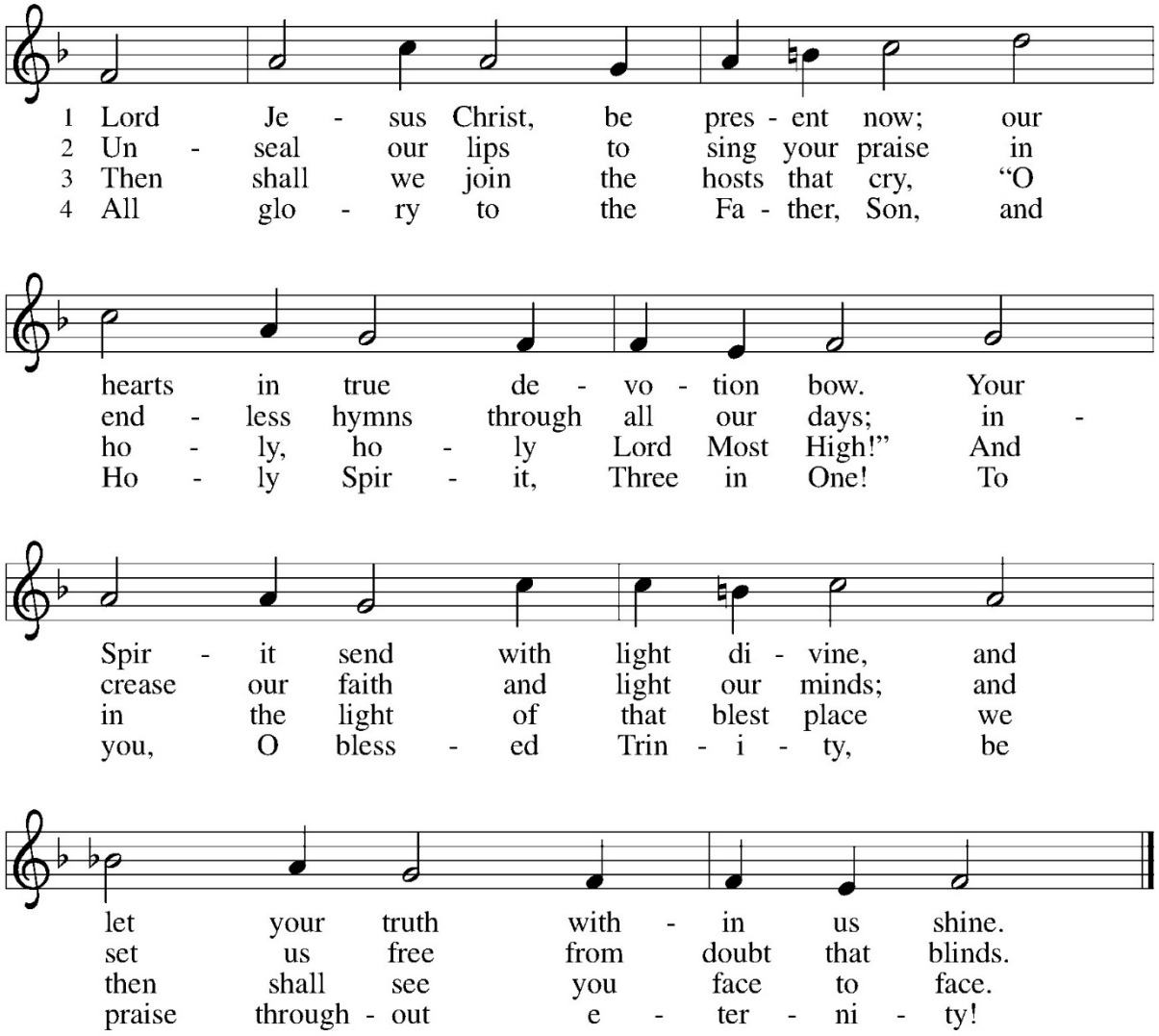Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, IL

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Welcome

Opening Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” | Red Book #527



Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

Confession and Forgiveness

L In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

L God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

L With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
C forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

L People of God, look to the ☩ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!
C Amen.

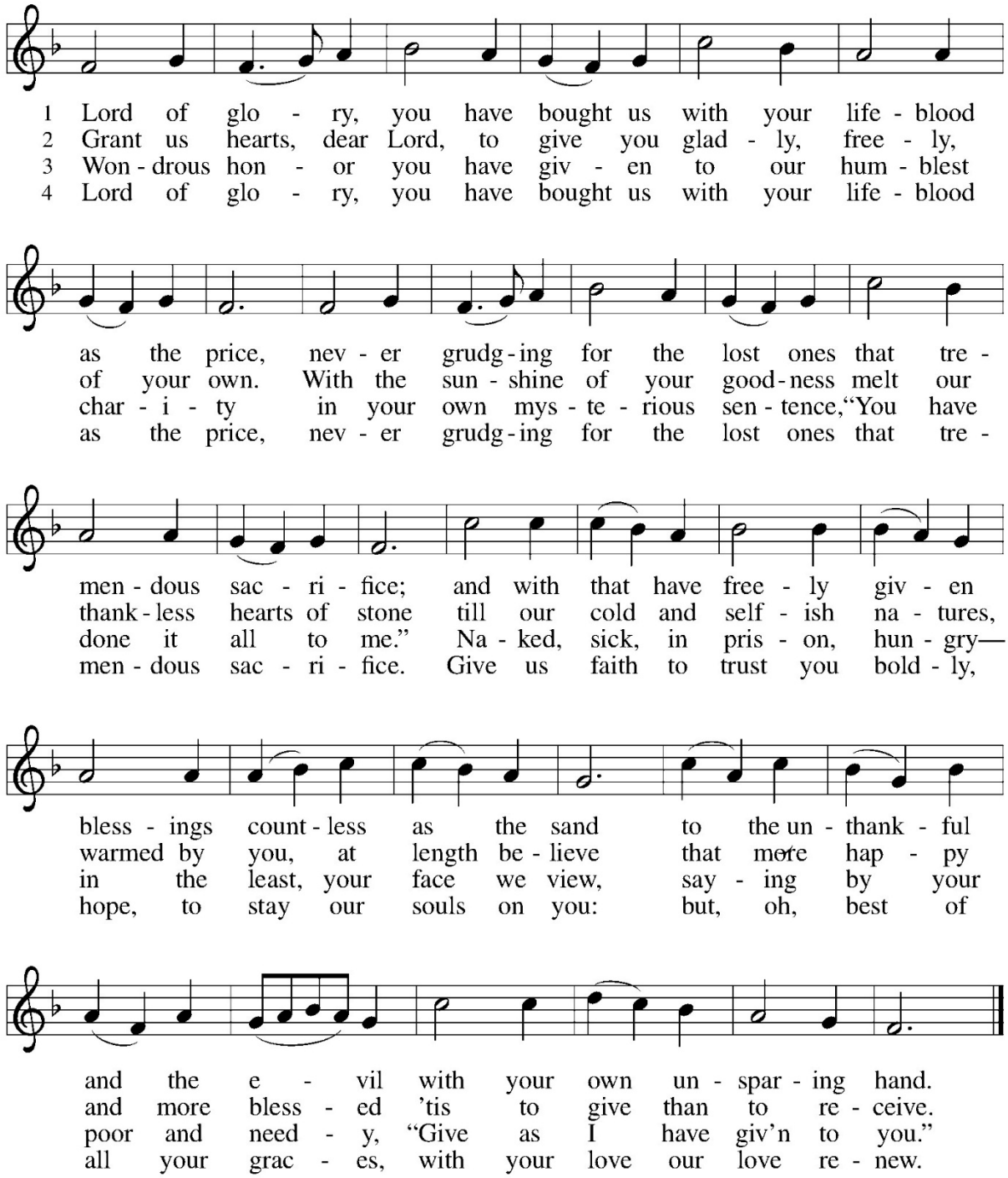
Greeting
L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

L Please take a moment to share in God's peace



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Hymn: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” | Red Book 707



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Prayer of the Day

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.

C **Amen.**

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24 Pew Bible #738

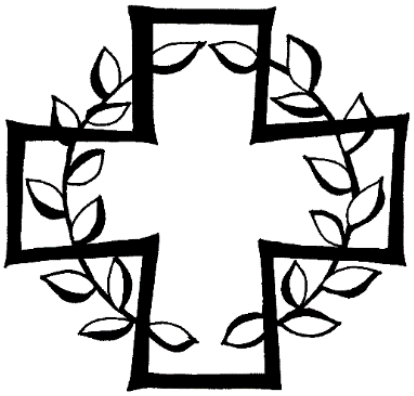
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a
bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a
snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, 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.

R The Word of the Lord

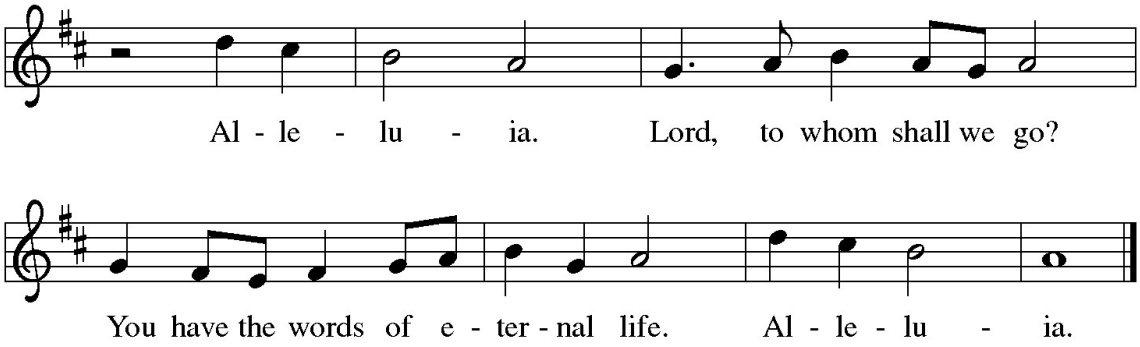
C Thanks be to God

Psalm 70

1 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 | Pew Bible #959
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.
R The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God



Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13 | Pew Bible #801
C 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."
C Praise to you, O Christ

Message: Vicky Wachendorf

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

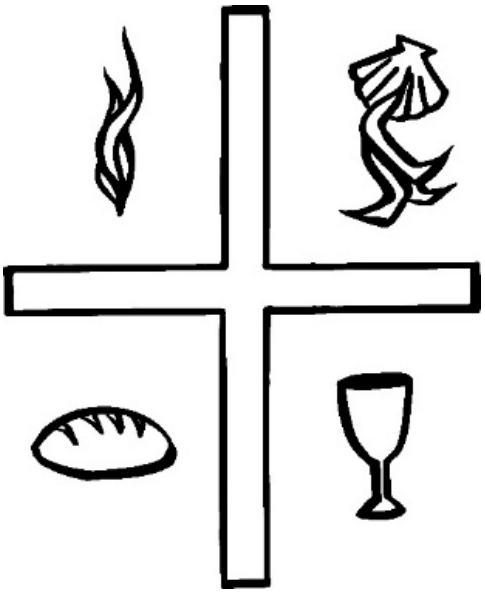
Offering:
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Offering Prayer

L Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.



Prayers of Intercession:

L Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

L God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. *(especially*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, lead this assembly in its journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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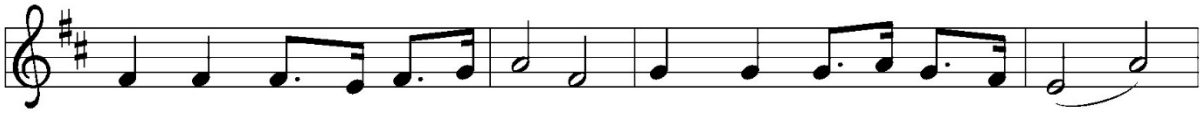
Blessing and Dismissal

L Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit +
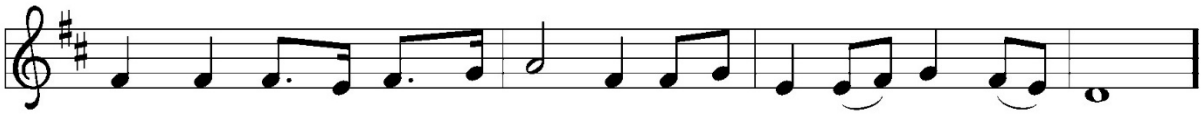
C Amen

L Go in peace, serve the Lord

Hymn: “Shall We Gather at the River” Red Book 423
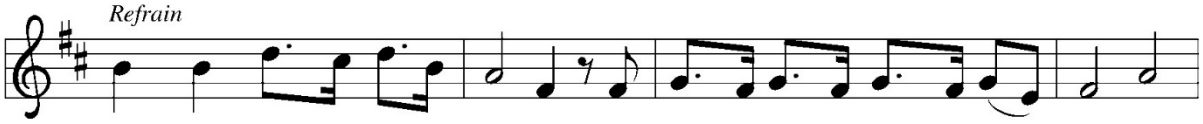


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - ’ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we’ll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
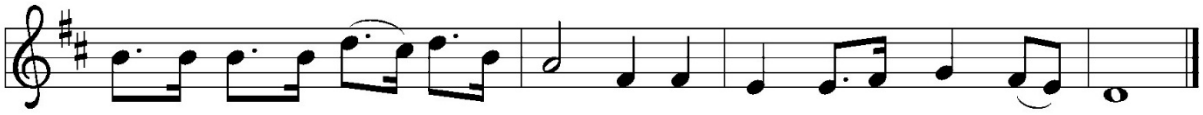


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we’ll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Postlude

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