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Mission Statement – *"Loving God, Loving People"*

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

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.

WELCOME
Announcements
Prelude

* A Call to Worship
P: Like the foolish bridesmaids, who did not have enough oil for their lamps, we are often unprepared, O Lord. When we are asked to give an account for the hope that we have within us,
C: we often don't know what to say.
P: When we are called upon to reach out to unbelievers,
C: we are often not sure what to do.
P: When we have time on our hands,
C: we are often not sure what to do with it.
P: Help us, O Lord, to be like the wise bridesmaids, who had enough oil and were ready to meet the bridegroom.
C: May we be prepared, O Lord.
P: When chances come for us to share our faith,
C: give us the words to say.

P: When opportunities arise when we can serve the needs of others,
C: give us the strength to act as your hands and feet in this world.
P: When the time of your return seems far away,
C: help us to use the time to get closer to you through prayer and worship.
P: As we await your coming,
C: keep us safe in your care.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: 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.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.
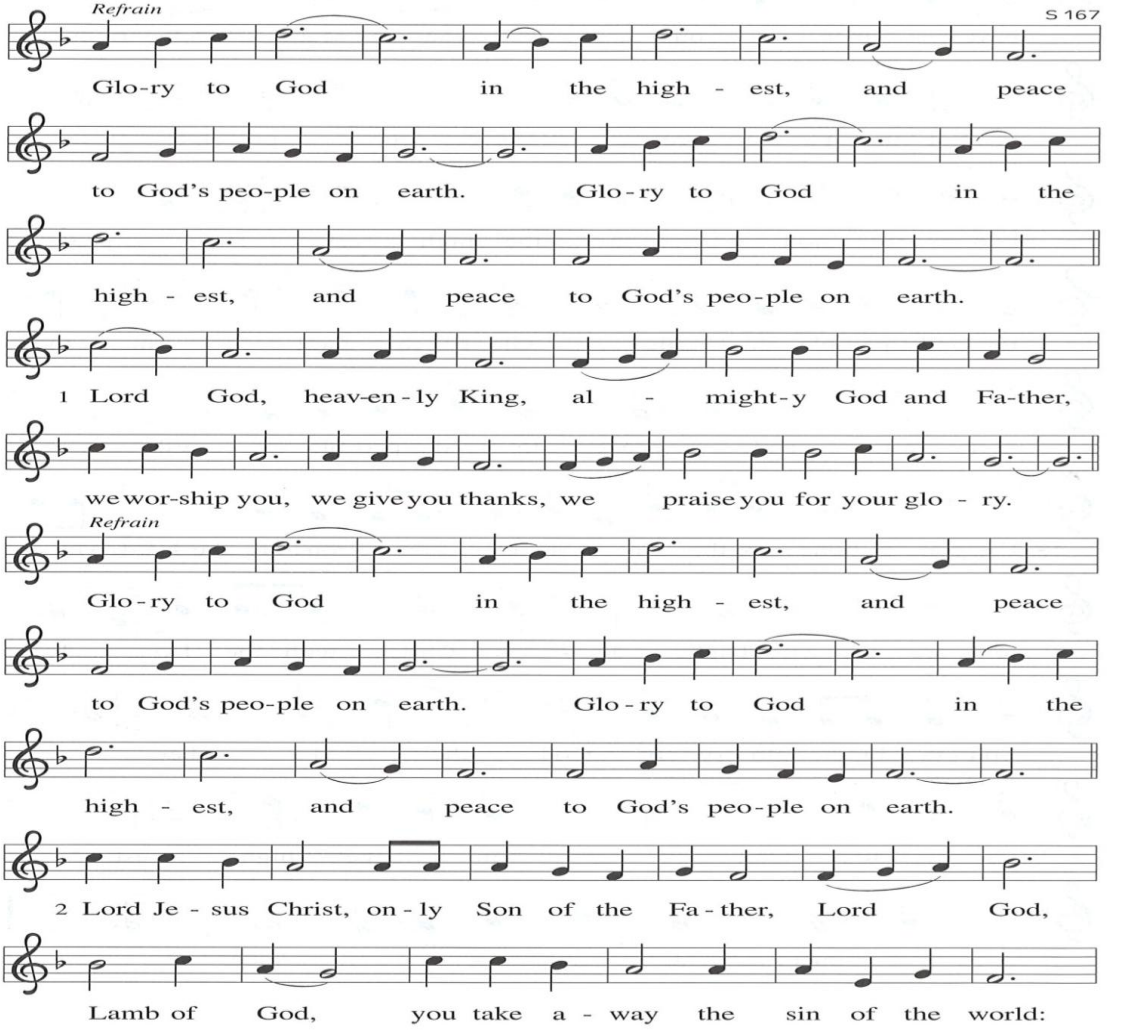
*** Gathering Hymn 327 "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"**
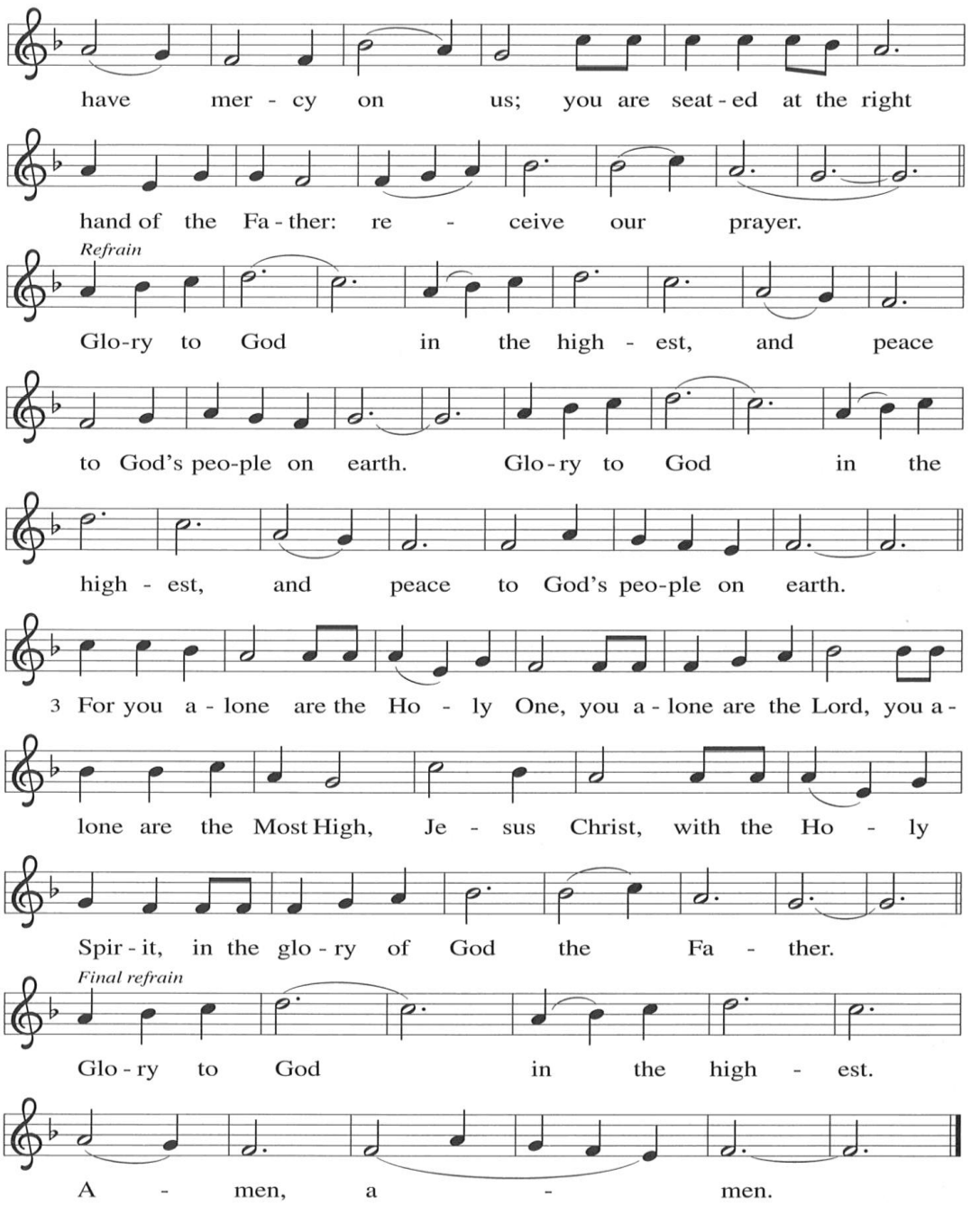
* Greeting

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.

* Gloria (Setting 6 – Page 167)




have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

* Prayer of the Day

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. Amen

First Lesson: *Amos 5:18-24*

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalm 70*
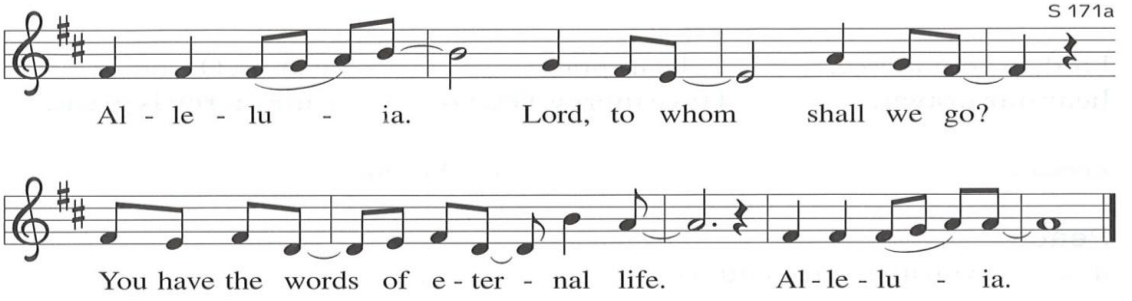
1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

[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 quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

Second Lesson: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
[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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation (Setting 6 – Page 171)



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.
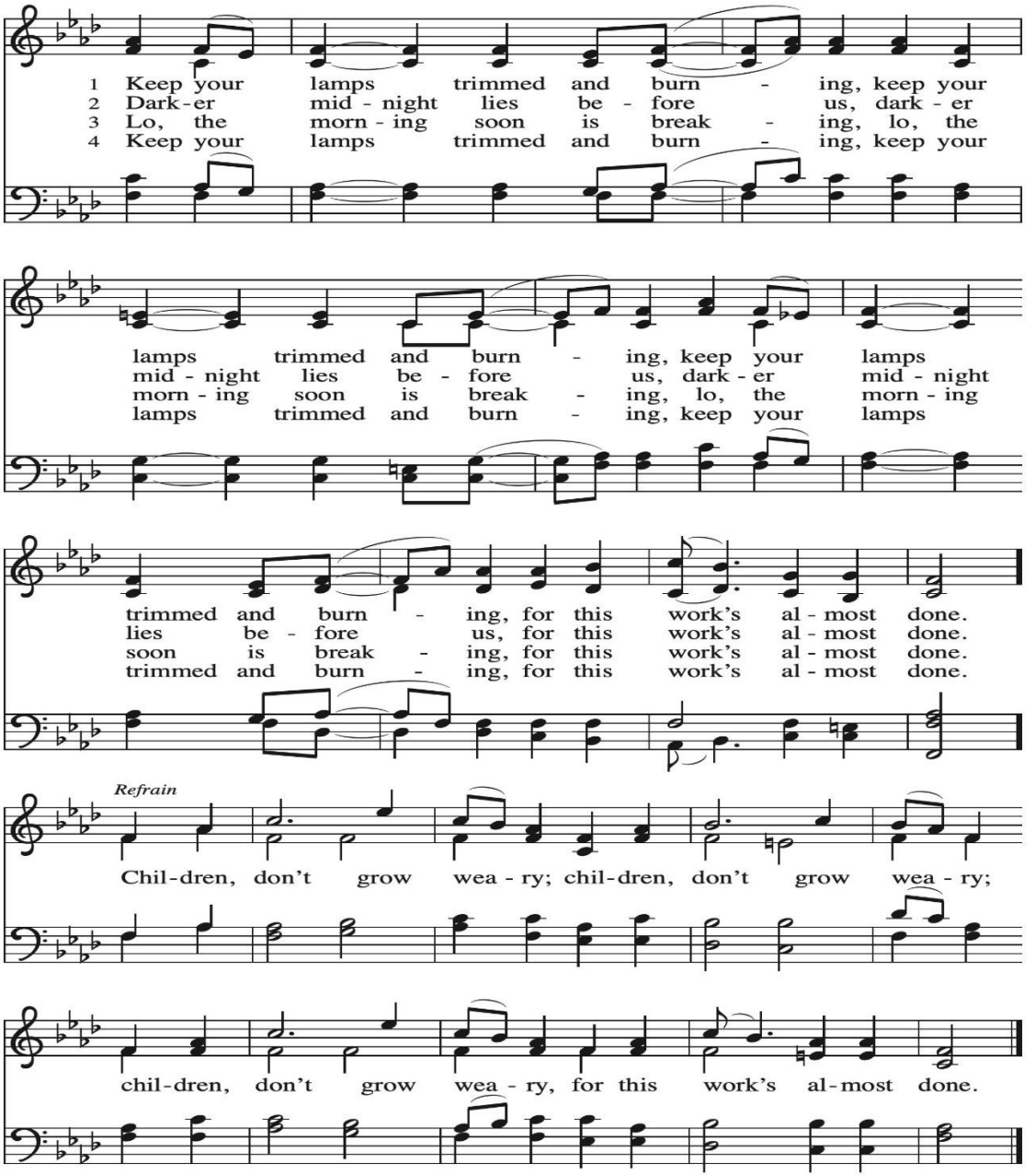
The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*

[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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Daniel Swanson

Hymn 946 ACS "Keep Your Lams Trimmed and Burning"



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

* Apostles' Creed

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.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord — Organ Voluntary

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn — "Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.
Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"
Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.
In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

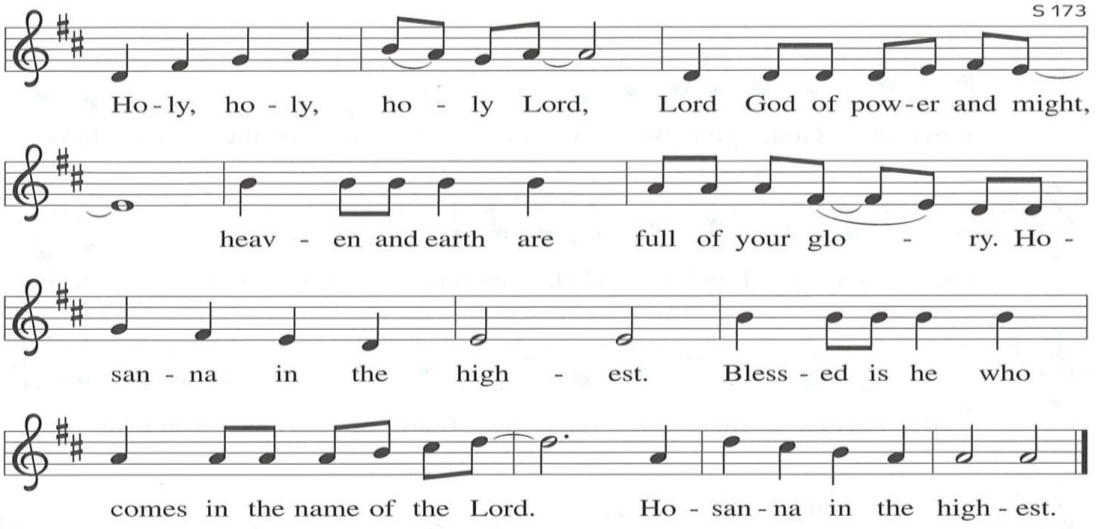
* Offertory Prayer

P: 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.
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 God thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right ……..and join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy) (Setting 6 – Page 173)



* The Words of Institution
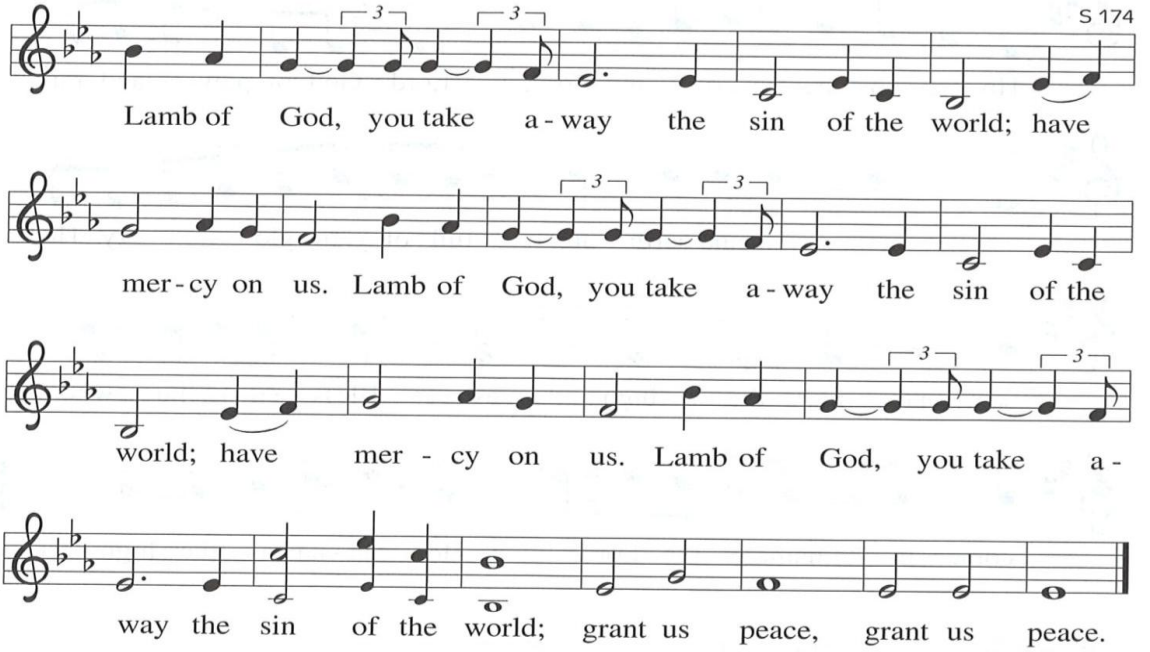
* The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)* (Setting 6 – Page174)



Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: 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. **Amen.**

* Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 439 "Soon and Very Soon"**

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude

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In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, November 8 – Devon Swanson
This Wednesday, November 11 – Jeff Smith
Next Sunday, November 15 – Jack Murray
Next Wednesday, November 18 – Rae Ann Smith

Ushers: Fred Powell, Jeff Smith
Organist: Rae Ann Smith
AV: Kathy Swanson, Dave Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks
A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Communion Bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God in memory of son, James DeMonbrun by Joyce.

The November Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in loving memory of mother, Helen Marie (Lamb) Havens from Ed and Lita

This week –
This Sunday – November 8, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS
Monday – Executive – 5:30pm, Council – 6:30pm
Tuesday – Worship & Music – 2:00pm
Wednesday – Church Office closed, Chancel Choir – 5:30pm, Worship – 6:30pm
Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am, Dementia Support – 2:00pm
Friday – Diane's Music class –10:00, Ladybirds – 11:00am,
Next Sunday – November 15, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS

The November REACH Meal will be on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Instead of asking the congregation to make desserts, the REACH Meal Committee is inviting people to donate money to purchase pumpkin pies. The pies will be bought in bulk from Sam's Club @ $6.00 per pie. We are planning to feed over 1,000 meals so a lot of pies will be needed! **If you would like to donate money towards the cost of the pies, please write out a check to Christ Lutheran Church and mark it for "Pumpkin Pies."** Don't delay - we will need to purchase the pies in advance in order to package them for distribution, so the sooner we receive your donation, the better! What a wonderful way to share God's blessings with our neighbors at this time of thanksgiving!

We thank the Armstrong Insurance Agency and the Law Firm of Geppert, McMullan, Paye & Getty for their generous donations for our Community Meals.

We will hold a **Congregational meeting following the service on November 22nd** to approve the purchase of a new stove for our kitchen.

Thanksgiving is coming fast! If you would like to contribute to these cards, **please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets.** ***We now have 35 families that have requested a card*****. Please, donate by Sunday, November 15th.** Thank you for your help.

On Tuesday, November 24th, the Cumberland Area Interfaith Ministerial Association (CAIMA) is planning an interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm at Soul's Won, 525 National Hwy, LaVale. **Please join with our community.**

Our Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30pm. Please come and give thanks for our many blessings.

On Sunday, November 29th immediately following the service you are invited to stay for a light lunch and Hanging of the Greens. Please join your fellow congregation members as we celebrate the season.

LaVale Food Pantry: They're welcoming donations of any unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items, especially foods for Thanksgiving! Would you consider a donation of cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, or gravy?
Other consistent needs are saltines, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc), any canned meats, canned vegetables, shelf-stable milk and cereal. They also love donations of "family size" items. Thanks for your support for area families!

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – November 1, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am =	45
	Zoom 10:00am =	13
Wed. Nov 4	In Person 6:30pm =	7
	Zoom =	2

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026		**BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-OCT 2026**
Received =	4,961.00	**Actual Income = $170,308.54**
Needed weekly =	4,265.56	**Actual Expenses = (180,379.41)**
	$ 695.44	**($ 10,070.87)**

CHRISTMAS Poinsettias

6 INCH POT - $13.00

Orders must be received by Dec. 20th.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in bulletin. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Place payment in the white envelope along with this form and mark it "Poinsettia". You may place the envelope in the offering plate or bring it to the Church office.

Flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. You may pick up your flowers to take home after the service Christmas Eve.

IN HONOR _____

IN MEMORY _____

BY_____

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Sandi Shoemaker
Barb Simmons
Pam Mulligan
David Tibbetts
Rae Ann Smith
Jack Zealand
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Ruth Chiarenza
Sharon Diehl
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT	*Requested by*
Stephen Overtoom	Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons. Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Marion Boone, Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Mandy Getz, Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Wilson Scarborough	Rae Ann Smith

Please keep us updated

-for Nepal
-all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
-all people that are affected by the war
-all elected officials
-those who serve in our nation's armed forces including: Tom Forrest, Luke Smith



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