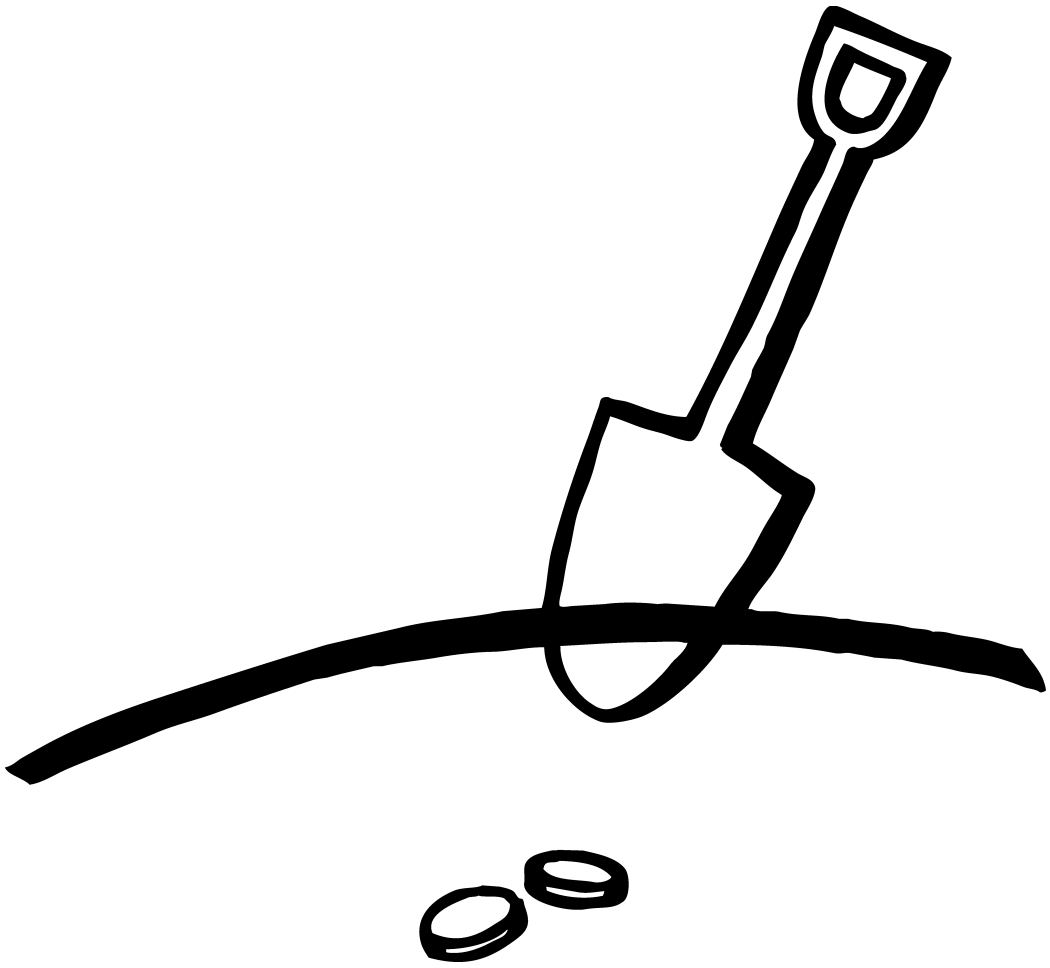
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 – 10:00am



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Our Mission and Vision:

The Mission of Our Saviour Lutheran Church is to serve God's community through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship.

We are committed to serving God's community, whether that be the worshipping community of OSLC, the Christiansburg and NRV Community, or the Global community. We will accomplish this mission through three focus areas:

Worship - We come together to worship the triune God. We learn about God's Word and learn how to spread that Word to the world.

Outreach - We will spread God's Word by serving the community outside the church walls. We serve through our food ministries, homeless ministry, and any other ministry that fits our passions. Come and be a part of our Outreach.

Fellowship - We love to be together in community and we love engaging our broader community. Come and be a part of the community on Sunday mornings, as well as events like Fall Festival and other community events.

We Are Church Together

We are what God has made us – people whom God has created by grace to live in union with Jesus Christ and has prepared to live faithful, fruitful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8-10). In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to God and to each other. As we gather around word and sacraments, this life in Christ is what defines, shapes and guides us as a community of faith, the church.

By God's grace we can and do live confidently and generously in this community of faith and in service of others, amid the mysteries and paradoxes of this life in Christ – including our human limitations and failings, and the ambiguities, uncertainties and suffering that we experience.

About the Bulletin

In the Lutheran tradition we worship in a format of a formal Liturgy. This is a Greek word meaning, "the work of the people."

We worship, pray, sing, share Christ's table, share our short comings, comfort each other in mourning, and shout our praises together gathered as one in the community found in Christ.

Part of this worship together means a lot of people doing the work in different ways; ushers, choir, reading the lessons, lighting the candles, assisting with communion, etc. The liturgy also includes **bolded portions** of text for the community, that's you, to respond and contribute to the voice of the congregation together.

Have you let us know you're here?
We ask that you please sign the guest book in our narthex beside our information desk so that we can thank you for being our guest.

Interested in talking more about OSLC or joining OSLC?
Please speak with Pastor Joel directly or send him an email to set up a time to talk. He is always happy to get a cup of coffee and chat about life, answer questions, or give more information on membership at OSLC.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

the assembly reflects quietly and prepares for worship

GATHERING

the assembly rises in body or spirit

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

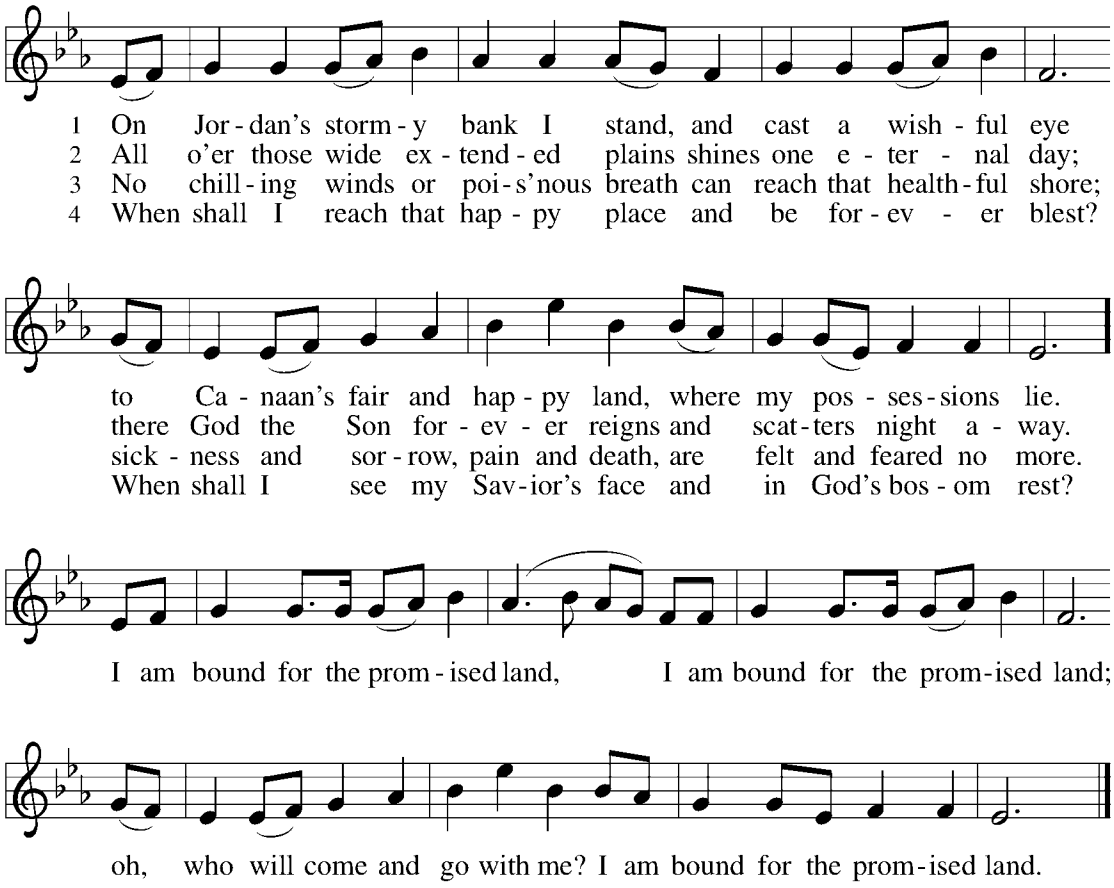
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.



The service continues with gathering song.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 437 – On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

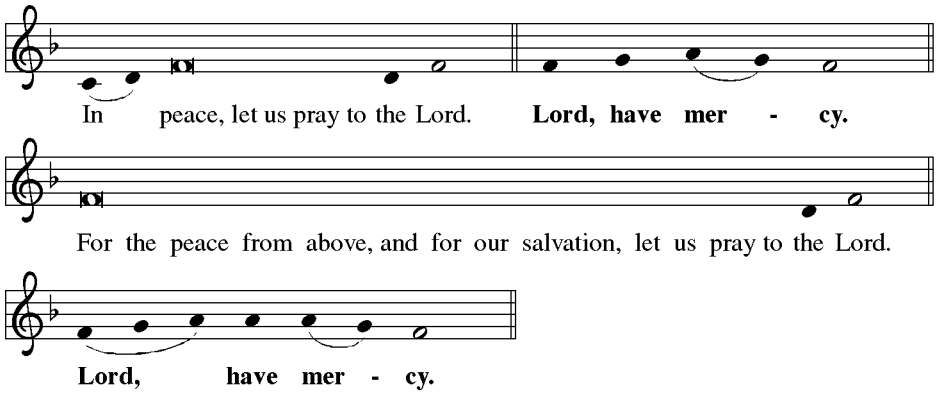


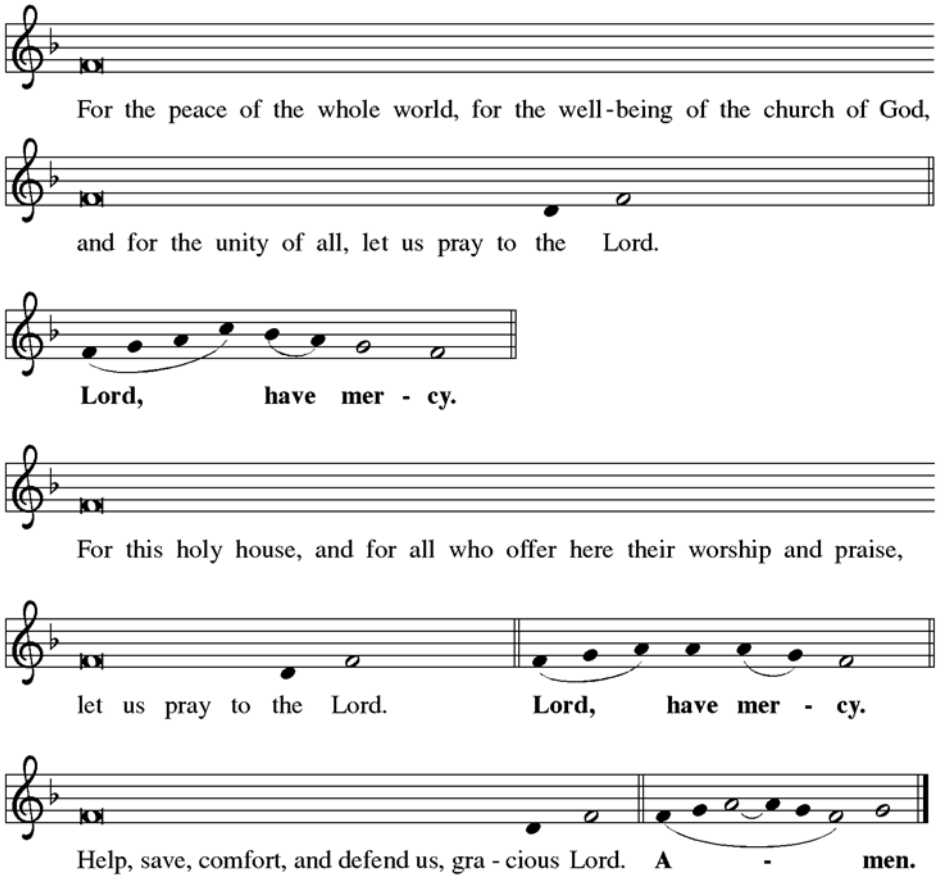
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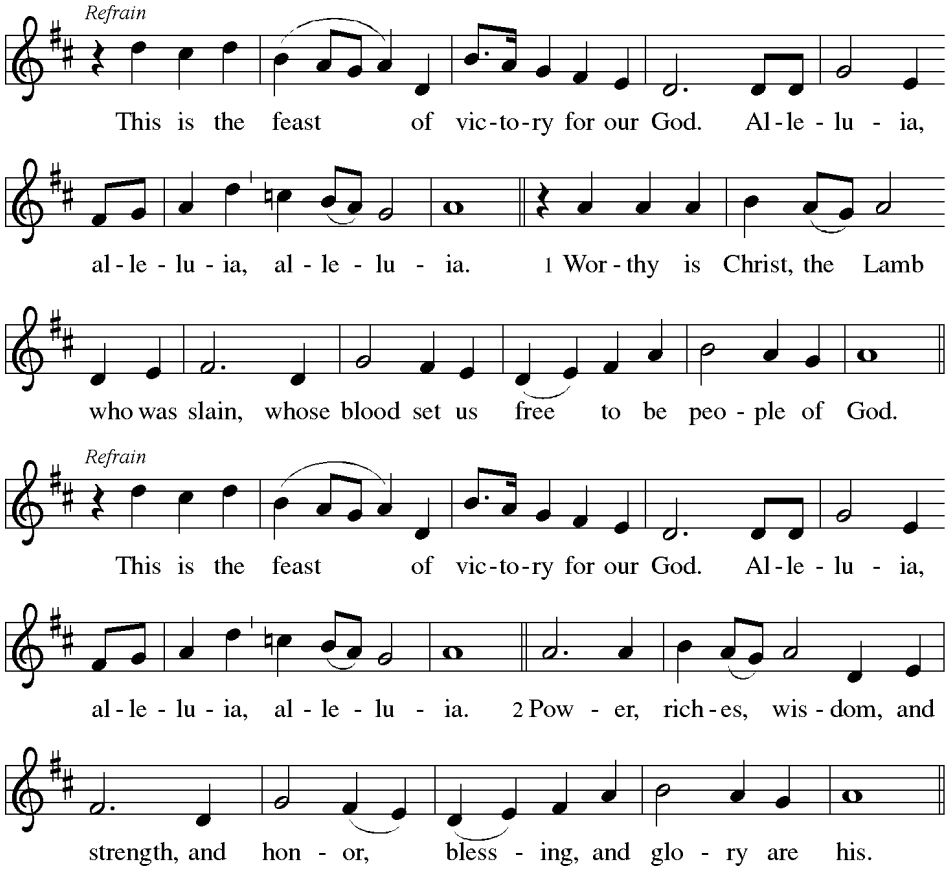
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE





CANTICLE of PRAISE: This Is the Feast





SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...
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.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 *Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 *For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past*
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 *in the morning it is green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 *Our iniquities you have set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

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.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?]
12 *So teach us to number our days*
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

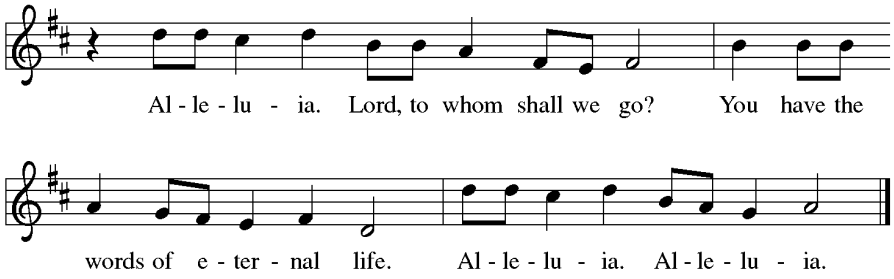
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

the assembly rises in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[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.' "

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

the assembly is seated

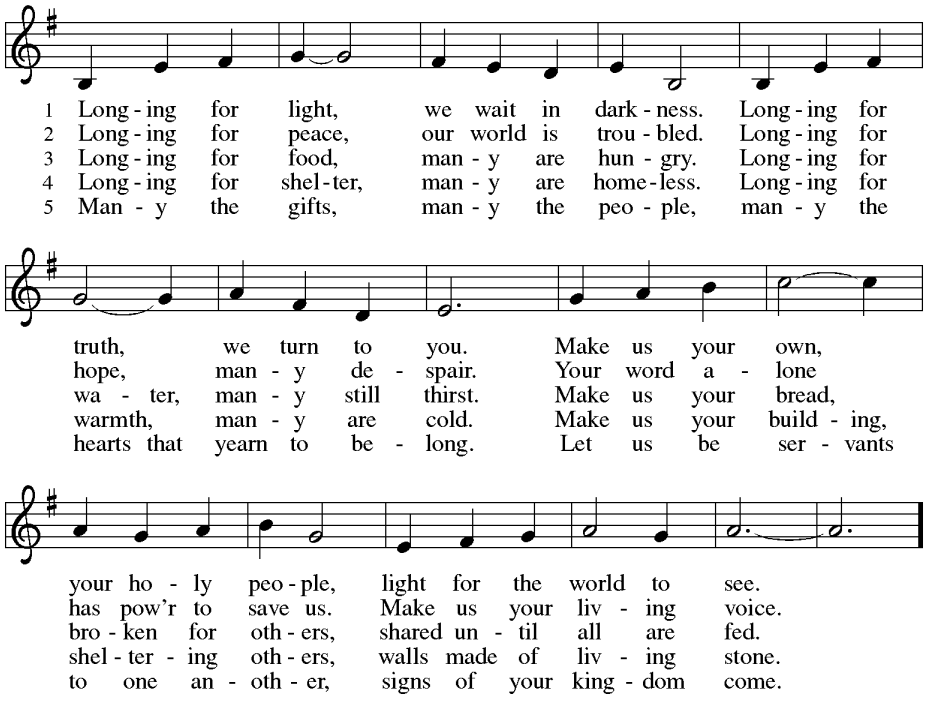
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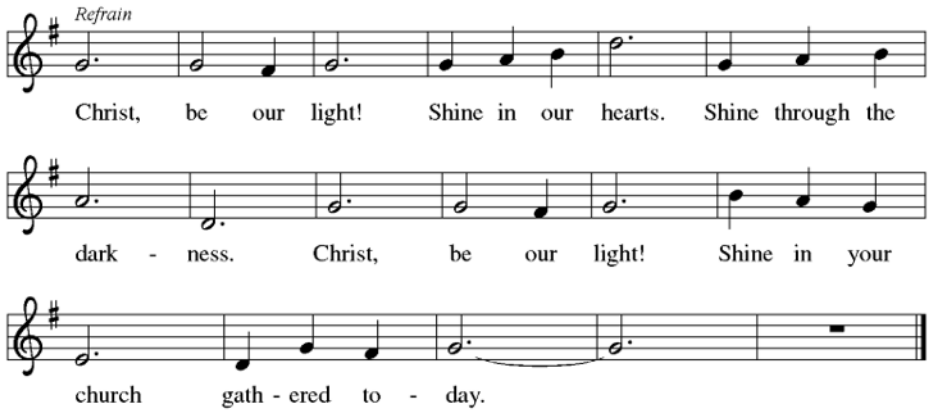
SERMON – Pastor Joel Antley

The assembly reflects on the Word

the assembly rises in body or spirit

HYMN of the DAY: ELW 715 - Christ Be Our Light





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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in hope and trust, we confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends with these words:

Leader: Merciful God.
Response: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

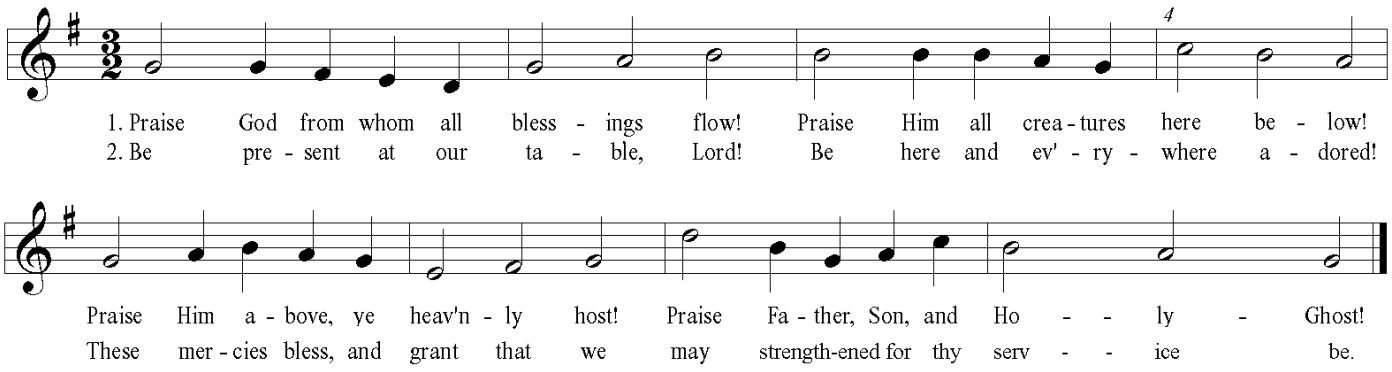
OFFERING

At OSLC we are able to fund mission and ministry that creates real impact in our community only through the generosity of its participants and members. Thank you for the ways that you give of your many blessings; time, talent, and financially. These gifts, together, strengthen this community and serves the NRV and those in need around the world. To give electronically, feel free to scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal

OFFERTORY

the assembly stands as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY SONG: Doxology



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

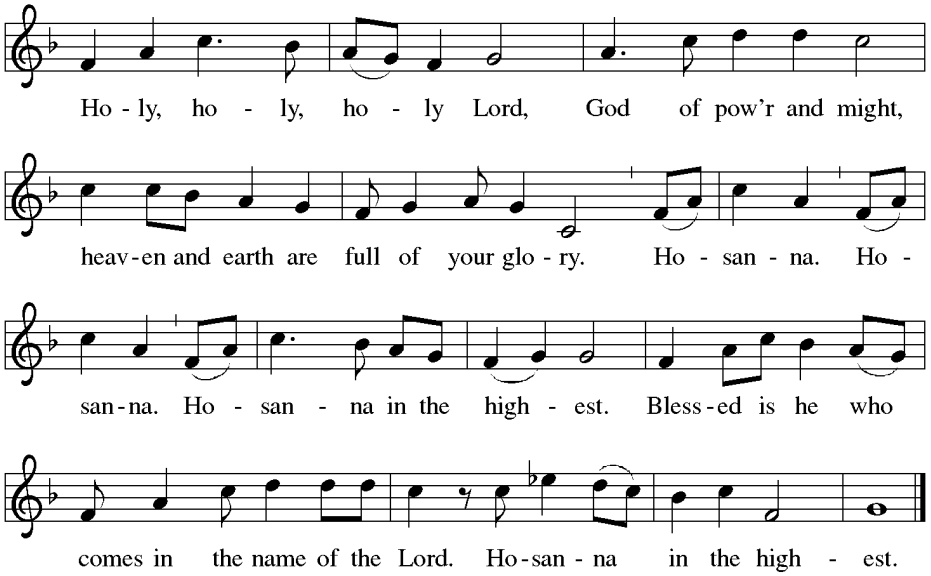
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 you 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, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good,
Blessed are those who take refuge in him.
- *Psalm 34:8*

the assembly is seated and meditates, pondering the mystery of salvation

the pastor first communes those joining worship online.

DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION

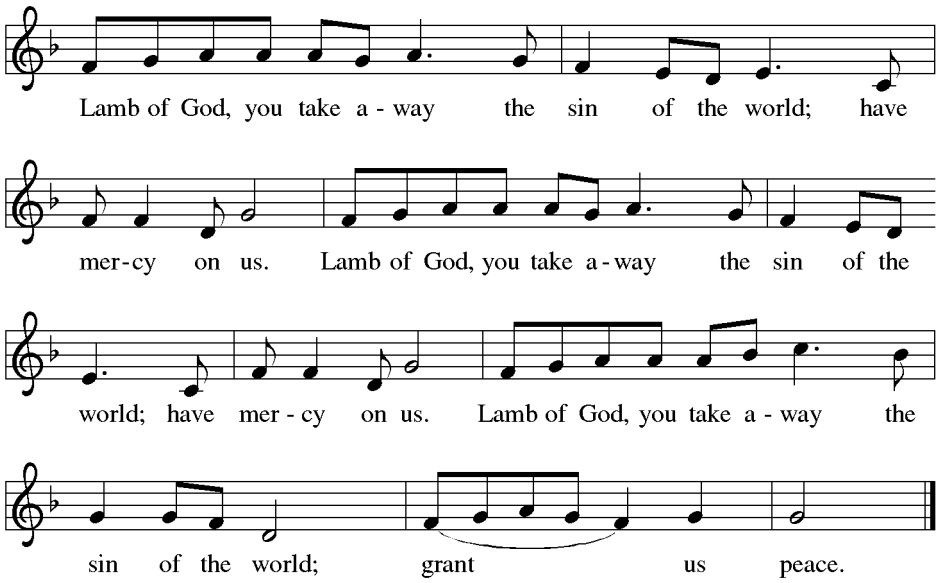
The LORD's Table is open to all.

Persons who desire to receive the Real Presence of Christ in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, are invited to partake in the Sacrament.

At the usher's direction, each row will come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor, who will be stationed in the middle. To receive the wine or grape juice, go back toward the side where you were seated. The pastor will bring communion to anyone who cannot come forward to the altar.

We all share a common loaf of gluten free bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray.

LAMB of GOD



The assembly may sing during communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: TFF 175 - Steal Away





Text: African American spiritual
Music: STEAL AWAY, African American spiritual

the assembly rises in body or spirit

BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together...

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 632 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: St. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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