Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
25th Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2026



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.

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A Shared Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We extend the warmest welcome *to all worshipping with us today. No matter who you are: if this is your first time worshipping with us, if you haven't been here in a while, if you are here regularly, if you are seeking a community of people trying their best to follow Jesus, if you are curious about Jesus, or even if you are not entirely sure what or who you are looking for; know that you are welcome in this place, and we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.*

Holy Communion is open to all. *In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus. It is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.*

We believe *the varied sounds and actions from children of all ages during worship is evidence of Jesus among us, and bears witness to the life, growth, present and future of the Church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering anyone, you are blessing everyone. If you would like an activity bag for your child during worship, please ask the greeter who handed you this bulletin. Alternatively, if you wish to step out of the sanctuary with your child, we have set up a quiet room which streams our service, all the way down the hallway, past the bathrooms, in the last room on your left.*

We stream *our worship service on a private zoom link and publicly on Facebook, for the sake of those who cannot be with us in person.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

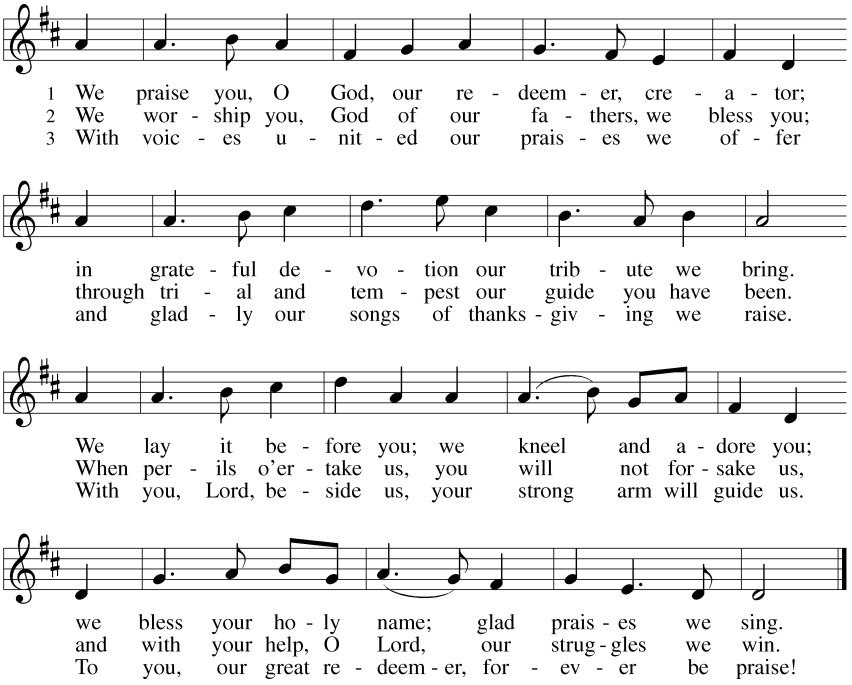
Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please rise, in body or spirit.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another.
(We pause for reflection)
P: Loving God,
C: When we have wandered and are lost, we pray that you find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this prayer, and the prayers of our hearts.
P: It's been said that sin is to God's mercy, like a hot coal is to the sea. 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. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*: We Praise You, O God – LBW (Green) – 241.*

We Praise You, O God
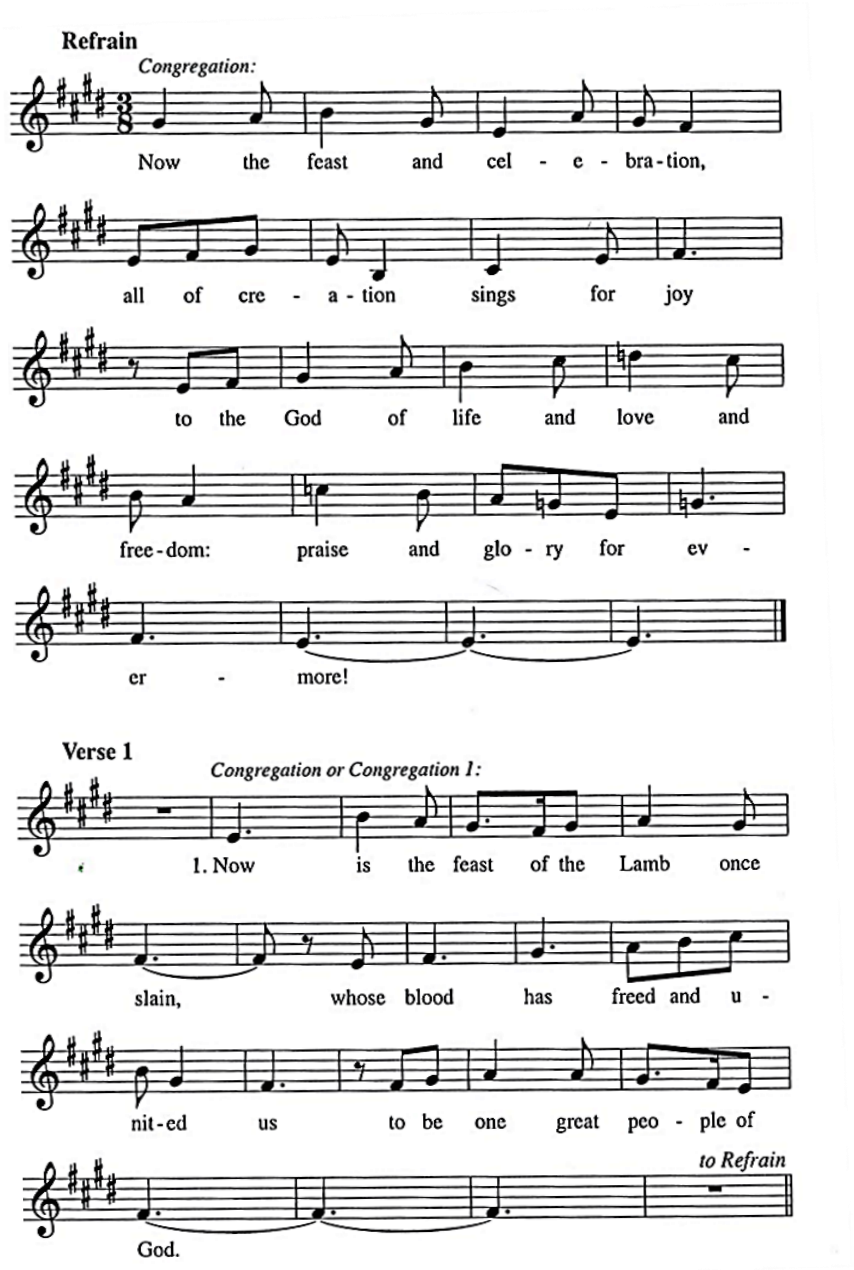


Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.
Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck,* 1626

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Congregation sings together: refrain, verse and the refrain again.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

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.**

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

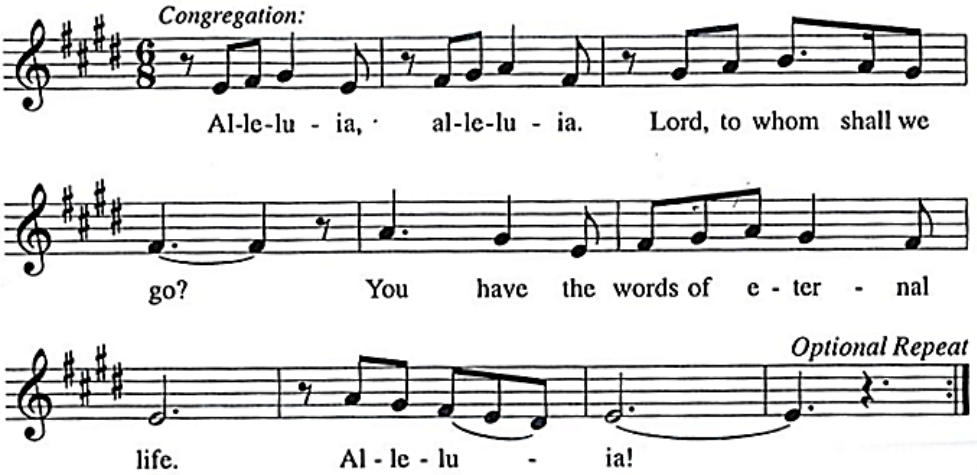
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

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 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.
L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
Please rise, in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Congregation sings acclamation once.*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: 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.' "

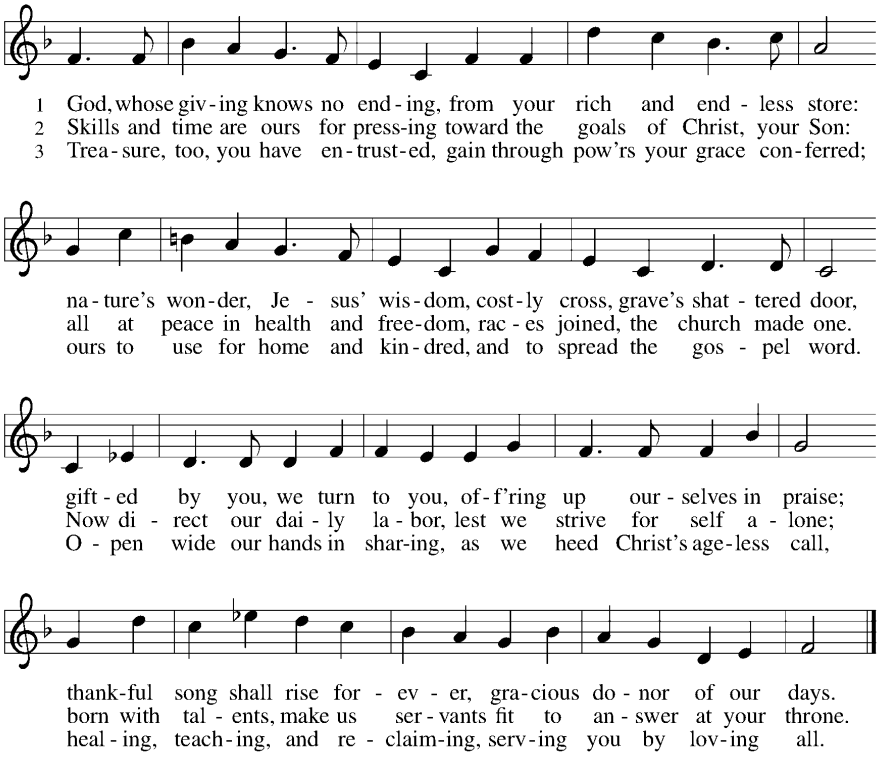
P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – LBW (Green) – 408. (Note: Sung to the tune of LBW-423).***

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



APOSTLES' CREED

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We 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. We 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

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: 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.

A: 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.

A:Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). 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.

A: 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 (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams (*other specific leaders or groups may be named*). Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: 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,

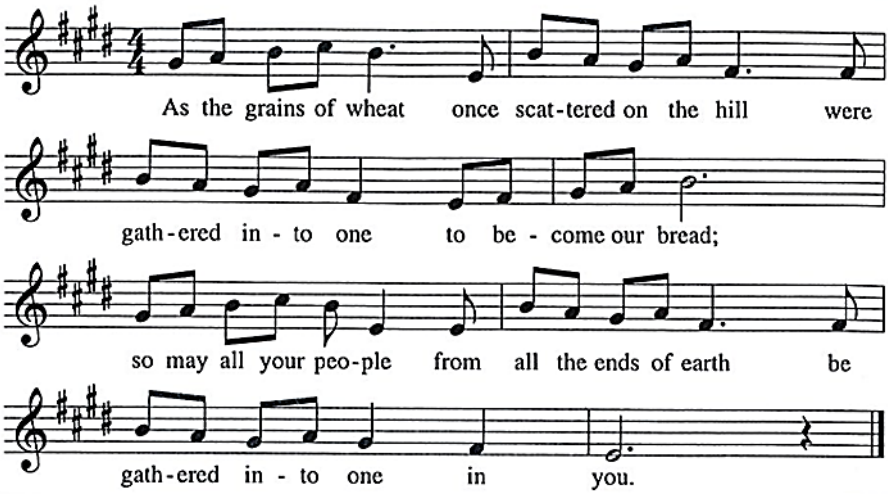
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen

PASSING THE PEACE
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
C: And also, with you.
P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.
Please be seated

OFFERING
Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, ***hslceldersburgmd.org/give****. We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry.*
Please rise, in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY HYMN- C*ongregation sings together once.*



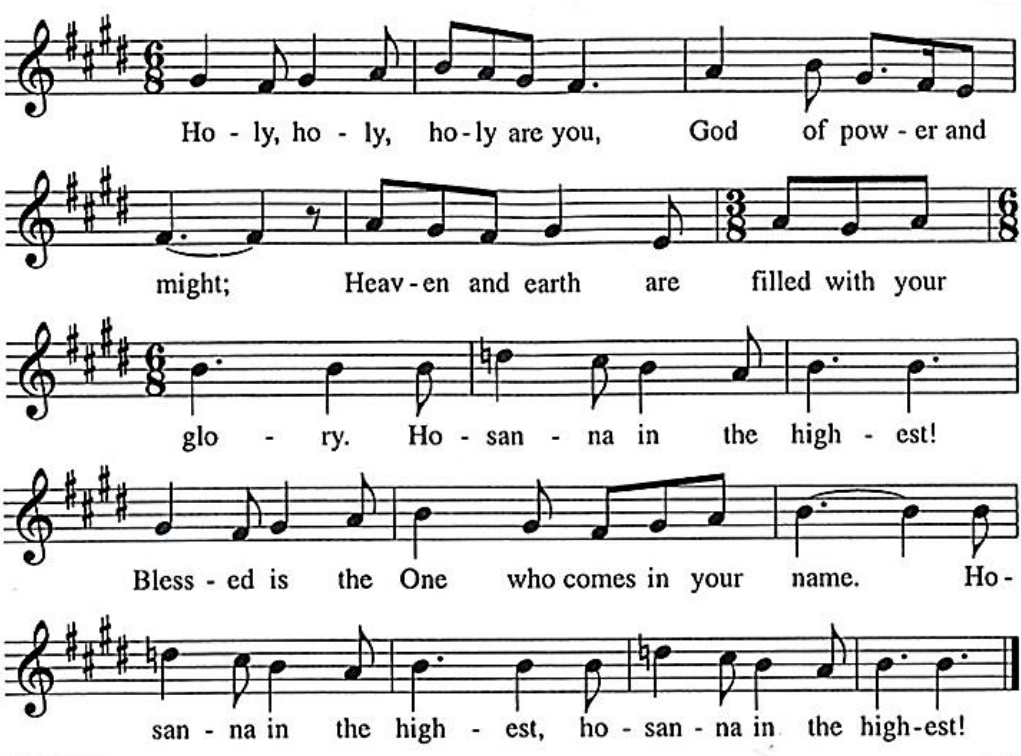
OFFERING PRAYER
P: Let us pray, Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until

hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

PREFACE
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
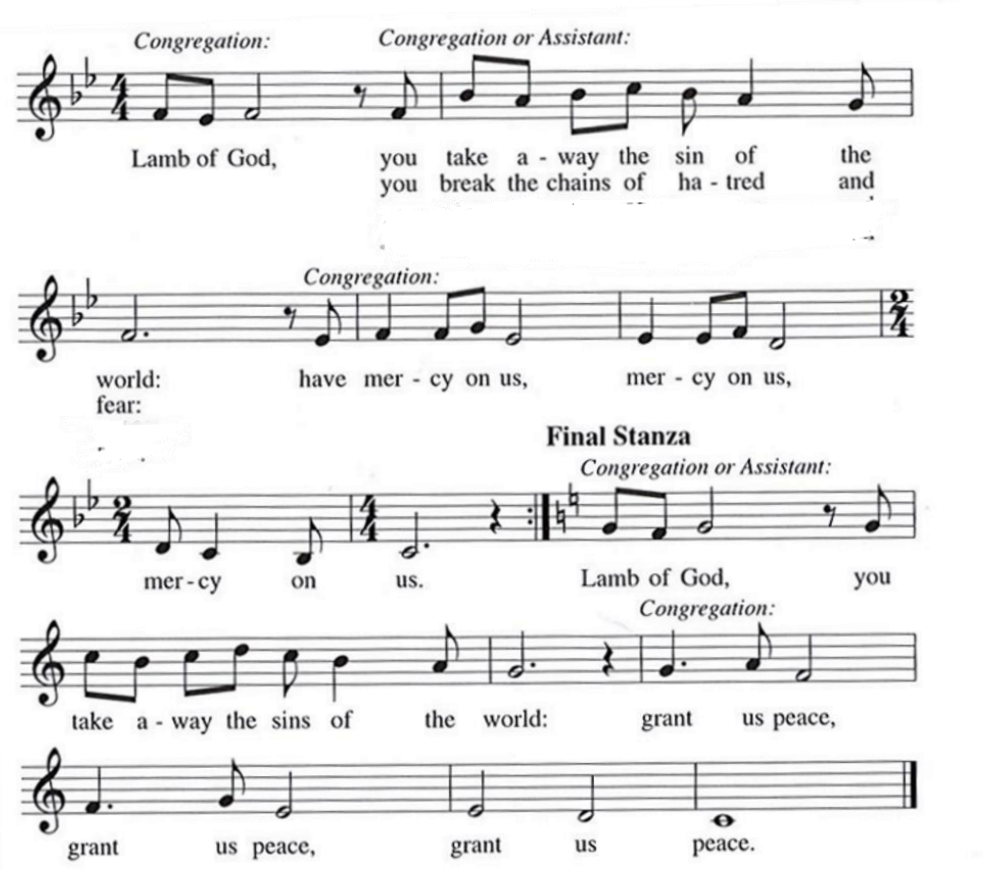
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P: Amen and amen!
C: Amen and amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P**:** Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! **C: Amen.**
Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN- Lamb of God



Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Guidance for receiving Communion is on Page 2. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from now and until life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

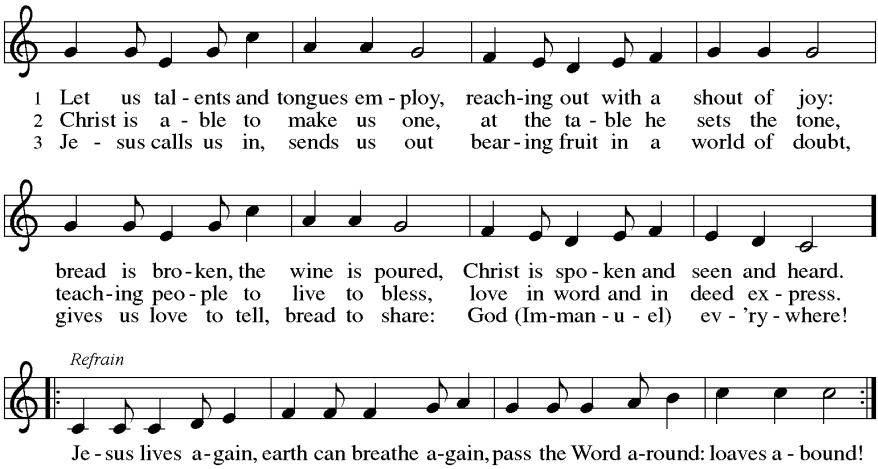
A: Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – WOV (Blue) – 754.***

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, be of good heart!

C: Thanks be to God!

A: Our purpose is to love God,

C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.

"We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church."

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ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Sunday (11/15) 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion
Post-Service – Annual Congregation Meeting

Wed. (11/18) 6:00pm – Monthly ECLC (Pre-school) Board Meeting.

Sunday (11/22) 9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Fellowship
11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Upcoming Events Reminder: Please see the "Events" tab on our website for all our upcoming events. **Please contact Pastor Tom by email at HSLC.pastor@comcast.net if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.**

Volunteers

	This Week (11-15-2026)	***Next Week (11-22-2026)***
Greeters	TBD	Kim N.
Ushers	Kira L. Rusty L.	Luke F. John F.
Acolyte	Morgan L.	Abby Pal.
Assisting Minister	TBD	Megan F.
Communion Assistant	TBD	Megan F.
Lector	Claire P.	Cara K.
Altar care	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	Rusty L.	Dave L.
Fellowship/Coffee		