# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead*

*November 15th, 2026*

***25th Sunday after Pentecost***

***Large Print Bulletin***



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.

## PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

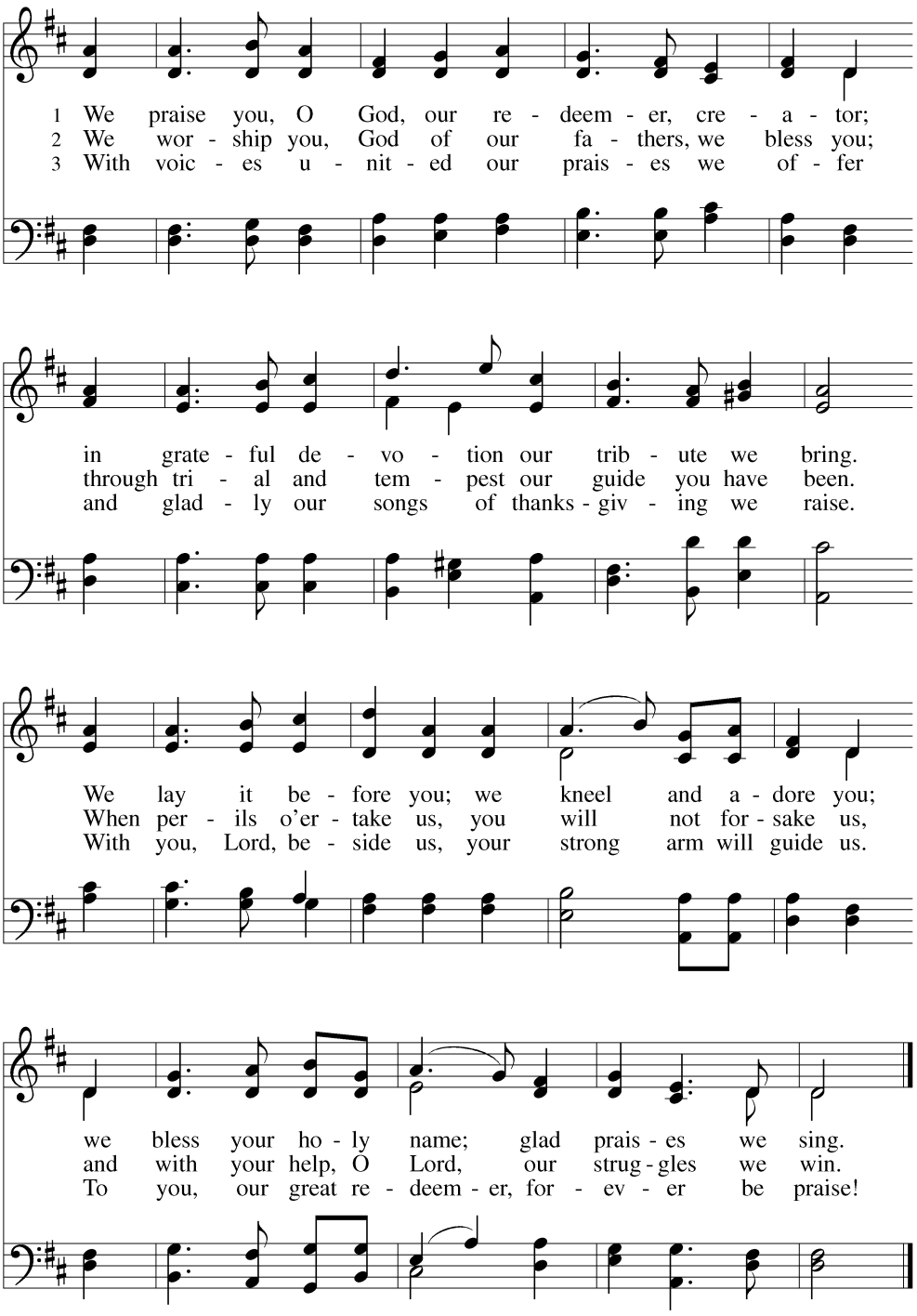
*Please stand as you are able*

## 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: We Praise You, O God
## Green Book: 241

# We Praise You, O God

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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.**

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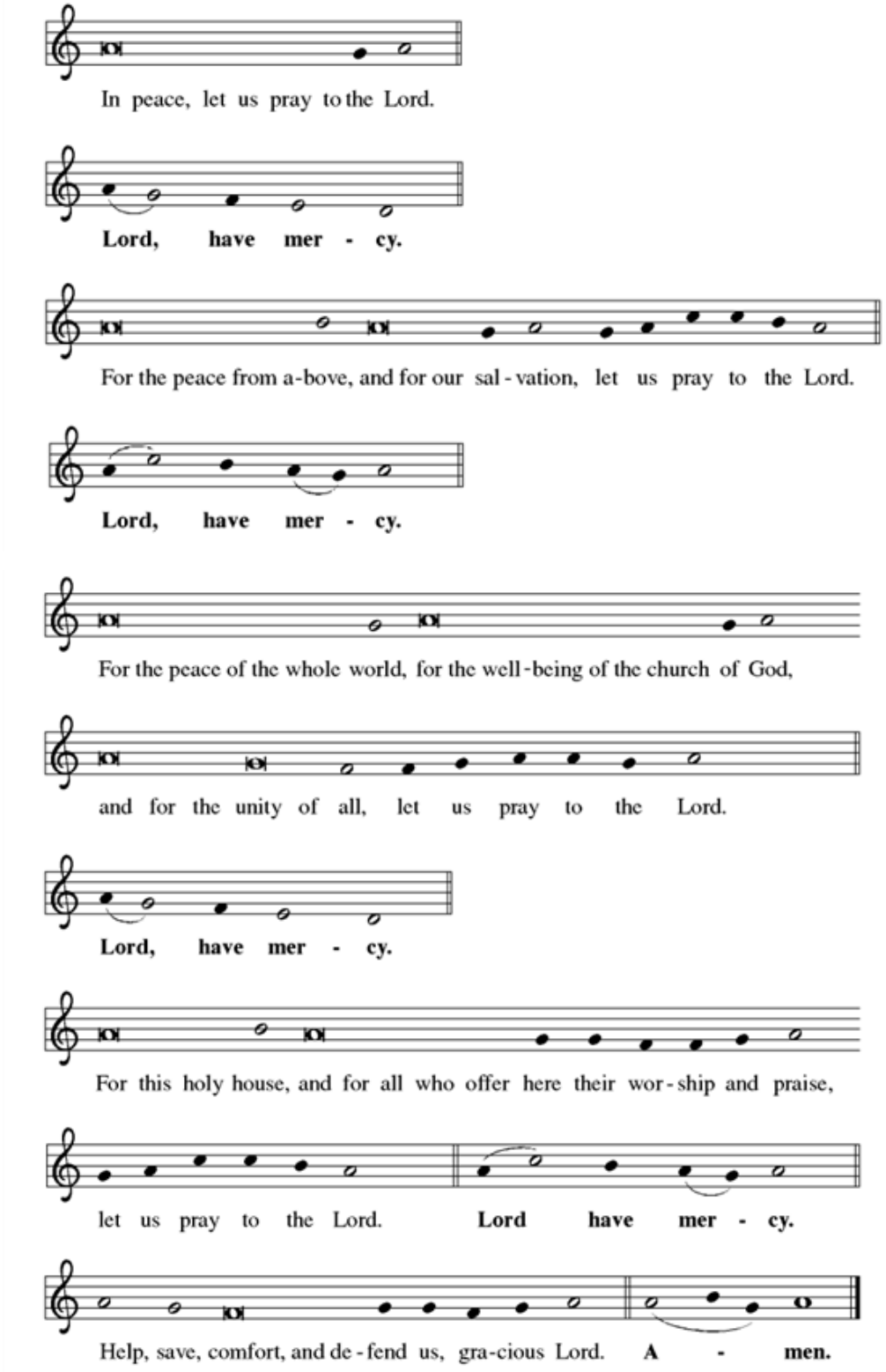
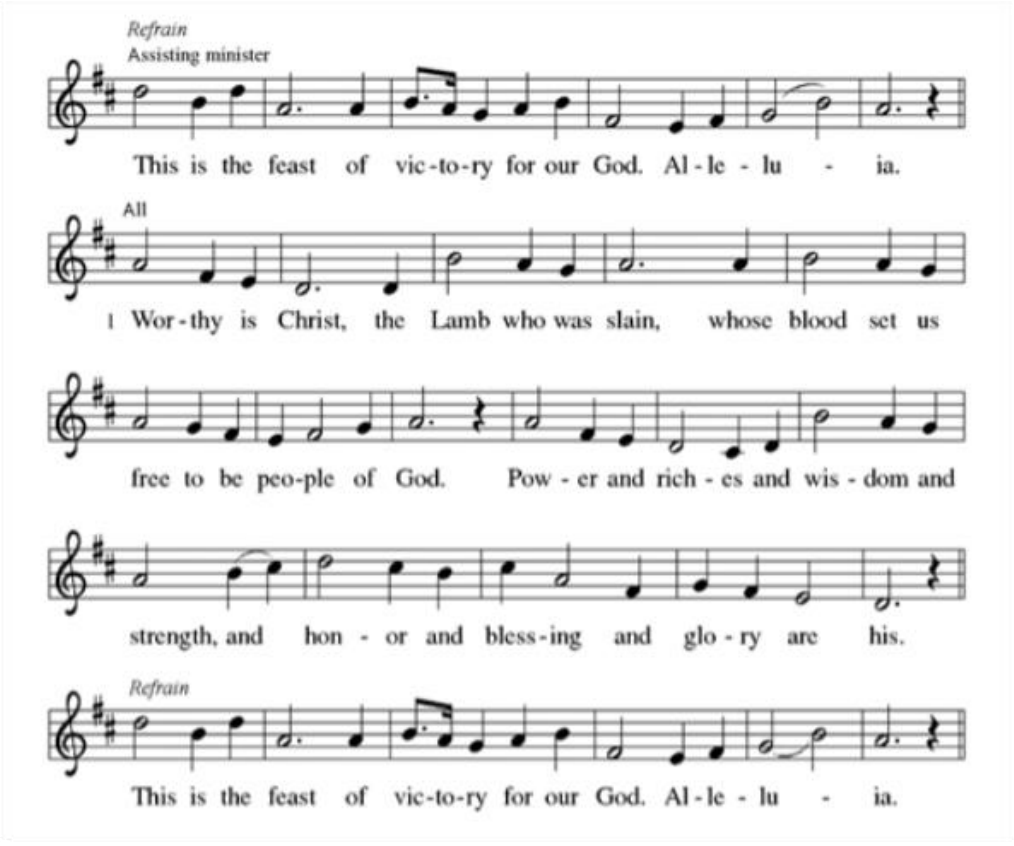
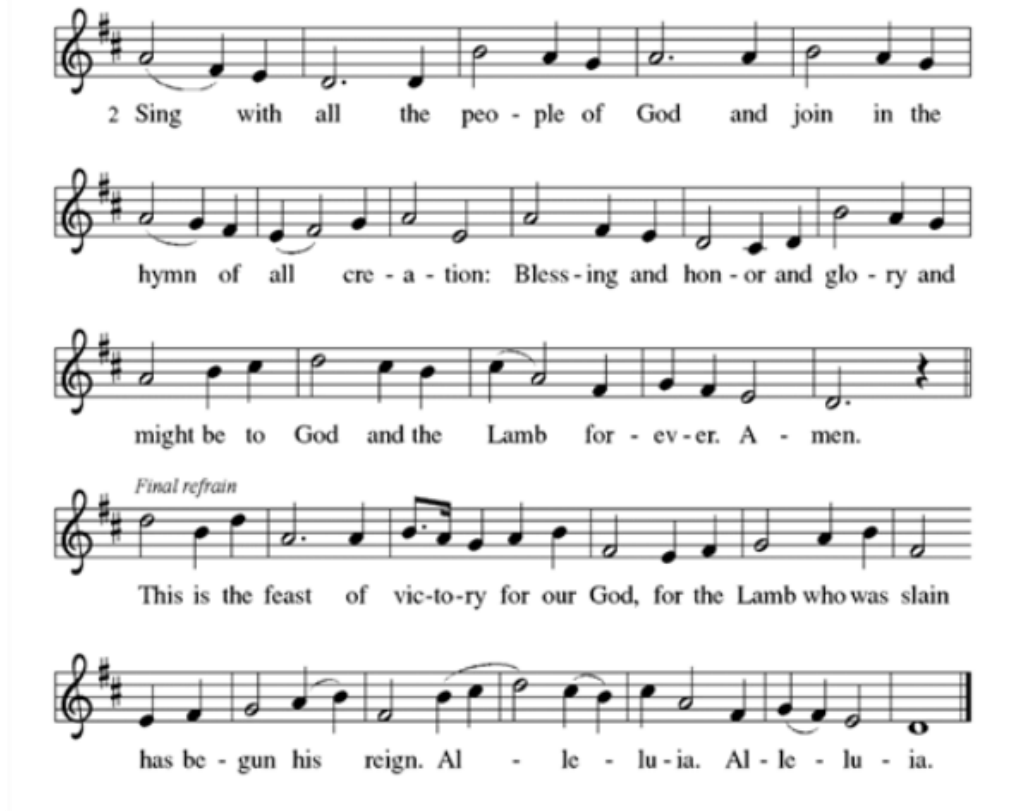


# HYMN OF PRAISE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
**ALL: And also with you.**
L: 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.
**ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

L: 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. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

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

L:1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
**ALL:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
L: 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
**ALL:4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
L:5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
**ALL:6 in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

L:[7] For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

**ALL:[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

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

**ALL:[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.**

L:[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

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

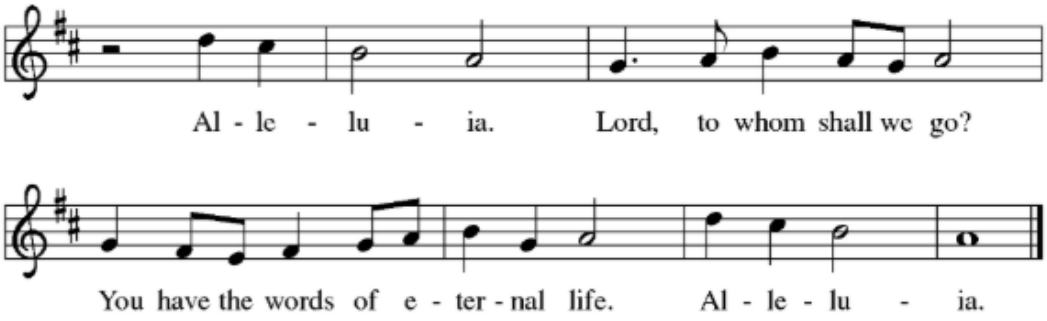
## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L: [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. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION




## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
**ALL**: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: [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.’ ”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

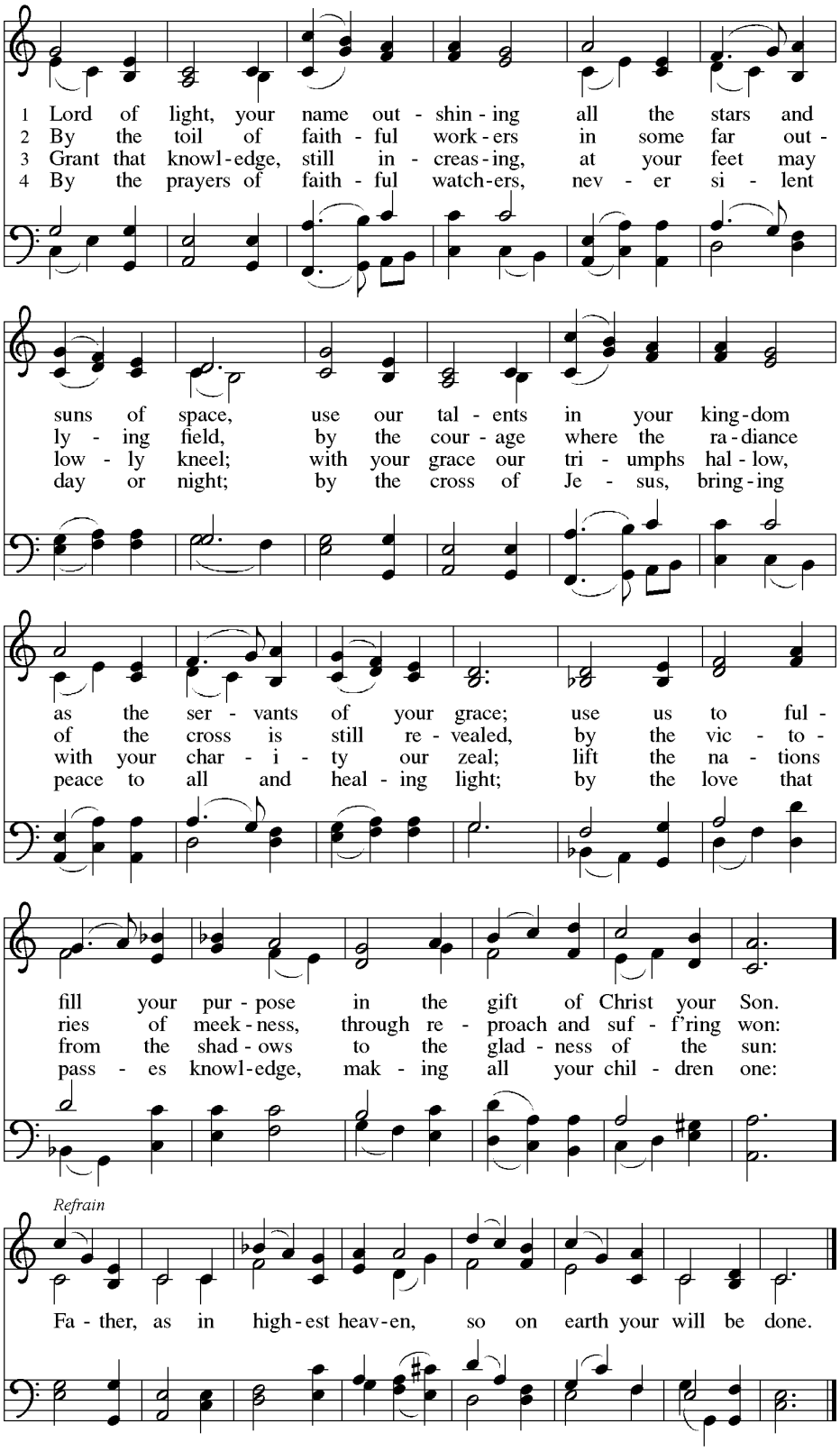
## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Light
## Green Book 405

*Please stand as you are able*

# Lord of Light

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## 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.*

L: 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. We pray especially for our NOEL cluster siblings of First English, Lockport; St. John's, Lyndonville; St. Peter, Medina; Trinity, South Newstead; Trinity, Wolcottsville; and Zion, Gasport. God, in your mercy,
**ALL: hear our prayer.**

L: As the nights grow longer, 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,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

L: Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially in Iran, Palestine, Ukraine and Haiti*). 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,
**ALL: hear our prayer.**

L: 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,
**ALL: hear our prayer.**

L: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
**ALL: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: 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,
**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*

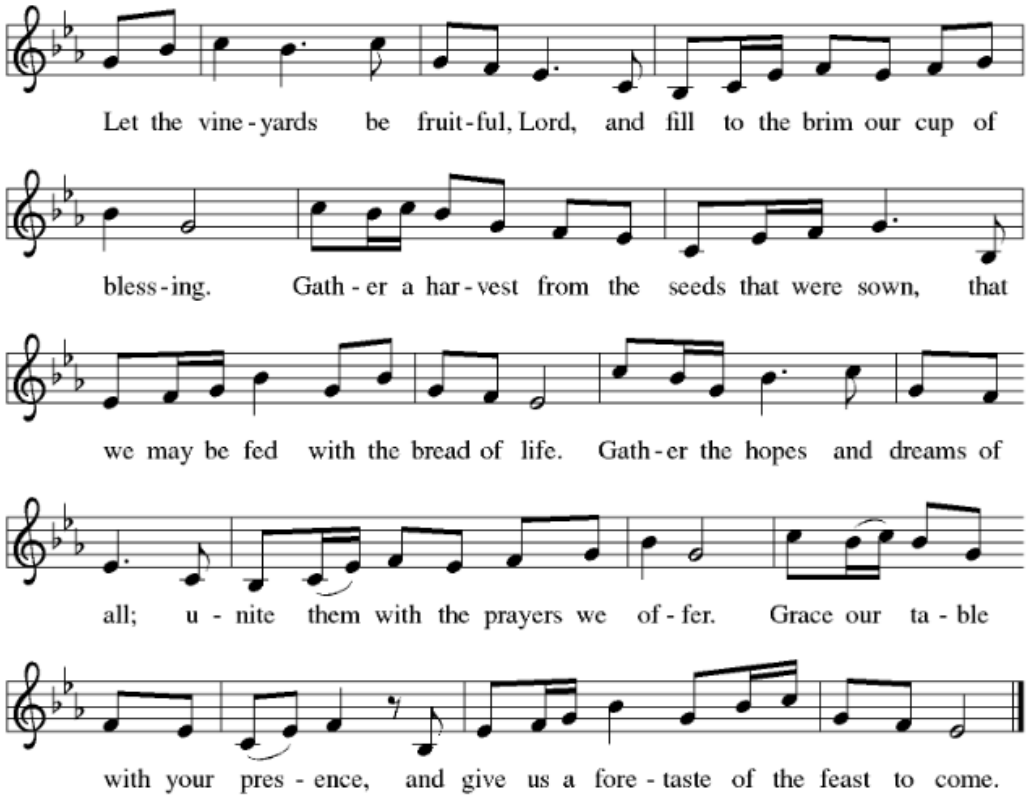



## OFFERING

*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



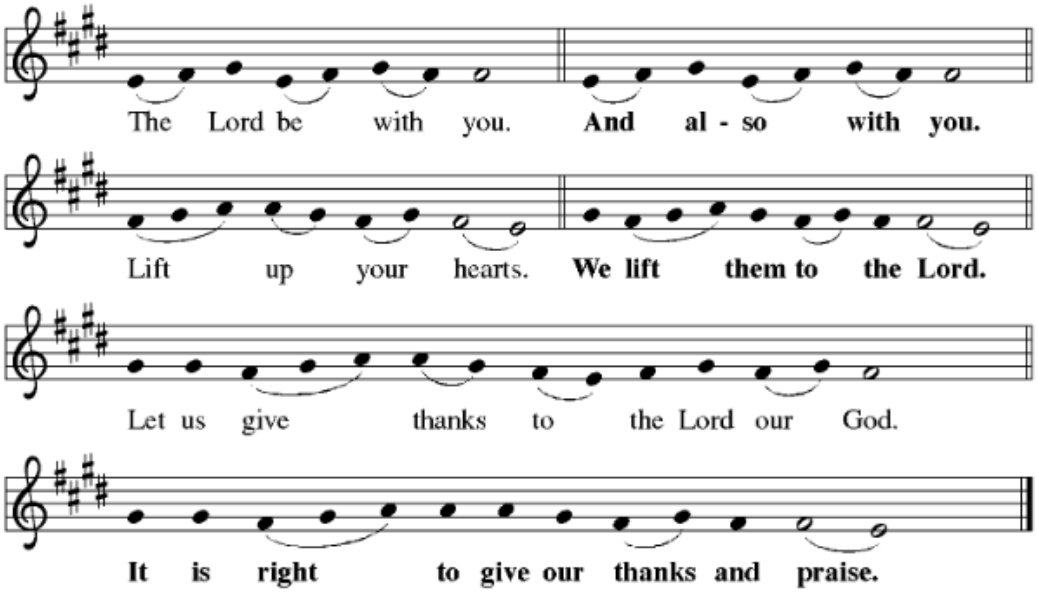

# OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, Eternal God,

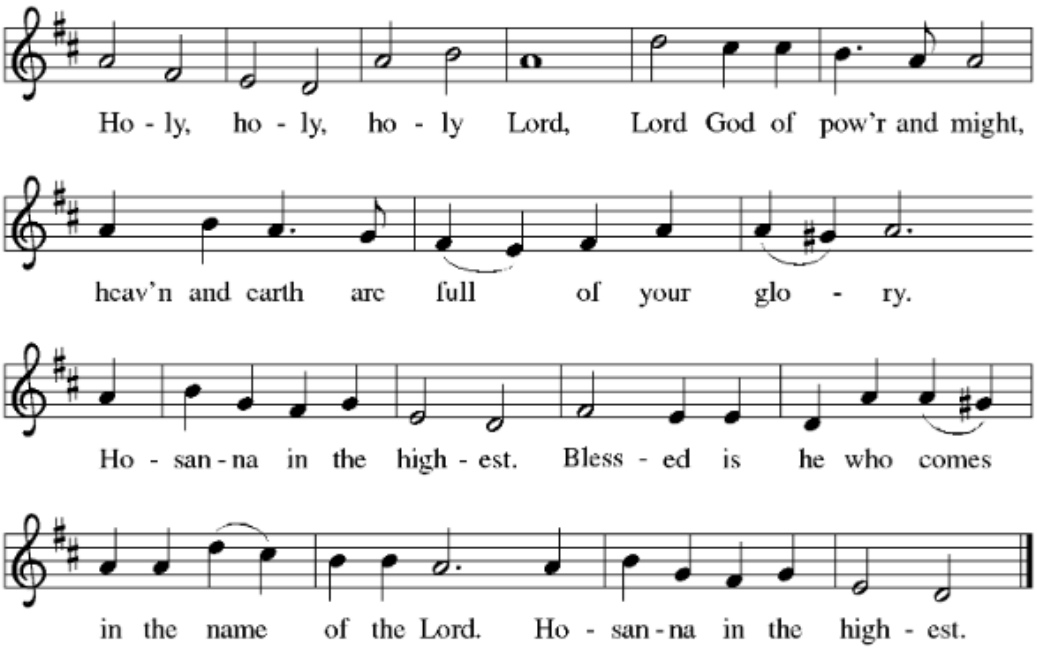
**ALL: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




L: 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:



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.

## 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

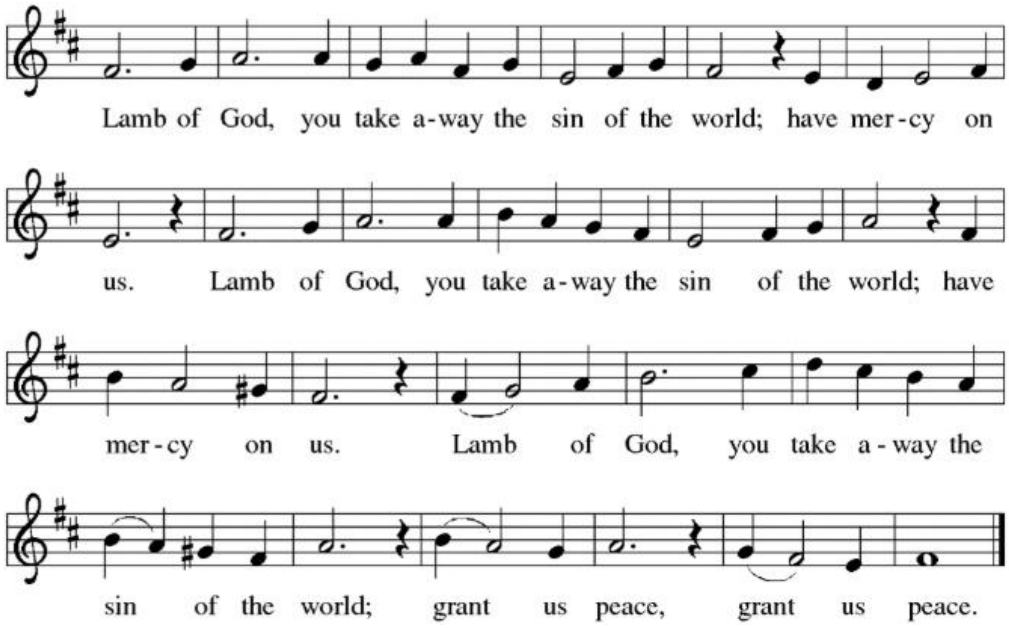
L: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

*Please be seated*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

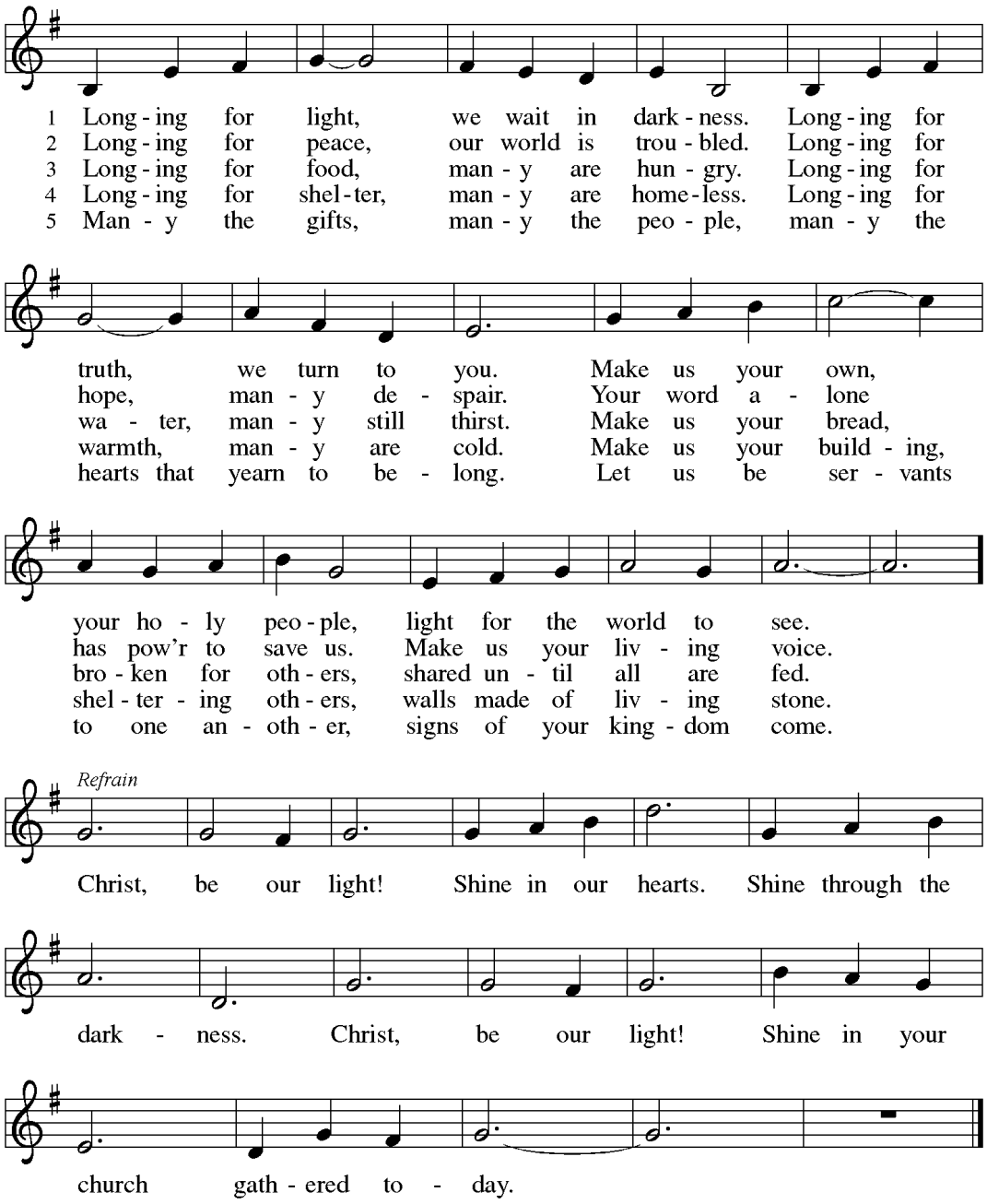
## COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God



# COMMUNION HYMN: Christ, Be Our Light

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

## Christ, Be Our Light

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## 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

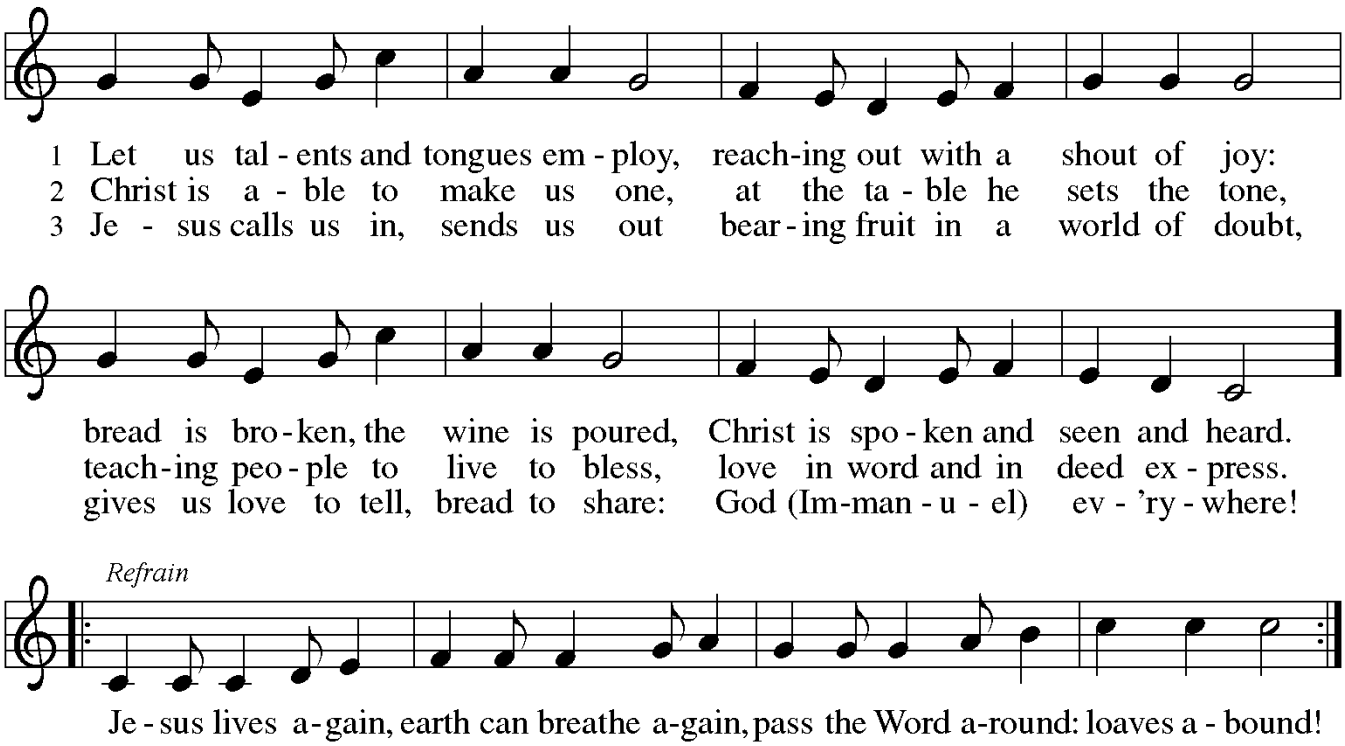
L: Let us pray together, Holy God,
**ALL: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost,**
**bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.**
**Now send us out, awake to your presence,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

## 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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – Blue Book: 754

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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## DISMISSAL

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

## About Today's Readings:

## First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.*

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

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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
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
Wally Ifflander
Bruce Albins
Chris Anderson

***Prayers of thanksgiving*** for good medical results and continued healing for Joanne Goeseke Taylor
***Safe Travel for*** Flo Goeseke

***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)
Barbe Burke
Helmut Bauder ***(His service is Saturday, November 28th at 10:00am, here at Trinity.)***

# This Week:

**Sunday School** 10:45-11:45am
**Sunday Worship** is at 9:30am
****Confirmation Evening Class is tonight at 6 pm**
**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:

Our next meeting is December 8th @ 7pm

# 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:

11/19 – Here at Trinity!
11/26 – off for Thanksgiving
12/3 - St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina 14103
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12/10 -Trinity Wolcottsville – 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 – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the sale!

## Poinsettia Orders

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

## Congregational Meeting: Nov 22
## Next week 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. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex soon.

## 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.