Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead

November 8th, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Large Print Bulletin



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

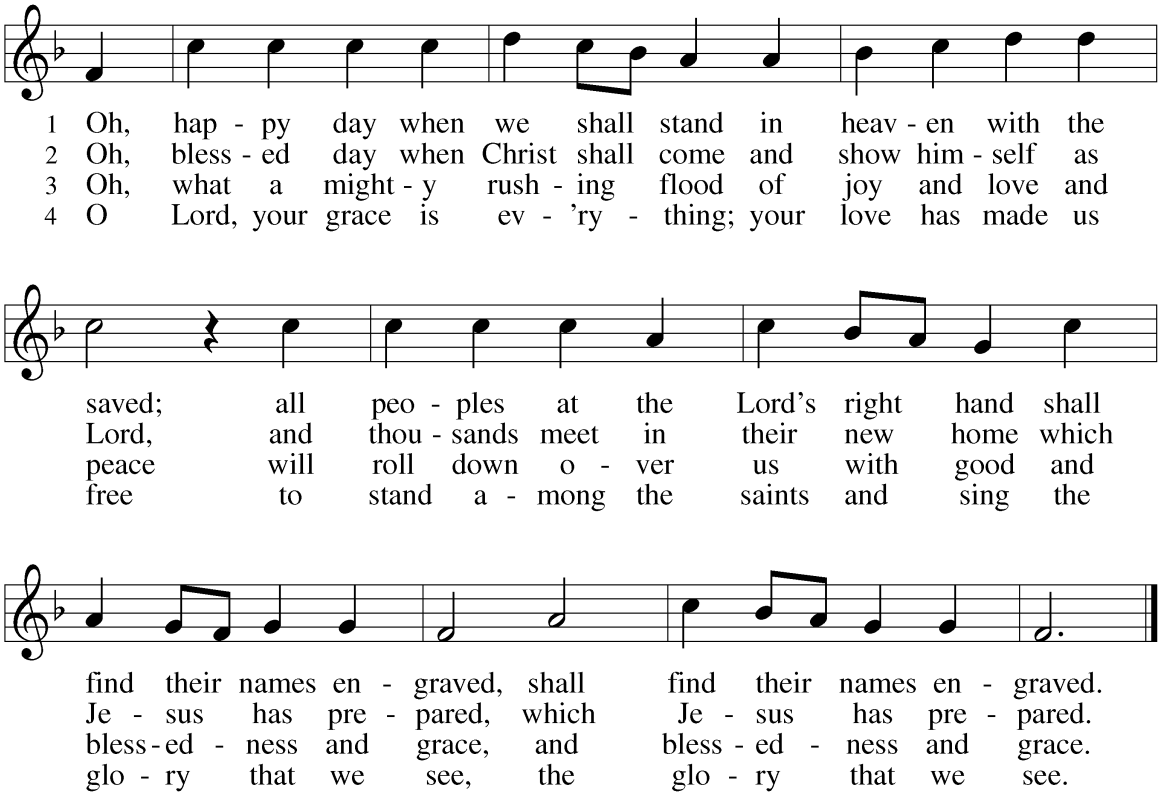
Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
ALL: Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
L: Holy God,
ALL: 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.
L: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand- Green Book: 351

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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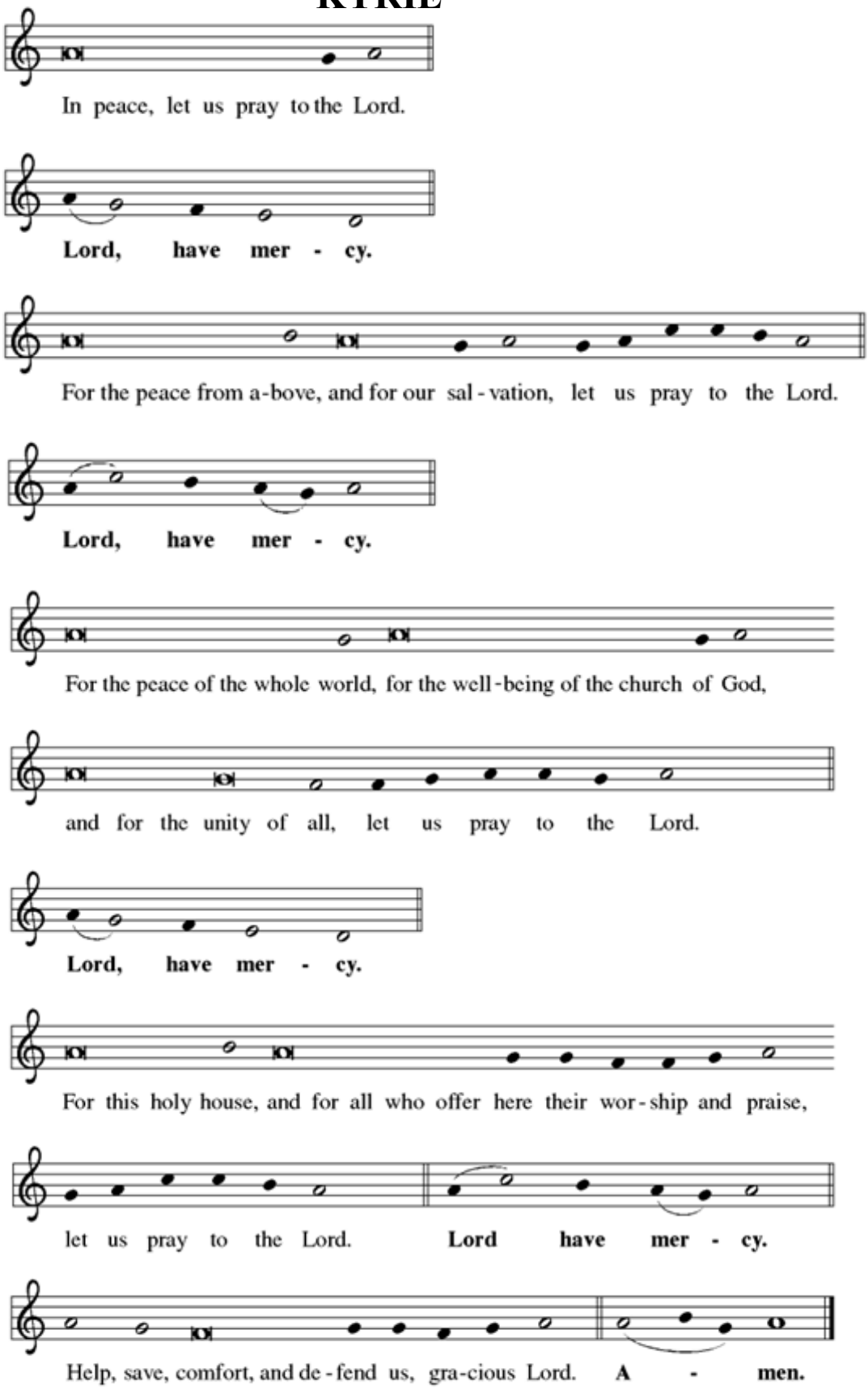
GREETING:

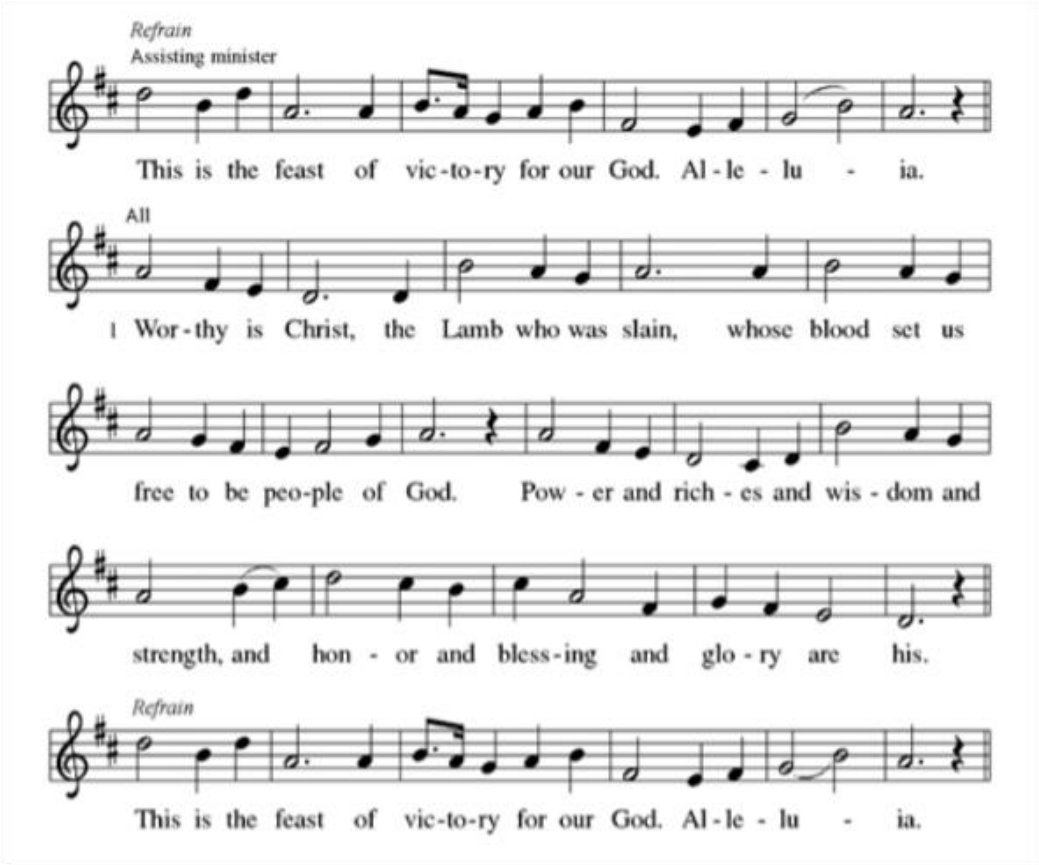
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

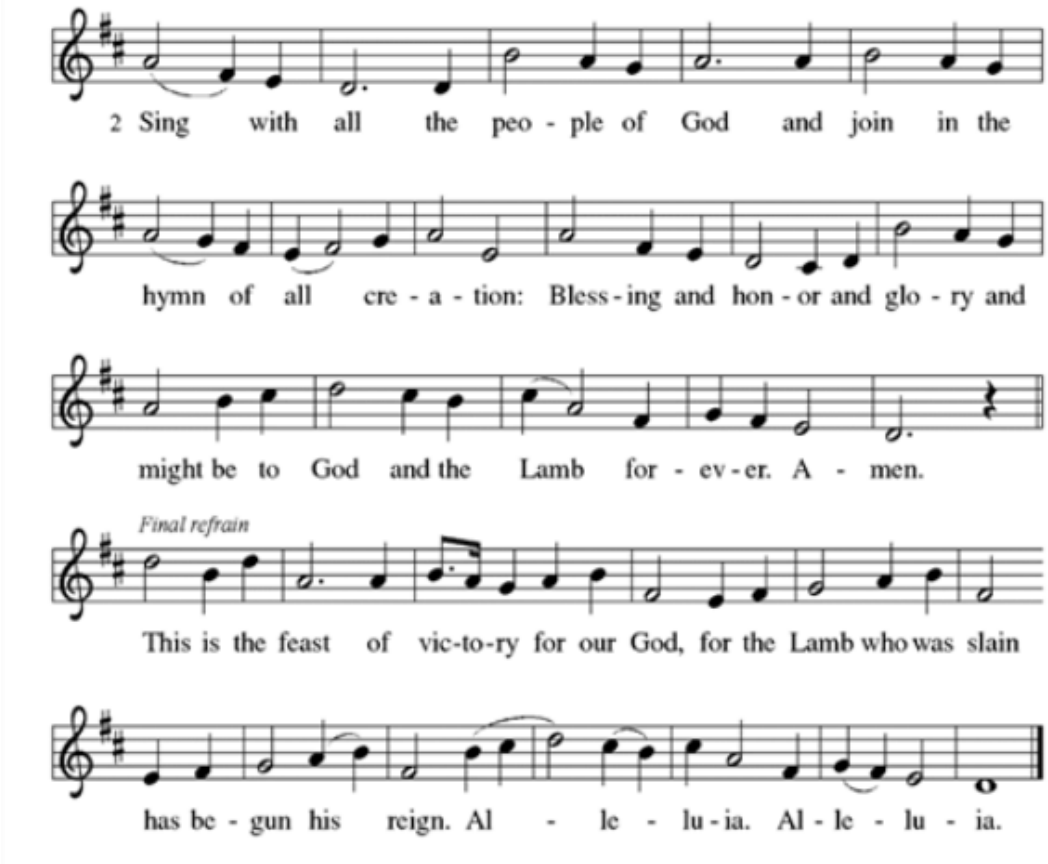
ALL: And also with you.

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

L: 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 70

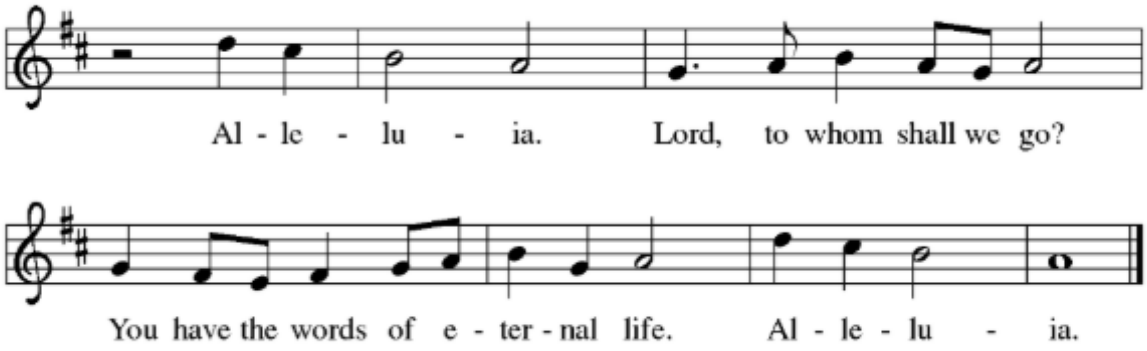
L: [1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
ALL: [2] Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
L: [3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
ALL: [4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
L: [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 4:13-1

L: [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.
L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: [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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

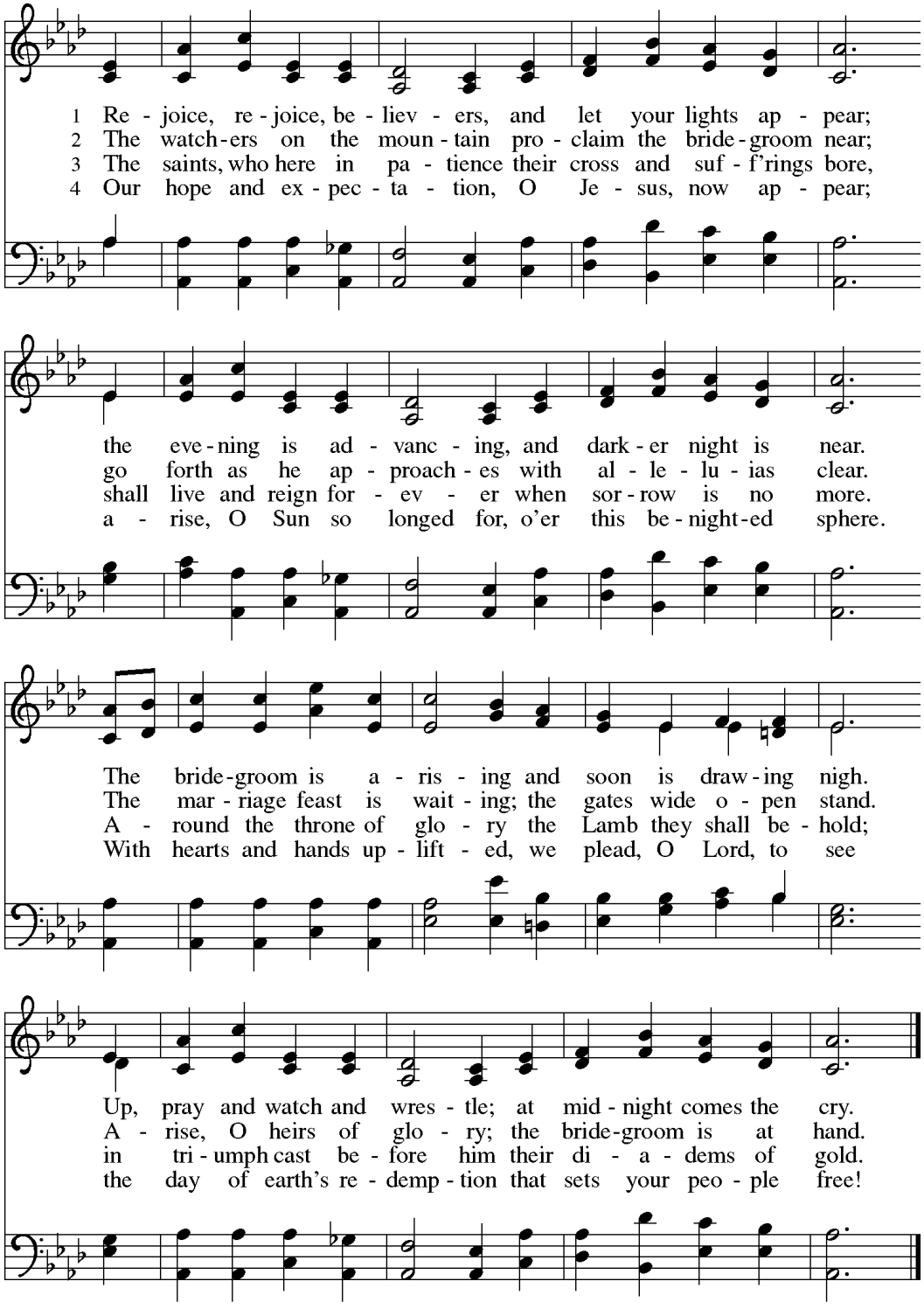
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Please stand as you are able

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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

APOSTLES CREED

L: We are God's people.
Joining together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

ALL: 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 power of 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

L: 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. We pray for our NOEL cluster siblings of First English, Lockport; St. John's, Lyndonville; St. Peter, Medina; Trinity, South Newstead; Trinity, Wolcottsville; and Zion, Gasport. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for those who are sick, injured, or otherwise suffering. . .*) God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

L: And hear us now as we share those sighs that are too deep for words to express in this time of silent prayer…

A moment for silent prayer.

L: God, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

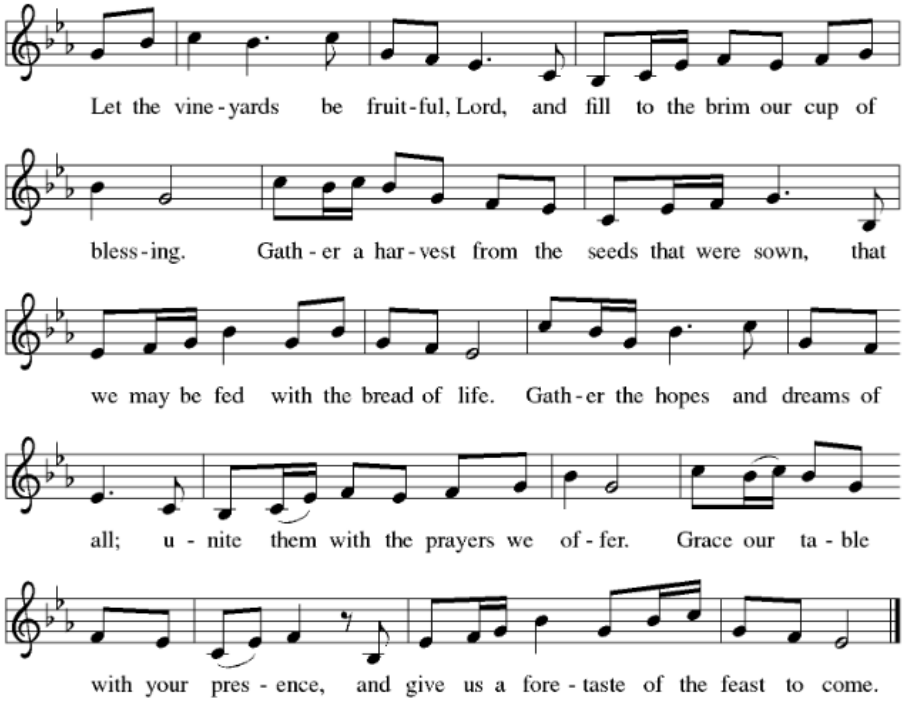
OFFERING



Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



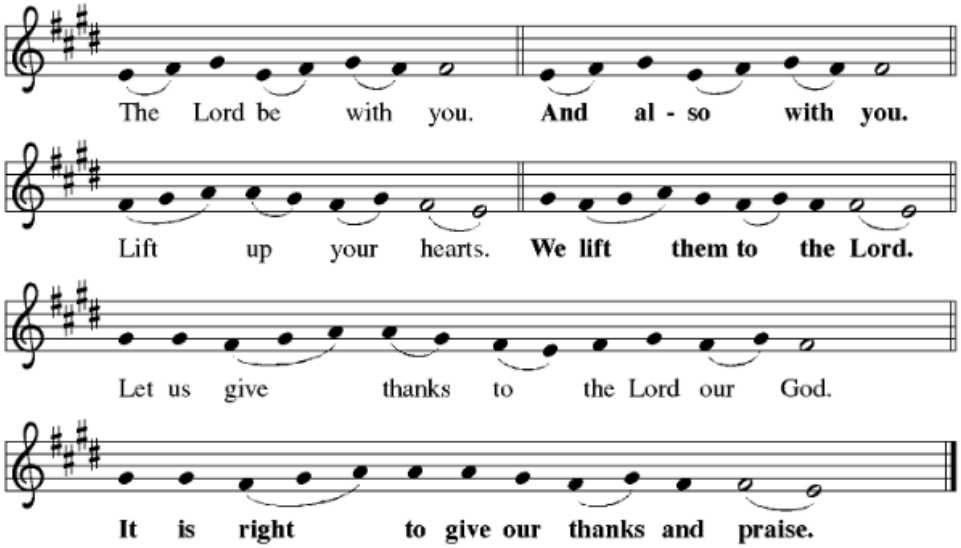
OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, Eternal God,

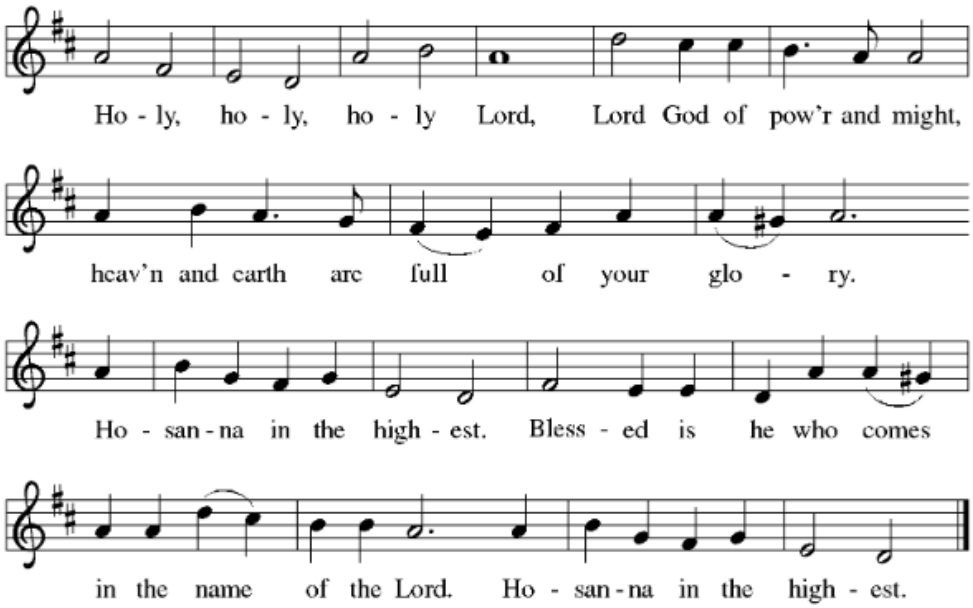
ALL: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: 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.



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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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **ALL: 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

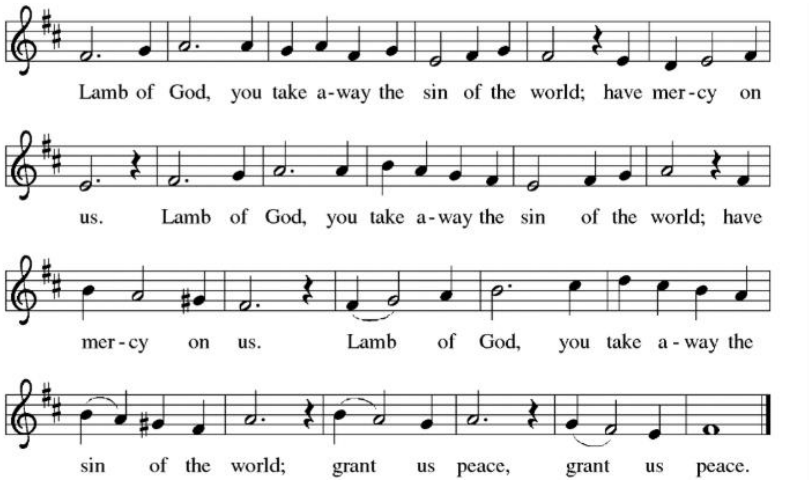
L: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

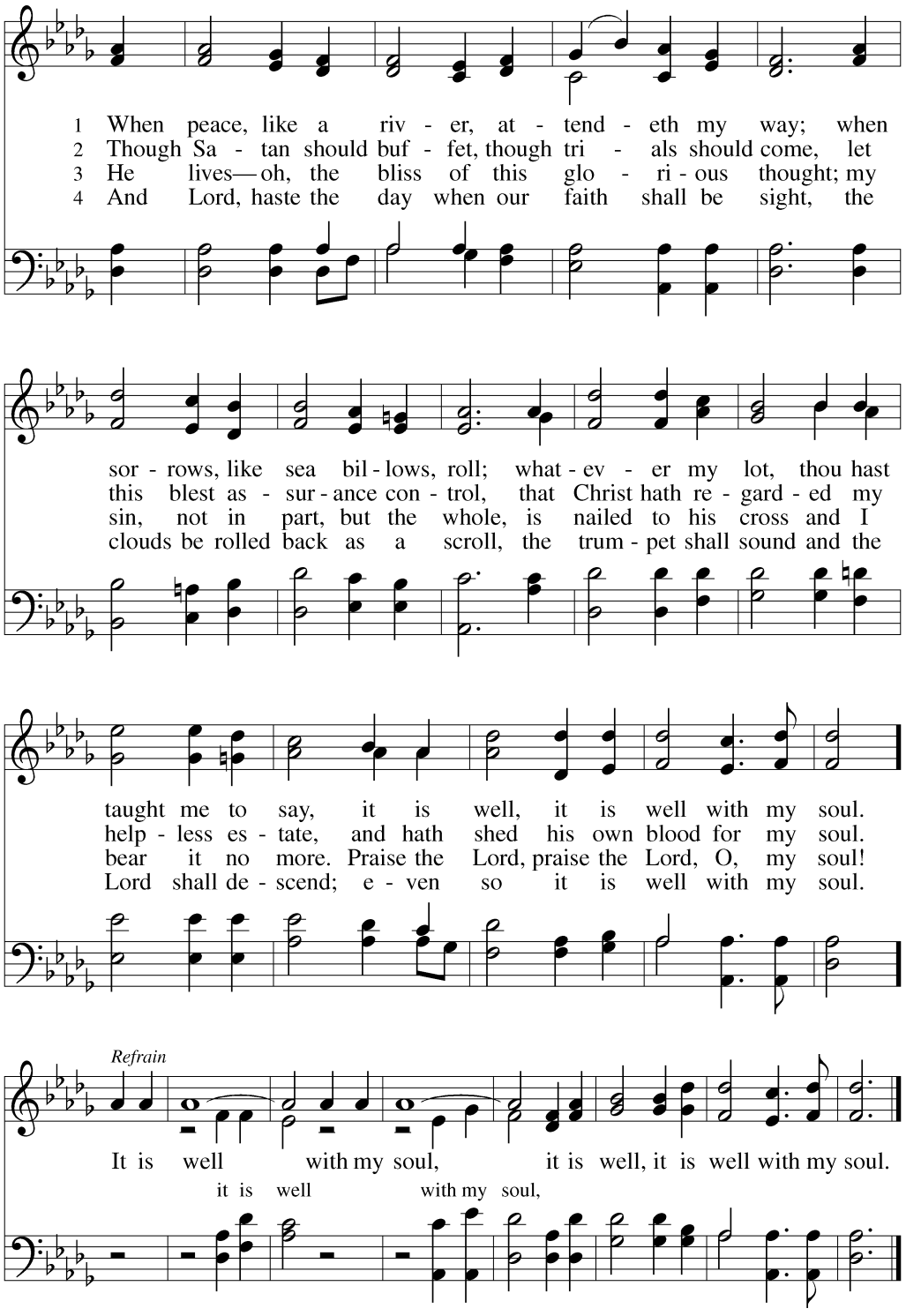
COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God



COMMUNION HYMN: When Peace, like a River
Green Book: 346

To be sung during the distribution of communion

When Peace, like a River



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

COMMUNION HYMN: *by request as needed*

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

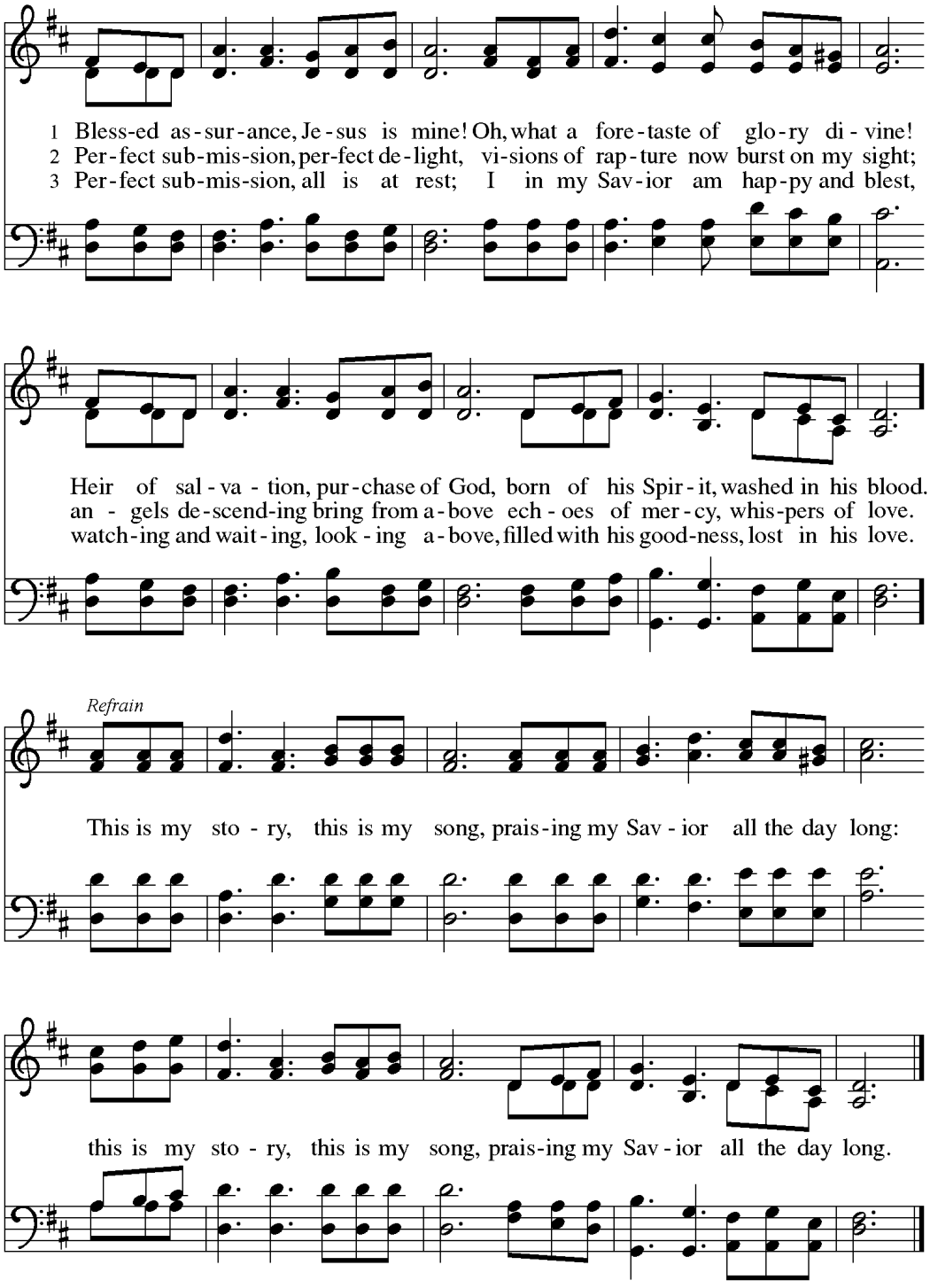
L: Let us pray together, Holy God,
ALL: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN: Blessed Assurance
Blue Book: 699

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. You can call or email in a prayer at any time. 716-542-9828. Or text Tracy directly at 716-579-3612.

Now you can also go on the website and email in a prayer through there, too, whenever you'd like! trinitysouthnewstead@gmail.com

If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call phone system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095. Prayers are printed on Tuesdays and will be verbally announced in church if submitted after that.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Mia Bella Ryan
Sue Larson
Larry Long, Sr.
Jen Carlsen
Sharon (Linda Lawrie's sister) and her husband, Mike
Jordan Ertel & family
Joanne Goeseke Taylor (Flo's Daughter)
Jane Firestone (Dawn's friend)
Jeff Wosley (Dawn's friend)
Richard "Cooch" Cochmere and his wife, Joanne (Son in law of Shirley Domon)
Ray Francis, Jr.
Rosemary Doyle
Dave and Holly Kropelin

We pray for safe travels for Dawn Goran, Flo Goeseke, and good test results for Linda Lawrie

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:
Roger Johnson (father of Marie Bell, a food pantry volunteer)
Roger Pohl (son of Alvin and Marge Pohl)
Rusty Bower (Laura Pingitore's nephew)

We pray for strength and protection for Channing Blake – being sent to Europe & Middle East as a US Army chaplain.

This Week:

Sunday School 10:45-11:45am
Sunday Worship is at 9:30am
Bible Study: See list below

Weekly Office Hours
Please check here for any changes to the schedule for the week.

Pastor Rick:
Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m.
and by appointment
Tracy's office hours:
Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30pm
Call, text or email any time.

Food Pantry:

Thanksgiving setup: November 16th @ 8am
Thanksgiving distribution: November 17th @ 8:30am

Council: November 10th @ 7pm

****Joint meeting together with Zion in Gasport on November 9th at 7pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd.****

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.
Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

11/12 - St. John's - 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville, 14098
11/19 – Here at Trinity!
11/26 – off for Thanksgiving
12/3 - St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina 14103
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12/10 -Trinity Wolcotsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd. Akron 14001
12/17 - Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067
12/24 & 12/31 – Off for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Sunday School

Sunday school is underway most Sundays. Grab a schedule off of the table in the narthex.
There's always ways to support our Sunday School. We provide a small snack and drink at the end if you'd like to donate. If you'd like to assist, please see any of the Sunday School teachers.
Don't forget: There's no Sunday School on November 29th for Thanksgiving weekend.

Rummage Sale – THIS WEEK

All-day set-up Wednesday, Nov. 11; the Sale itself is Fri. **Nov. 13th from 5-7 pm and Sat. Nov. 14th from 9-11 am**.

Bringing in items? Please put items in the Children's library.

Please do not bring items that are too heavy like large furniture, and be sure items are not too dirty.

Poinsettia Orders

Yep, it's time to get your order form in! They are due 11/29/26. Printed copies are in the narthex.

Meat Raffle

For those of you that signed up for Saturday, November 21st, Pastor Rick has reserved a table that is $13 per person. You can pay him directly. The address of Ellicott Creek Fire hall is: 45 S. Ellicott Creek, Buffalo. Doors open at 6pm, first spin is at 7pm.

Congregational Meeting: Nov 22 following worship

Please plan to stay after worship on 11/22 for a congregational meeting to discuss replacement of the hot water tank. Reminder slips are on the table in the narthex.

Akron Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 23 at 6:30 pm

Together with our Akron-area Christian community, we will celebrate God's blessings in this ecumenical service of thanksgiving. A fellowship time will follow the service. Hosted by: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4809 S Newstead Rd., Akron. Please bring items for the non-perishable food drive supporting the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry.

LCLC Winter Retreats

Join us at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) for a winter weekend of fun! Each weekend will be jam-packed with games, activities, food, and exploring our faith.

9th-12th grade: January 8th @ 6:00 pm - January 10th @ 11:30 am
4th-8th grade: January 15th @ 6:00 pm - January 17th @ 11:30 am

The cost: $150 per camper; this includes Saturday breakfast-Sunday breakfast and all lodging and activities. Campers will be staying in the Retreat Center. More info and registration is at https://www.lclcenter.org/winterretreats.