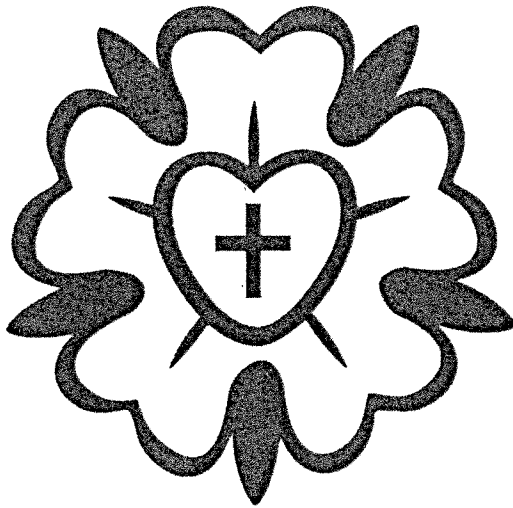


On this day we
celebrate the heart of
our faith: the gospel of
Christ—the good
news—that makes us
free! We pray that the
Holy Spirit would
continue to unite the
church today in its
proclamation and
witness to the world.
In the waters of
baptism we are made
one body; we pray for
the day that all
Christians will also be
one at the Lord's
table.



Reformation
Sunday
October 25th, 2026
10:30 am

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwest Texas Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

FIRST TIME VISITORS — Please sign the guest book located on the right as you exit the Narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please don't hesitate to call the church office at (956)383-2647 or email at flcedinburg@gmail.com.

**Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We
Seek ALL People.**

Rev. Gabriella Maria
Conklin-Dodd

Music Director: Dr. Vivian
Munn

Cantor : Claudio Esquivel

Organist: Marylin Martin

Empowered by God — Responding by Grace

“Now as you excel in everything — in faith,
in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you — so we want you to
excel also in this generous undertaking” (2 Cor. 8:7).

Please remember to **TURN OFF OR SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES** before Worship Service starts. We appreciate your help in minimizing any distractions during the service.
Thank you for your consideration.

+ HOLY COMMUNION +

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

STAND

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*A Mighty Fortress
Written by Martin Lu-
ther, this hymn is an
adaptation of Psalm
46. It expresses our
trust that the truth of
God's Word has over-
come and continues to
overcome all adver-
saries, and that Christ
himself is always by our
side. We are sent into
the world to proclaim
with our words and by
our deeds,
the good news of for-
giveness, love and the
mercy of God.*

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 504 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

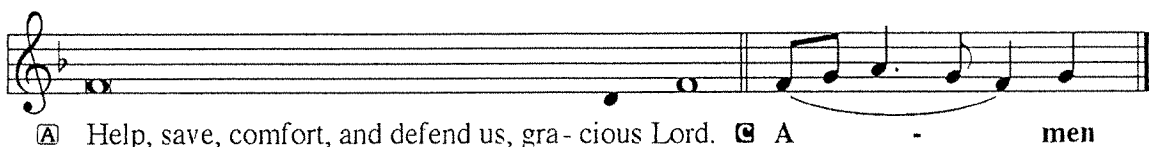
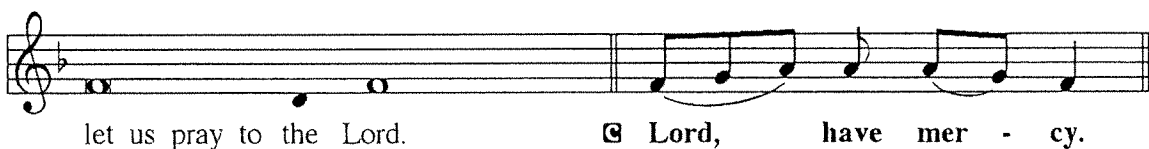
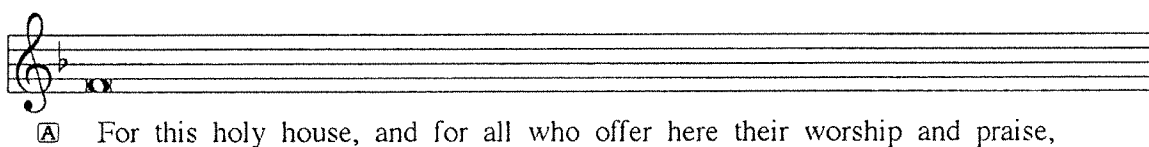
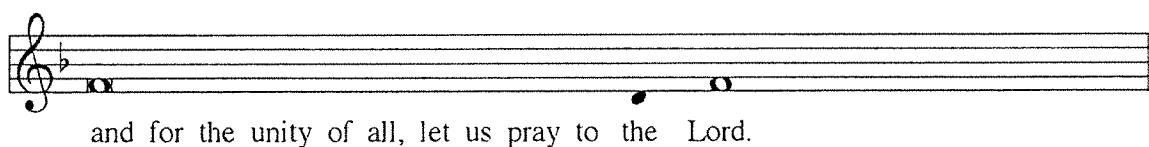
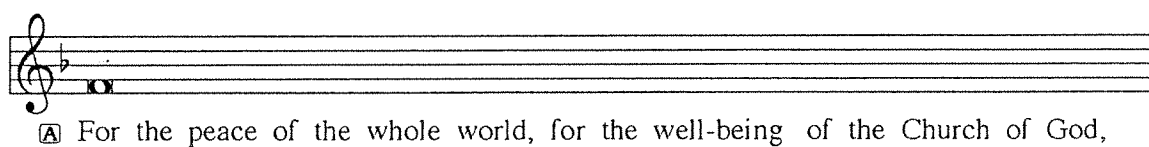
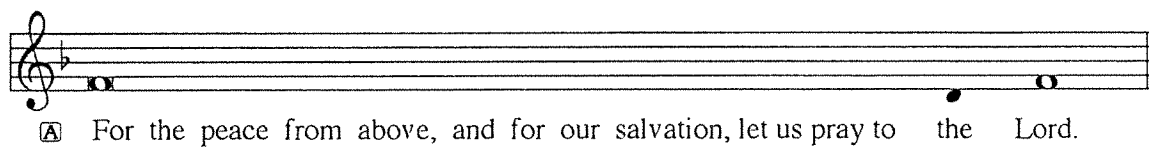
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Greek for 'LORD have mercy', 'Kyrie eleison' is an early Christian expression, used in the liturgies of the church as a penitential cry to God for mercy and forgiveness



Drawn from the hymns in
the book of Revelation,
the words of this hymn of
praise joins Passover and
Easter with a glimpse of
the kingdom and reign of
God yet to come

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SIT

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Church's One Foundation*, setting--John Ferguson

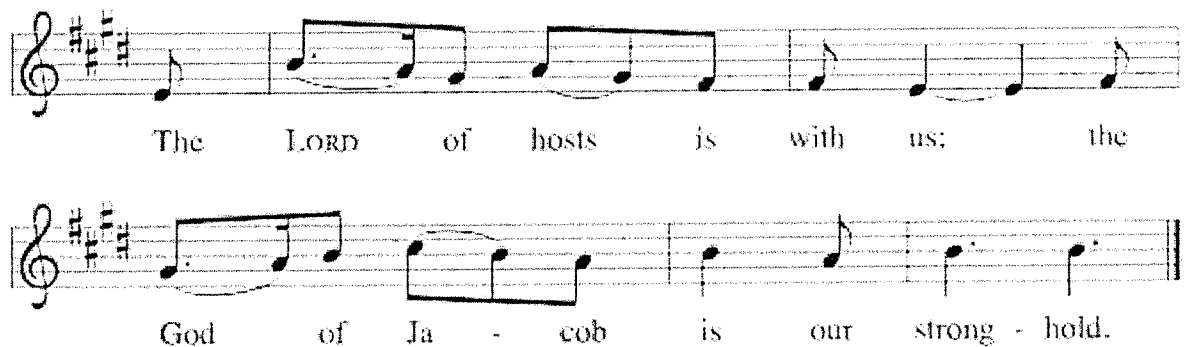
+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING - *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46



- ¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
⁶The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away. R

⁷The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.
⁸Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire.
¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the earth.”
¹¹The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING - Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

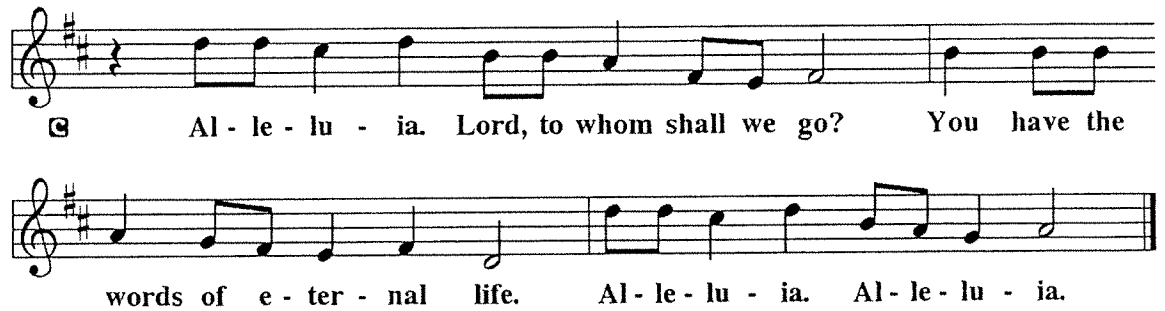
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

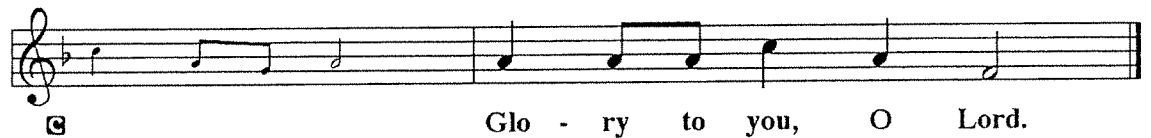
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND and SING GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.



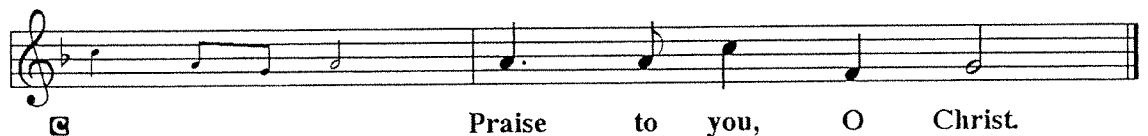
HOLY GOSPEL - John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.



REPEAT ALLELUIA

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

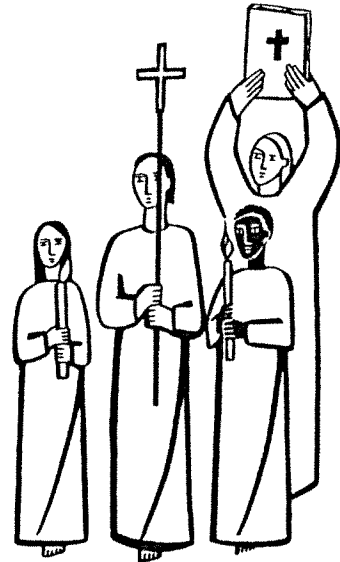
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

*Together as a
community, we lift our
prayers to God on behalf
of those in need.*

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The congregation greets
one another with the
peace and assurance of
Christ our Lord*

STEWARDSHIP TALK

SIT. OFFERING

STAND and SING

*In the offering of the gifts,
we offer our monetary
means, we offer our time,
and we offer ourselves to
God that the Spirit might
work through us for the
benefit of the
proclamation of the
Gospel to all the world*

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics.

OFFERER PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

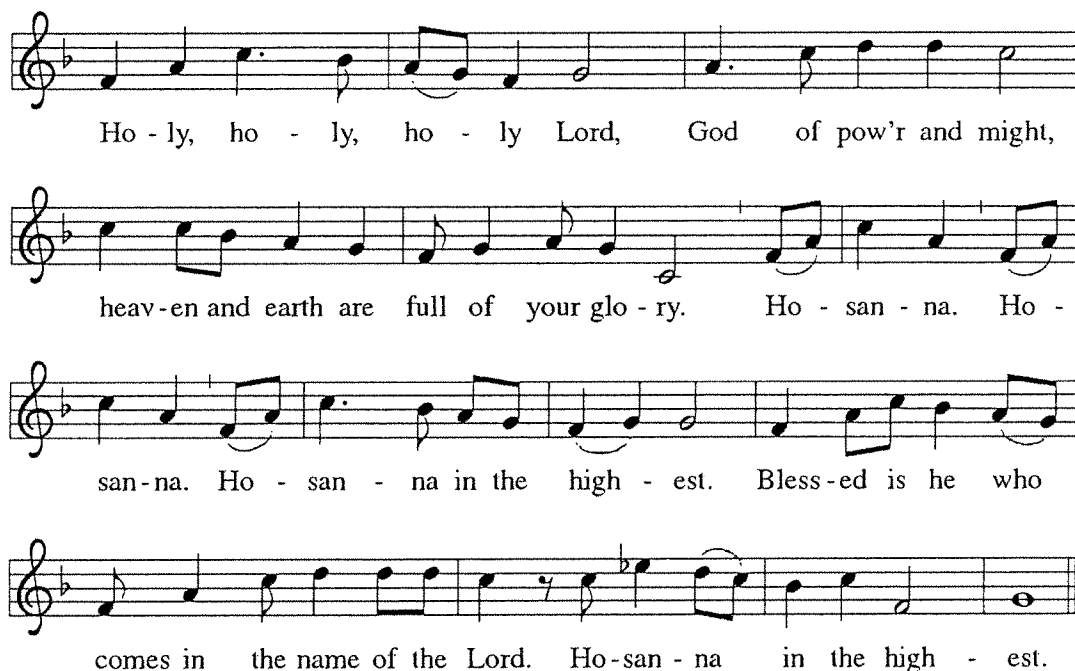
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written for a single staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into four lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

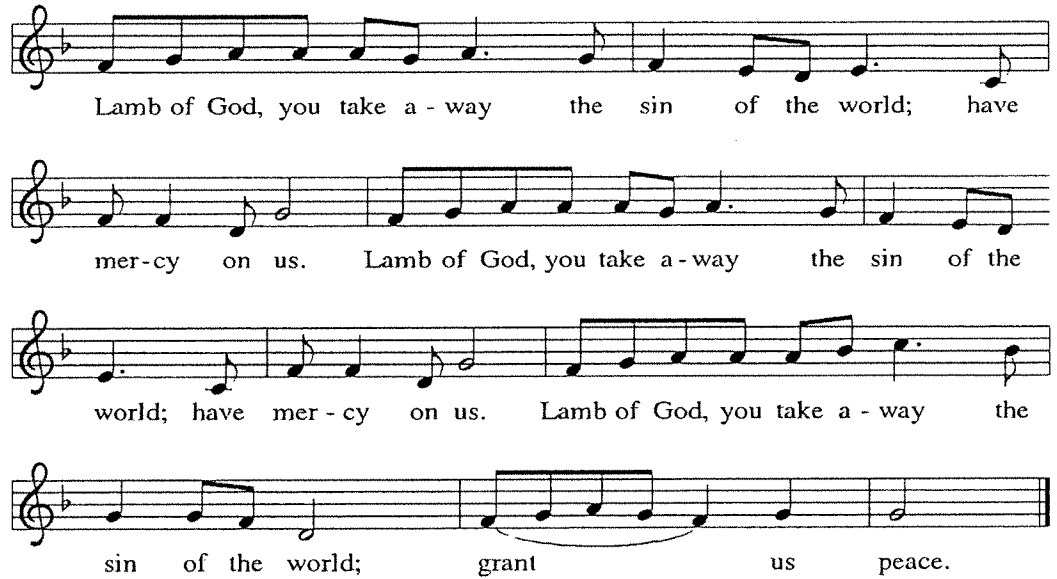
FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry come!

SIT AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

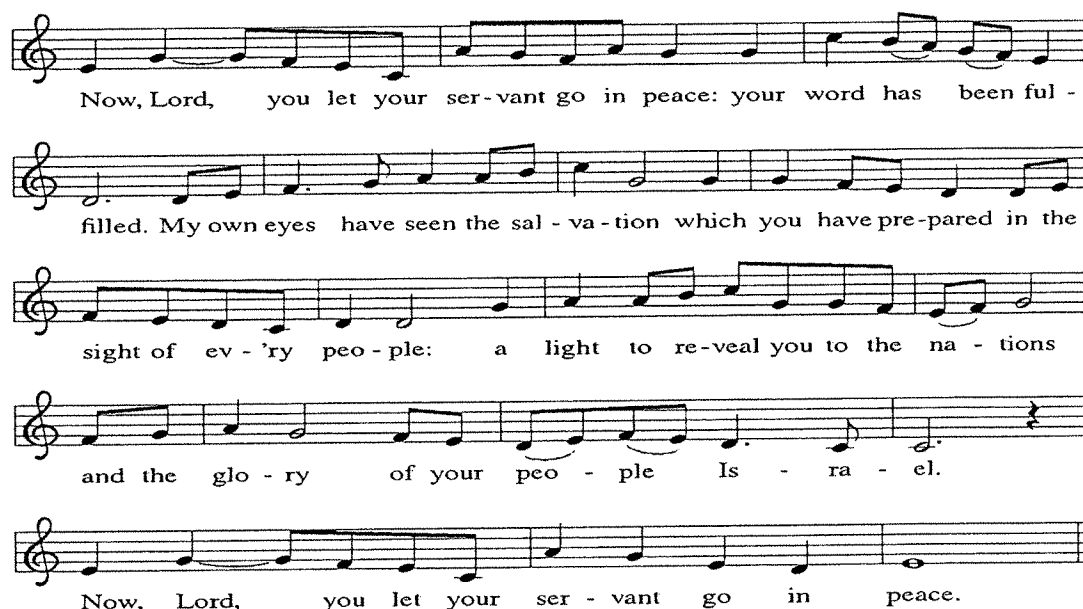
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 514 O Word of God Incarnate
ELW 517 The Church of Christ in Every Age

STAND. POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

+ SENDING RITE +

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SIT The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

STAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 729 The Church if Christ in Every Age

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 2026 THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Join in the celebration of this feast of the saints as we worship God and give thanks for all those *saints* who have entered the kingdom of heaven, especially those who have been dear to us. Each worshiper is invited to bring to 10:30 a.m. worship a photograph of someone who has been important or influential in their life: a special relative, friend, or loved one. When you arrive at worship, place your photos or items at the altar. Remembering our loved ones reminds us that all heaven and earth join together around the feast of the Lamb and sing:

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!"

We are joined by the whole Communion of Saints when we celebrate the sacrament.

