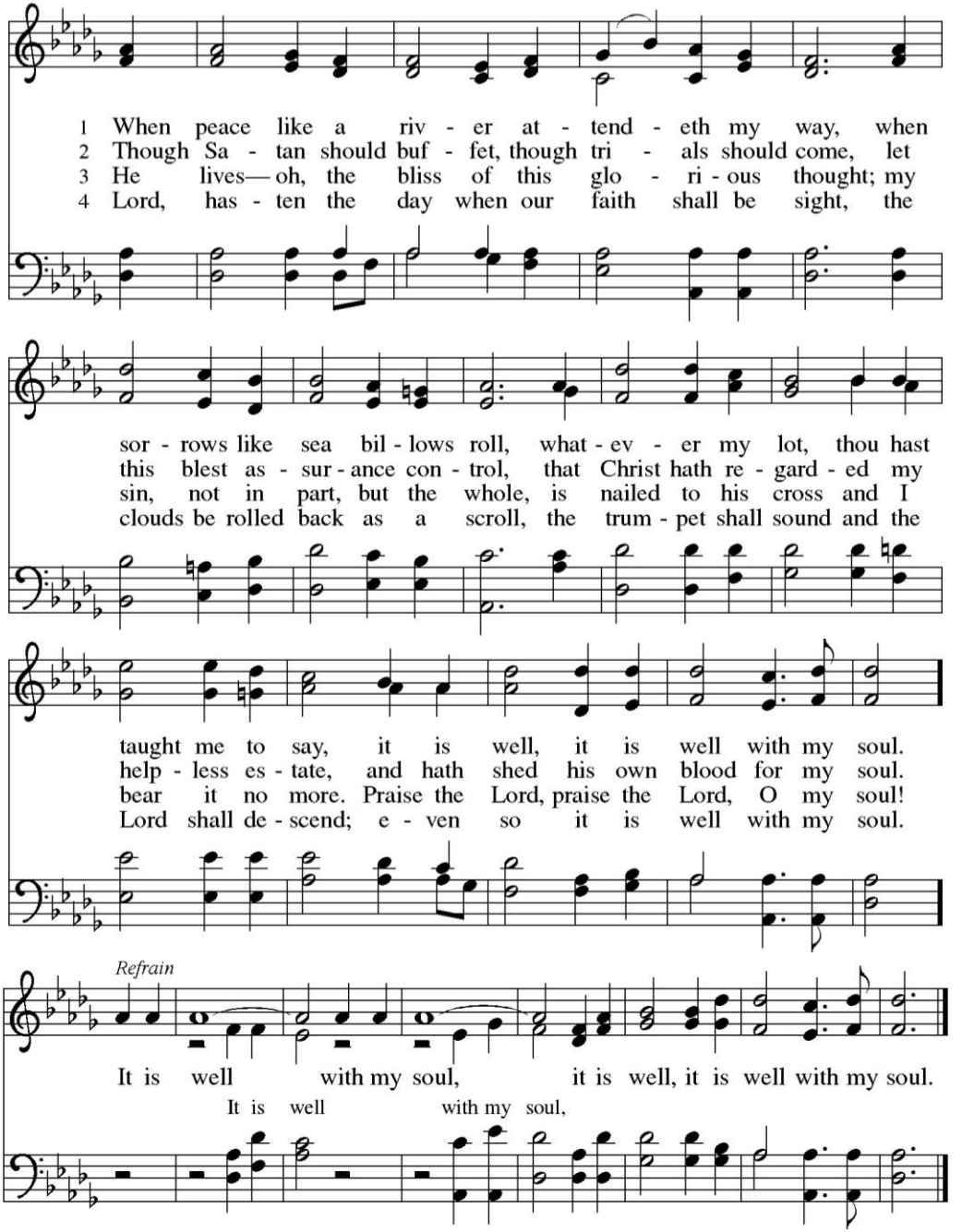

OUR RESPONSE

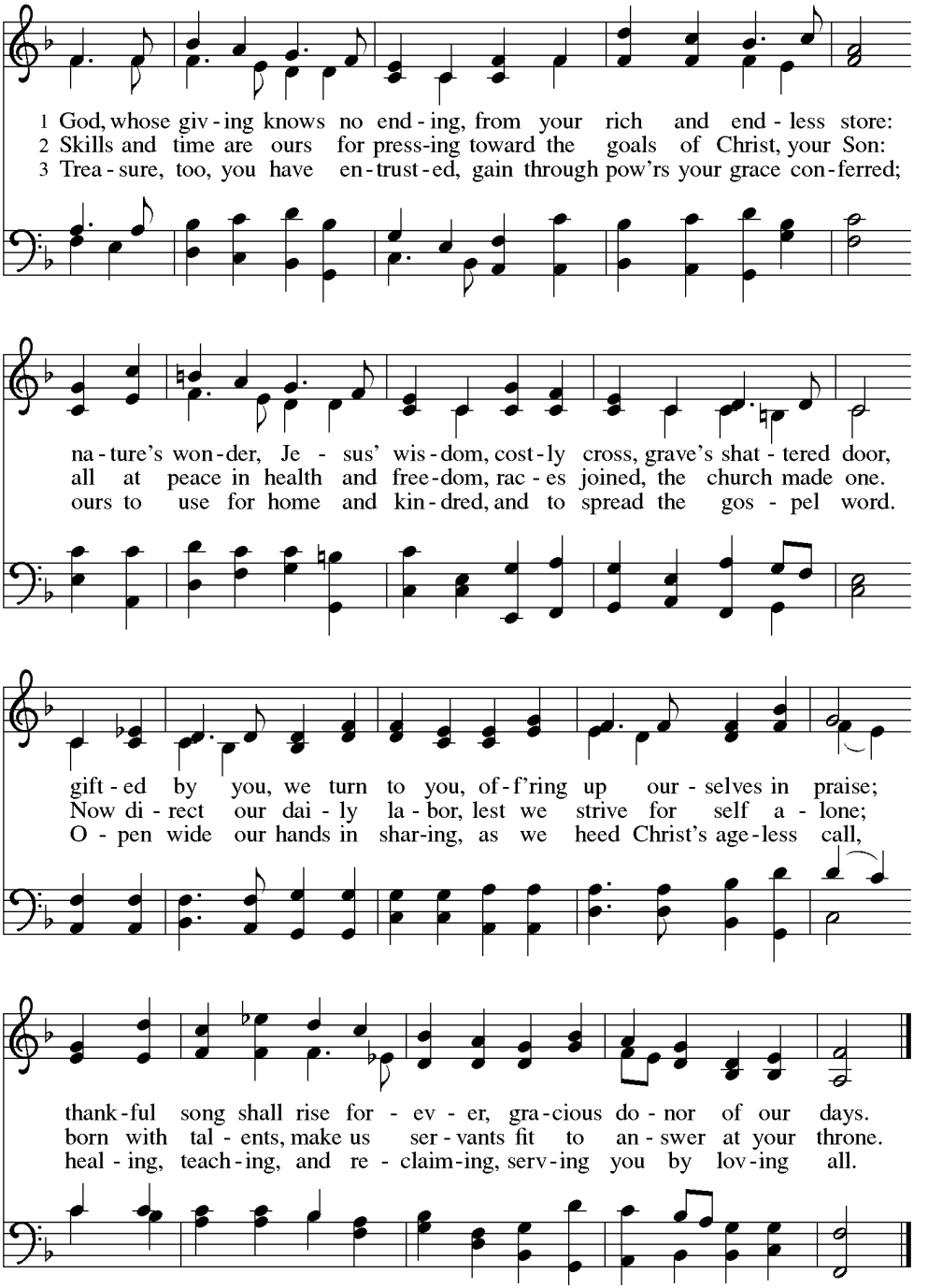
GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code. During the summer months, please place your offering in the plates at the entrances to worship.

ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY


1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;
na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

OFFERING PRAYER

**Eternal God, 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.**

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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Blessed Assurance

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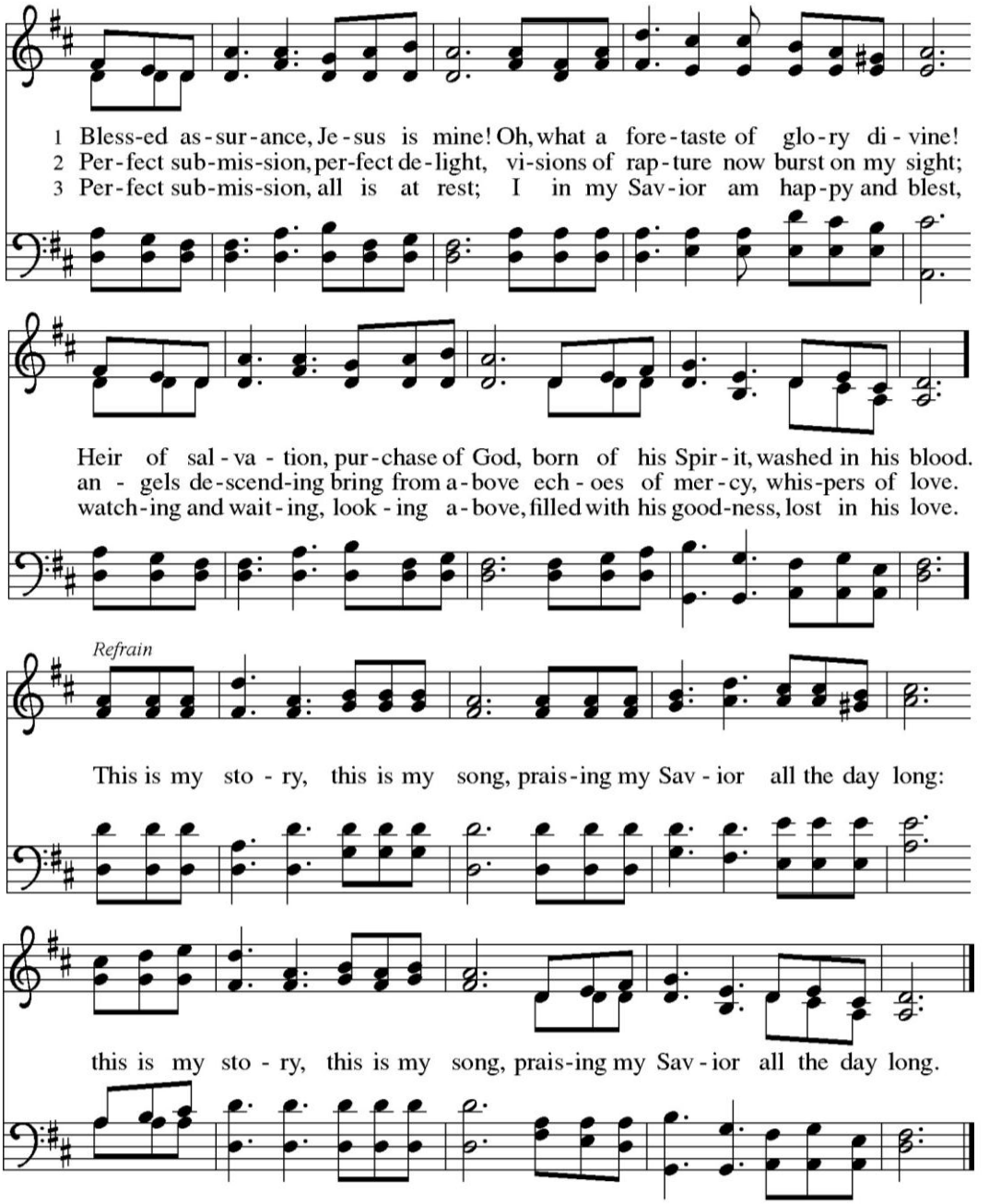

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers are being placed to the Glory of God
by Marianne and Gary Kennedy

Please remember in your prayers …

Healing: Tony Gladelter (11/27), Alvino Long (11/28)

Continuing Prayers: **Doris Burdick, Joanne Caskey, June Diehl**, **Charles Kampmeyer**, **Don Mayer**, **Kristy Nienstedt**, **Dalton Paul**, **Julie Paul, Peggy Stout**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock,** Derek Haugh, **Rubens Paul, Zachary Peters**

ATTENDANCE November 1 83 in person 13 online

THANK YOU to Pastor Bill Nienstedt for being with us this morning to share the Good News of the Gospel. Pastor Nicholson will be back in the office on Tuesday, November 10.

WELCA MEETING is on Thurs, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. All ladies welcome!

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS First Lutheran Church is in need of persons who

are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Marianne Kennedy, Gerry Wilson, or Jeff Dorand or another council member.

HARVEST HOME is on Sunday, November 15. Please plan to share the bounty of your table with others through the Meals on Wheels program. Items needed: Medium Noodles, Egg Noodles, Small jars of Alfredo Sauce, Rotini Noodles & Spaghetti Sauce, Sugar Free Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables (especially green beans & carrots), White Cake Mixes, Grapenut Cereal, Macaroni, Low Salt Chicken Broth, Sugar Free Cookies, Dark Colored Dish Cloths, and Monetary donations. Donations may be brought to the sanctuary Sunday, November 15 or deposited outside the church office door in Memorial Hall. Please place any monetary contributions in an envelope marked for Meals on Wheels.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS We will be decorating the Chancel with poinsettias for Christmas. Anyone who wishes to place a poinsettia in the church may do so in honor of or in memory of relatives, friends, and loved ones, or to the Glory of God. Poinsettia order forms are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. The deadline for poinsettia orders is November 30th. Poinsettias are $10 each.

ADVENT WREATH If you or your family would like to light the advent wreath or be willing to read a devotional for the advent wreath lighting during Sunday morning worship, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES Franklin County Jail Ministry is asking local churches to join together and help provide HOME-MADE COOKIES for the inmates. You may deliver cookies to Salem United Brethren Church Fellowship Hall (4349 Letterkenny Road) (717-263-4123) on December 7 to 11 from 9 a.m.to 3 p.m. OR you may drop them off in the First Lutheran Church office by Sunday, December 6 and the NTT Team will deliver them. Help is also needed to sort and package the cookies on Friday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Salem UBC. Cookies will be delivered to the inmates on Sunday, December 13 by the chaplain and his team. Thank you for your contributions.

BIRTHDAY BAGS help Little Daisy's Closet. Needed supplies: large birthday bags, paper plates, napkins, balloons, candles, cake pans, cake mixes, icings, and snack items. Thank you.

FIRST RESPONDERS THANK YOU Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce invites you to join them as they celebrate the men and women who serve our community in their 12th annual First Responders Appreciation Day! Contributions are being received at First Lutheran until Sunday, December 6. These donations will be distributed by the Chamber of Commerce to the local stations in Franklin County. The donations will bring holiday cheer and to show our gratitude.

HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS The Neighborhood Task Team is hanging items that will help our neighbors stay warm. These items will be hung on the church fence. You may help by purchasing new or donate gently used hats, scarves and mittens for men, women and children to donate to this project. Share this with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Volunteer to hang items on the fence on December 6, and January 16-18. Contact Mary Beth Warne McGraw at 717-372-8282.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING First Lutheran will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22 following the 10:45 worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2027 and to vote on revisions to the constitution as recommended by the congregation council and the ELCA. The constitutional revisions may be found online at www.felcc.org under 'resources.' Anywhere there are highlights, means that revisions are recommended. Printed copies of the constitution will be available at the entrances to the worship space on November 8.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS First Lutheran will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 13 during the 10:45 worship service. If you have an interest in or questions about becoming a member of First Lutheran, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.

GRIEF SHARE at Christian Life Church located at 1400 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" seminar will be offered 0n November 14 from 10 to noon. There is no cost. Register: https://christianlifechambersburg.churchcenter.com/registrations/events Contact Lisa Fidler at 717-404-3599 with questions.

SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network) Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations– domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, tim@gotwald.org, mary@gotwald.org

	November 8	November 15	November 22
Lector:	Gary Fleegal	Sally Herritt	Jane Love
Communion Assistants:		Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan	Ralph Burdick Mike Ross Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
Ushers:	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop

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Treasurer	Sally Herritt
Financial Secretary	Carol McCoy
Technical Lead	Daniel Worcester
Custodian	Jennifer Flores

Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.
Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps. at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:45 a.m.
also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org
ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus, and to worship with us.