Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ in
love and service to all.



Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026

We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

*(Congregation speaks the **bold print** in this program and on the screen.)*

Prelude
Claudius Cazan

Bethlehem Lutheran Choir
"Thank You Medley"

Welcome and Announcements
(please stand)

Confessions and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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.
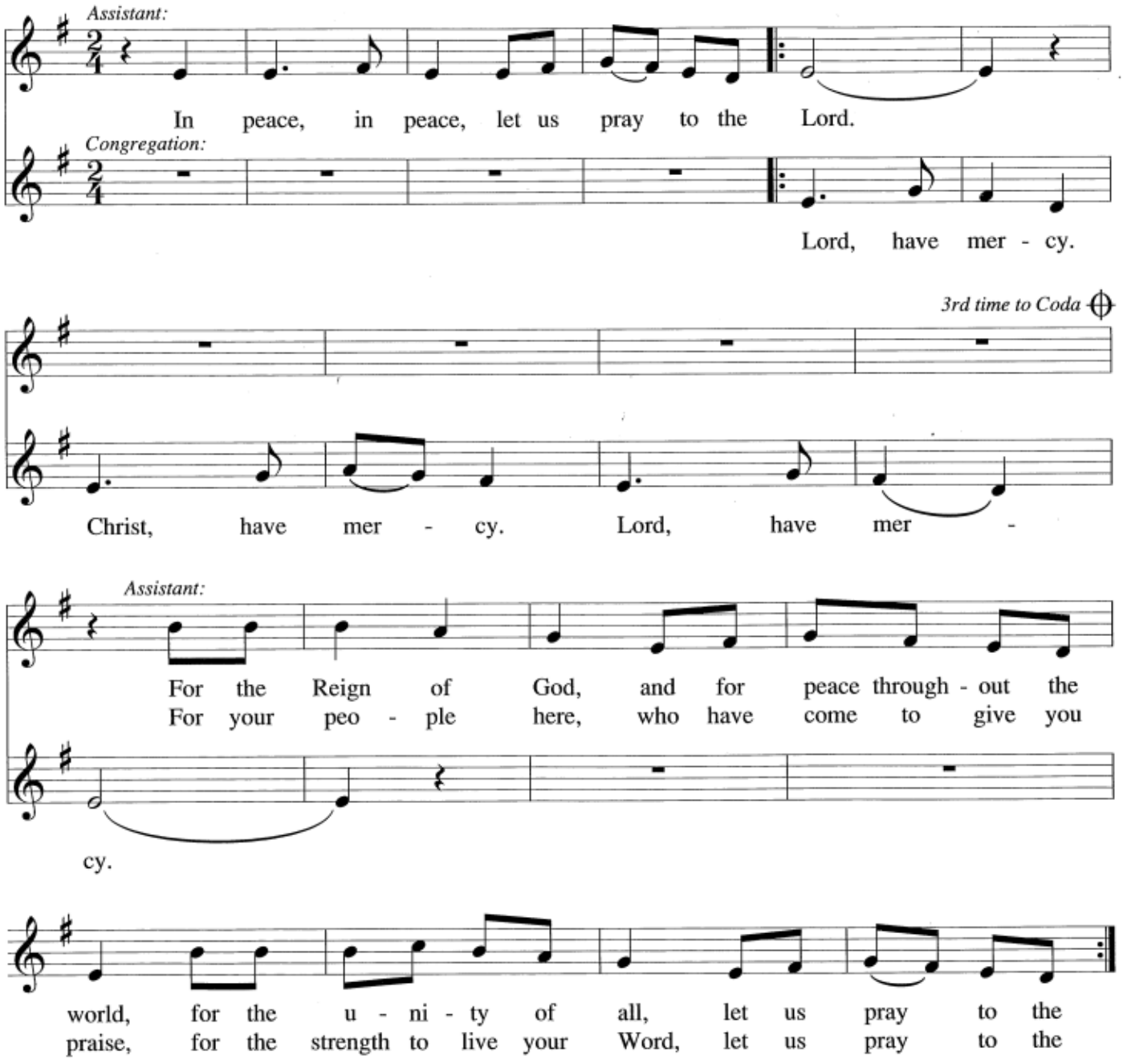
Inherit the riches of God's grace. Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
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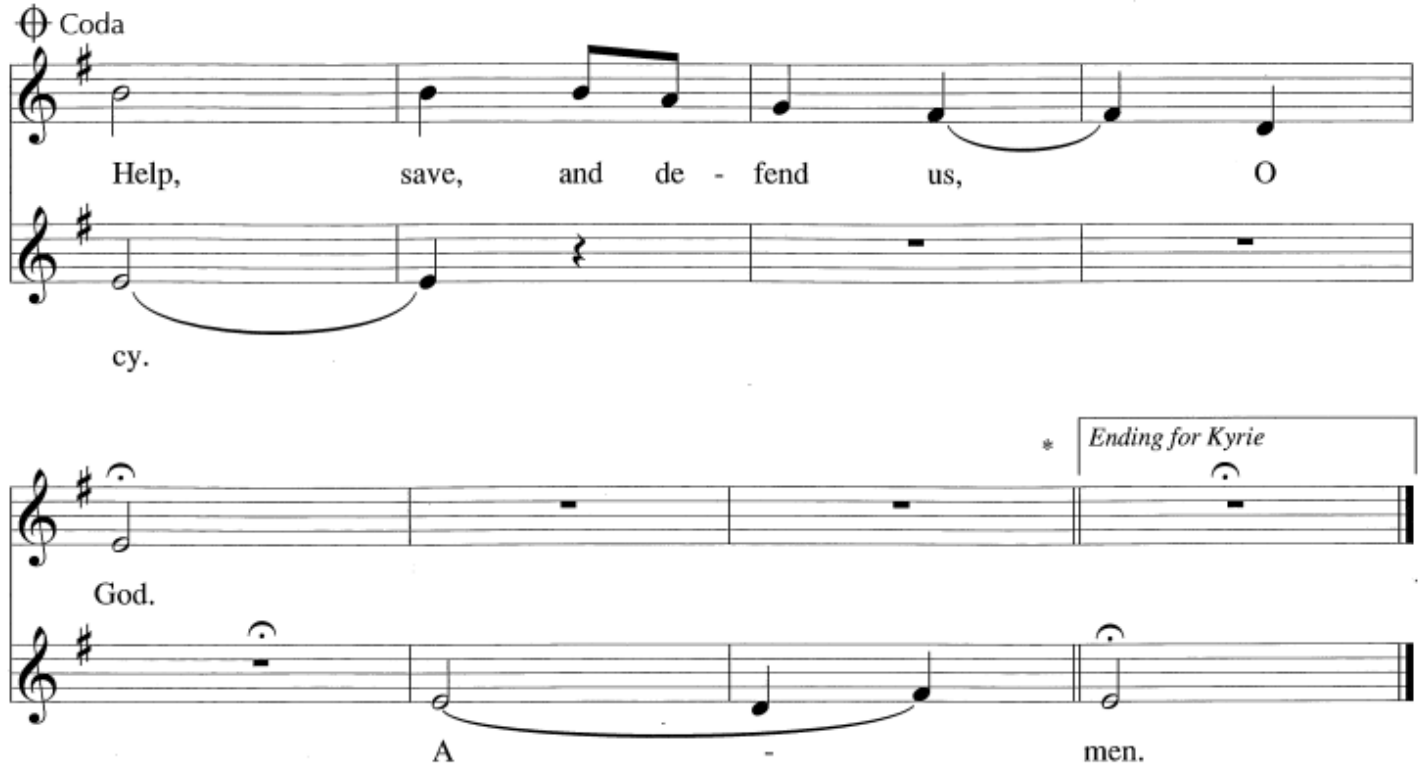
Greeting

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.

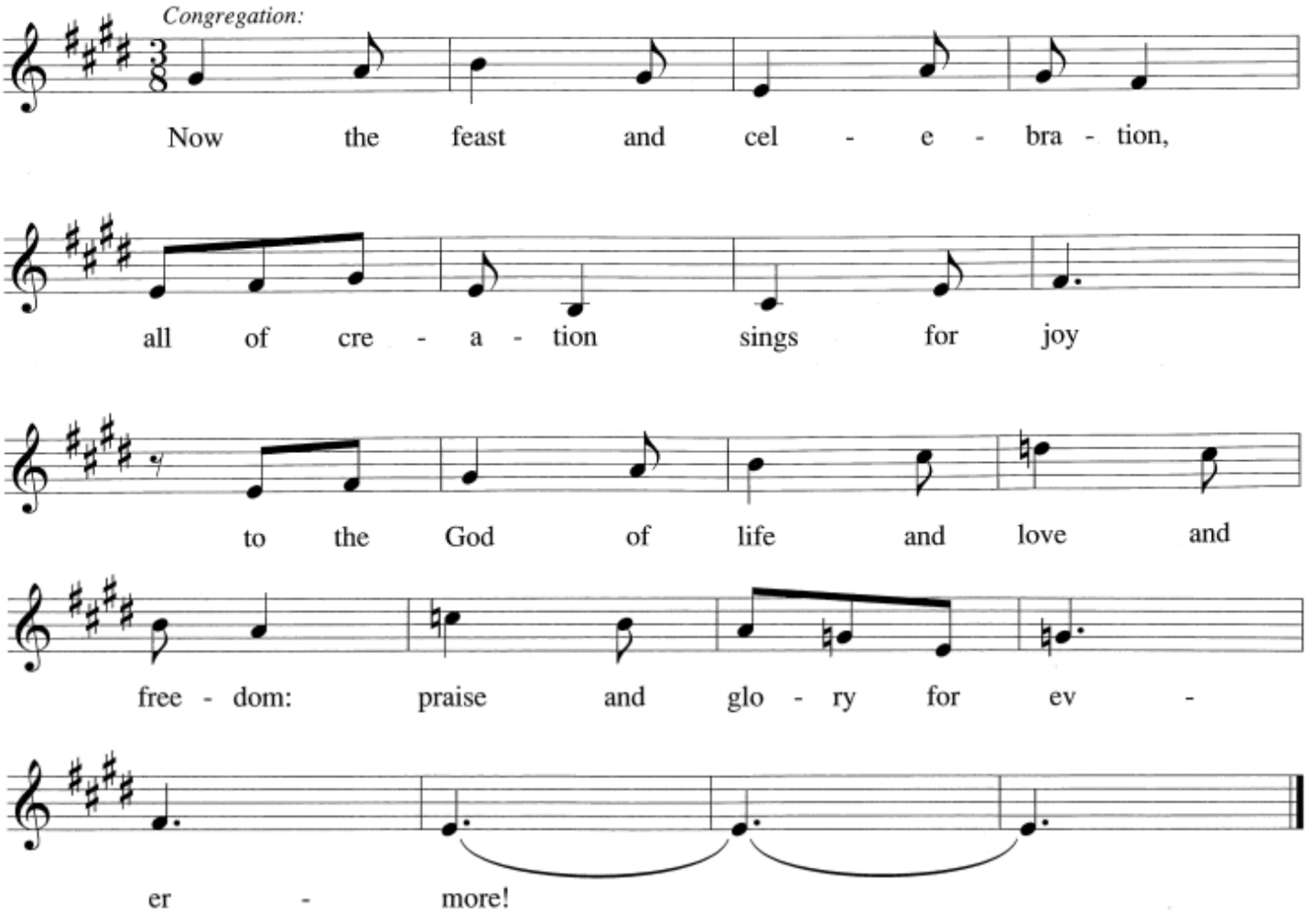
Kyrie

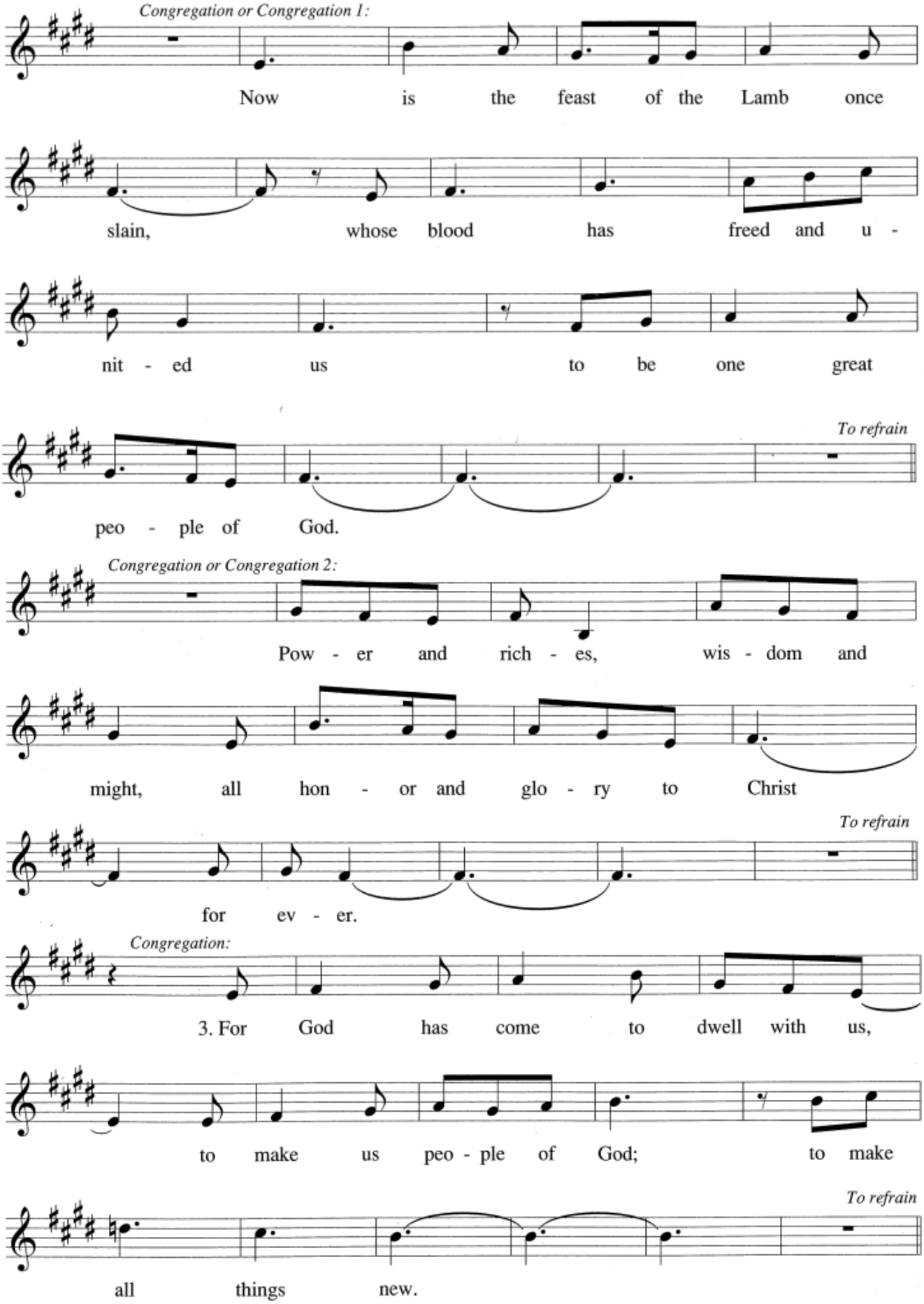


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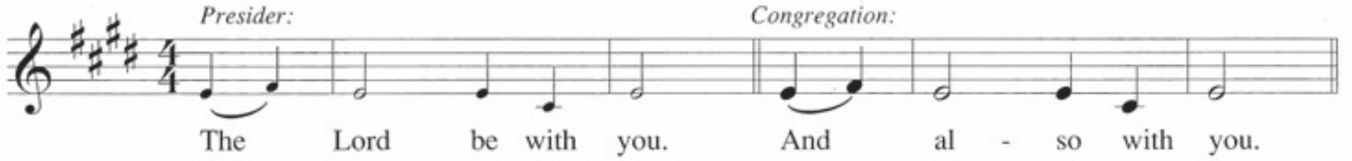


Hymn of Praise




Congregation or Congregation 1:
Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
To refrain
peo - ple of God.
Congregation or Congregation 2:
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain
for ev - er.
Congregation:
3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
To refrain
all things new.

Prayer of the Day



Let us pray,
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(be seated)

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

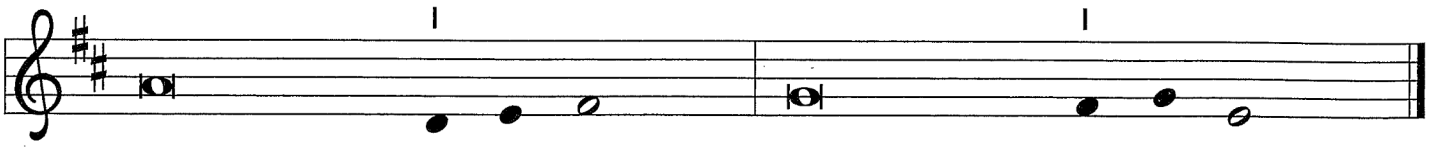
11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will
sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land,
and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain
heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I
will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and
I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and
butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God,
and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a



[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Second Reading

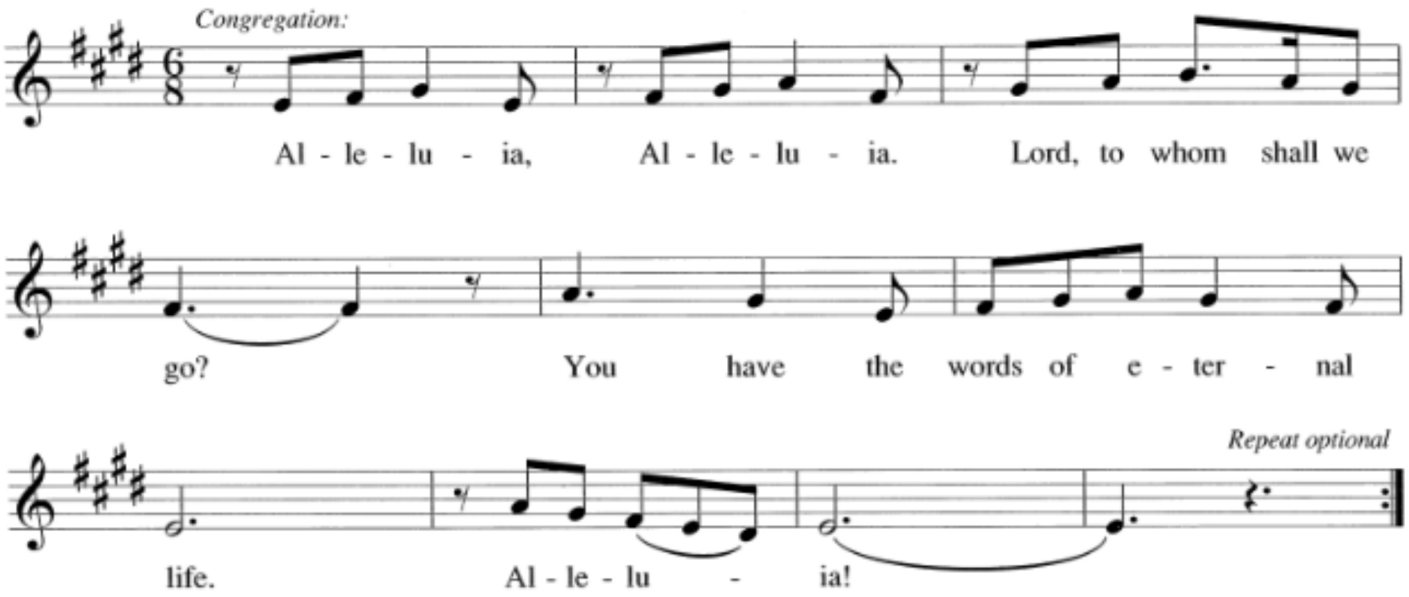
Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a
spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes
of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to
the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
[21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all
things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
[23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and
gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited
you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say
to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no

food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"
ELW# 437

(please stand)

The Apostle's 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. Amen.

(please stand)

The Prayers

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

Sharing of the Peace

Greet one another with a word of welcome and peace.

(be seated)

Offering

Thank you for your offerings today. As Christ comes to us in the bread and cup of the holy table, we present ourselves through our own sacrifice of generosity to love and serve our neighborhood and the whole world. You can also give online at www.bethluth.org/give as a one time donation or as a recurring gift. Use this code to access the giving site.

(*please stand)*

Offertory Prayer
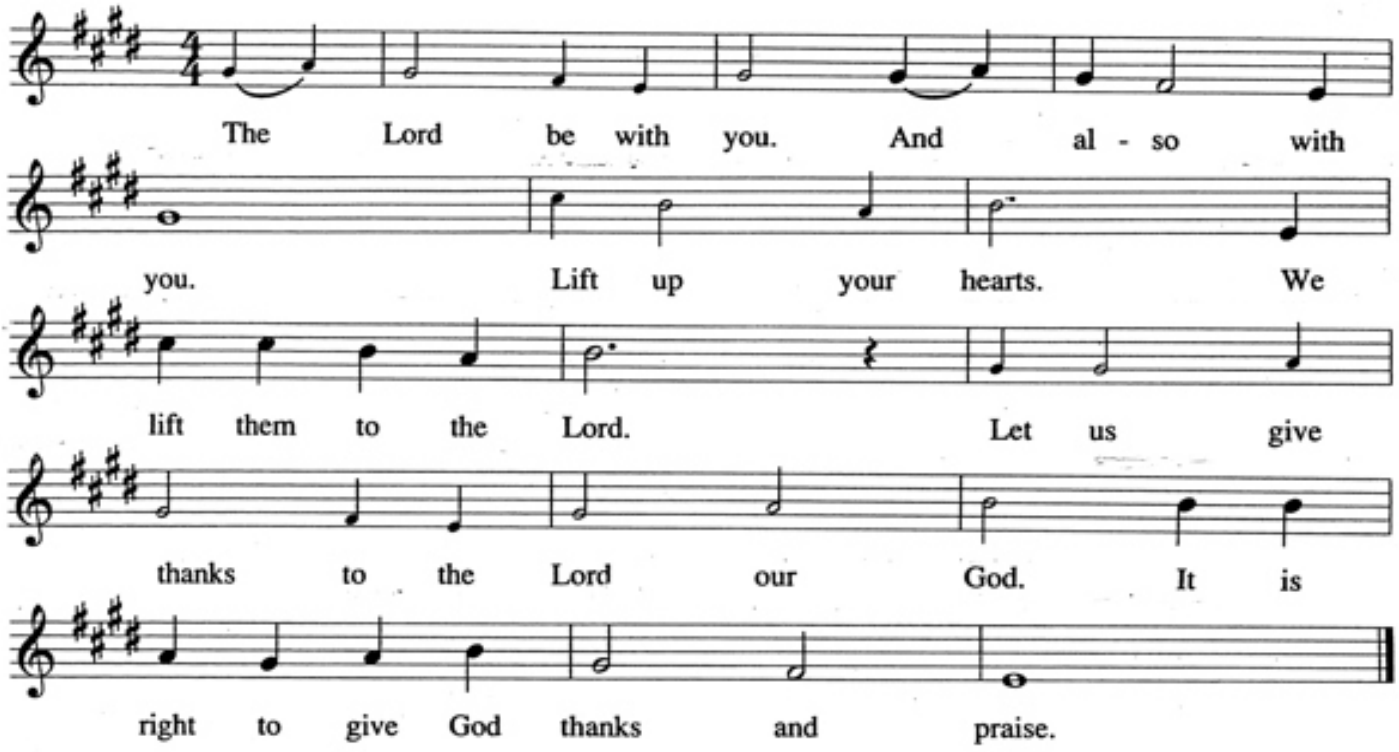
Let us pray,

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.
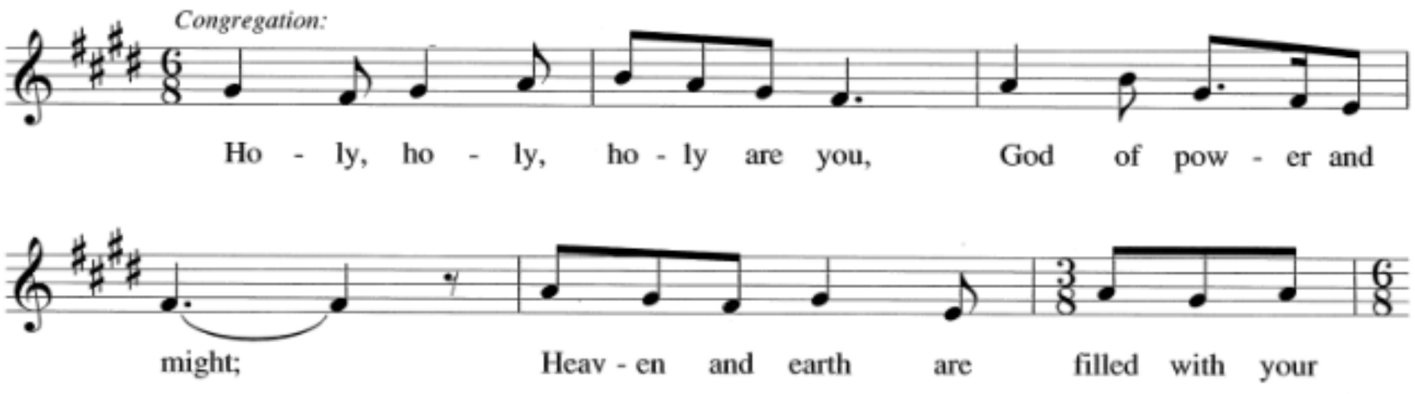
Amen.

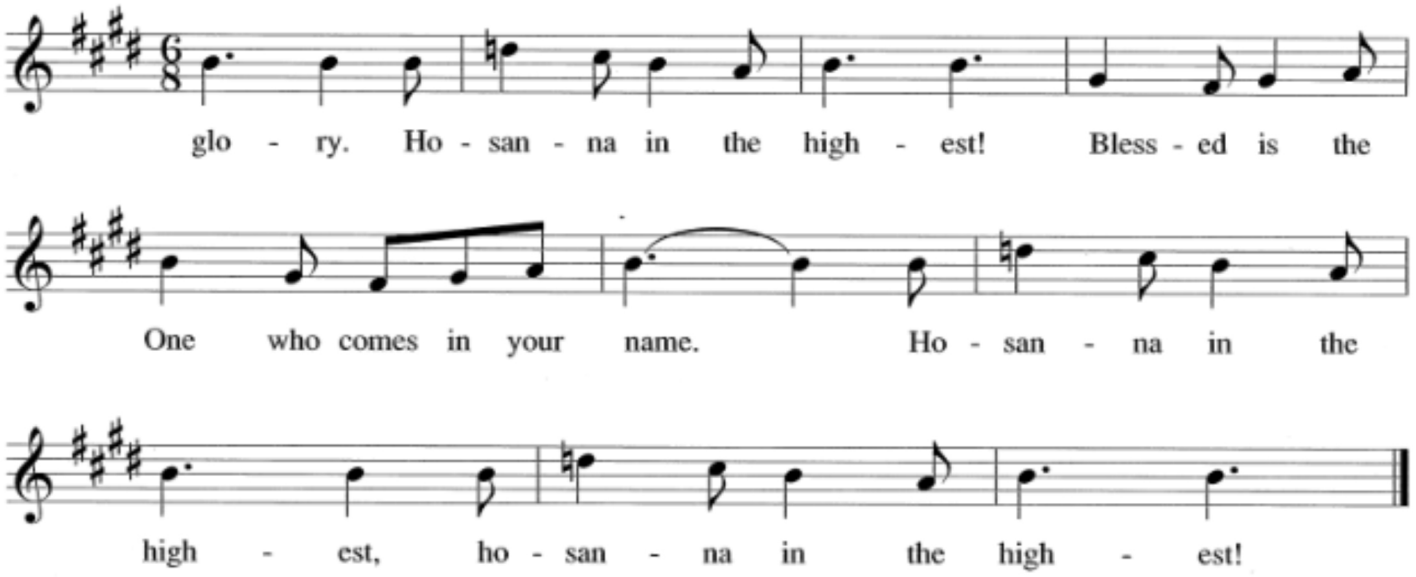
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The Great Thanksgiving



Sanctus





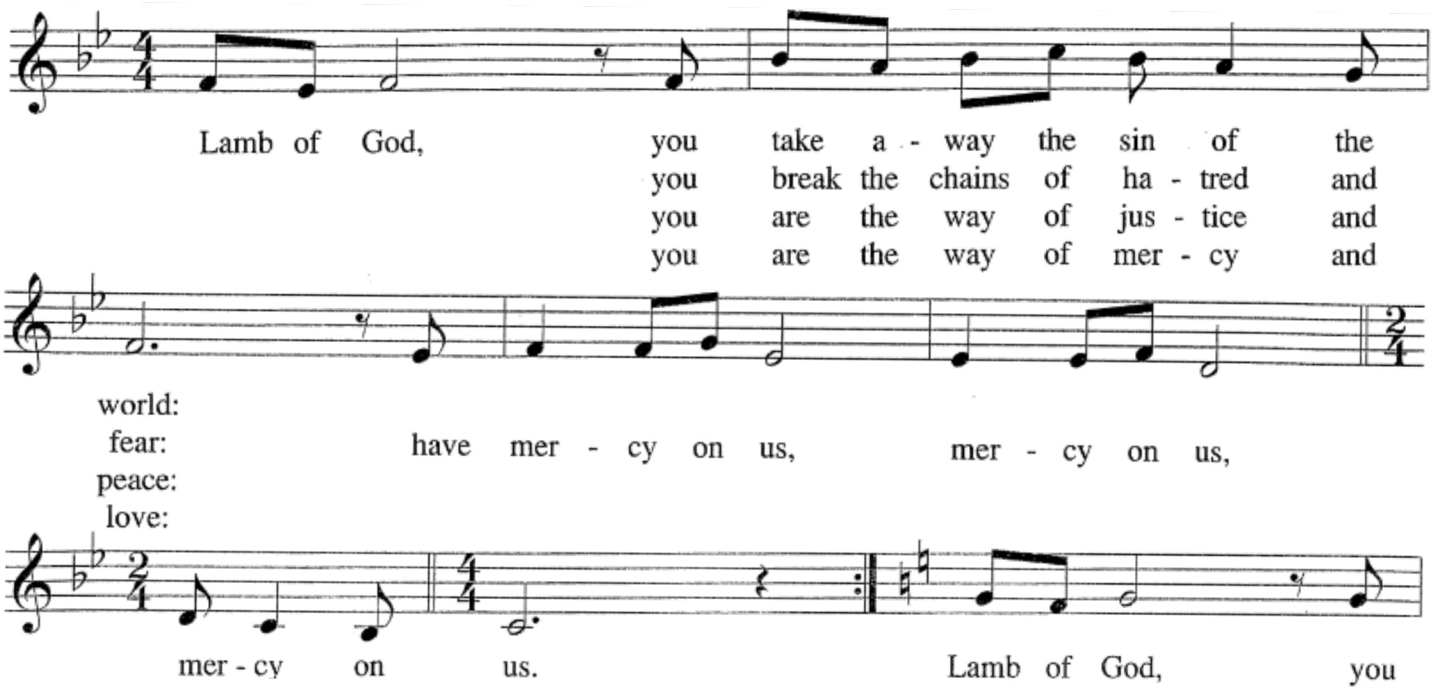
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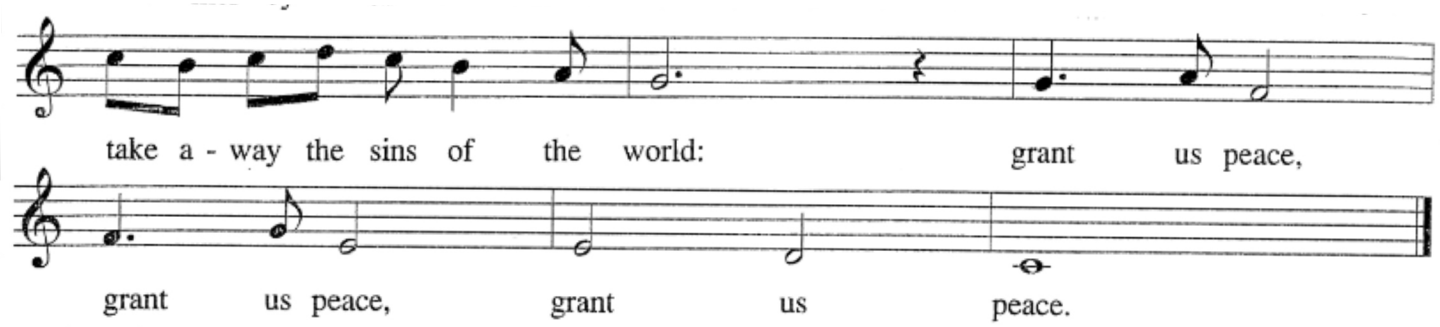
The Lord's Prayer

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

(be seated)

Lamb of God





Distribution of Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Communion Hymns

"We Sing to You, O God"
ELW#791

"Come, Ye Thankful People"
ELW#693

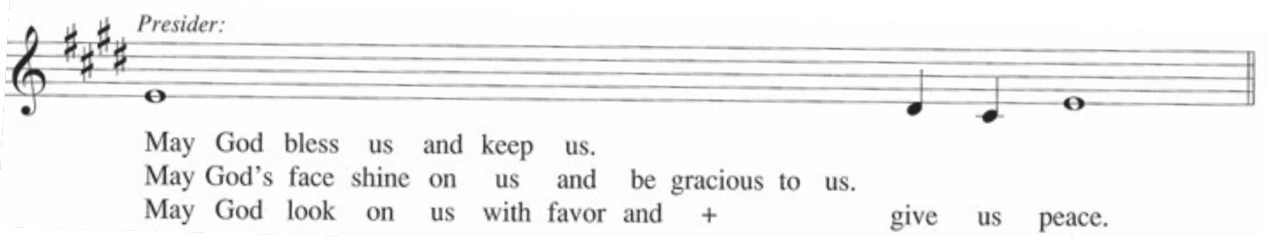
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Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

The Benediction





Sending Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"
ELW#458

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news..

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Claudius Cazan

Greening of the Church

Sat., Nov. 28th 9:30am

We will be decorating the sanctuary on Saturday, November 28th at 9:30 am. Please come and join in the fun of getting the sanctuary adorned for the Advent Season. Please bring a tall ladder, family and friends and enjoy coffee and cookies supplied by the Fellowship Committee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bring Out Your Soups!

Dec. 2nd



Wednesday, December 2nd, BLC will be hosting Supper and Evening Prayer and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to make or buy soups, bread, and desserts. If you are able to help, please sign up in The Commons.

Cash Thanksgiving Donations

If you make a cash donation to the Flathead Foodbank this season, they can stretch that money far enough to provide multiple families with full meals. And the blessings abound!

Bring your donation on or before Nov 23rd

Use the QR code or give online at www.bethluth.org/give.



Make your checks out to Bethlehem and mark them "Food on the 4th." If you'd like to make a donation of food, please place that in the blue food box in the Commons. Deliver frozen turkeys directly to the Food Bank. Thank you!

Advent Supper/Evening Prayer

We will be sharing this special Advent time with our friends at Eidsvold Lutheran Church and Northridge Lutheran Church again. There are three Wednesday's this Advent so it is the perfect time to gather together at each location to break bread and worship as a Lutheran family and share the joy we feel at this time of the year. The schedule will flow as follows:

Wed, Dec 2nd
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hosting
5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Evening Prayer

Wed, Dec 9th
Eidsvold Lutheran Church Hosting
5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Evening Prayer

Wed, Dec 16th
Northridge Lutheran Church Hosting
5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Evening Prayer

All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you!! there!





Flathead Warming Center- "Warm and Safe Season"

It's that time of year again, when we help to provide our homeless neighbors with one nourishing meal each month. Last year, "over 6,950 meals were provided," and YOU were part of that! Thank You!!

The Warming Center opened on Thursday, October 1st so please sign up on the forms in the Narthex for the last Saturdays of the month and help as you are able. Thank you. For questions, please contact Sherry Korthase at 770-639-6621.

FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER

Volunteers Needed for Feeding the Flathead



Join us in planning, cooking, serving, baking, and cleaning up for Feeding the Flathead on November 23 and/or December 21. No experience is needed. We serve about 50 hot meals, so all helping hands are welcome. Sign up in The Commons or contact Julie Miller at (703) 862-3490 for more information.

We Need Your Help

We need a few volunteers to help move the greens from the Hjortlund Bldg. to the church for the church greening on November 28th. If you can help, please plan to stay after worship next Sunday. Thank you for all that you do to help BLC shine!



Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Sharon Jacobson, Anna Ruby, Jesse & Kathleen Chasteen, Tracy Pursell, and Jesse Fiedler.

A Special Thank You to Our Assisting Ministers:

Assiting Minister:	Tony Nelson
Reader:	Vicky Nytes
Cantor:	Solveig Munson
Greeters:	Cheryl & Jack Keith
Communion Setup:	Karen Fisher
Communion Asst:	Tony Nelson, Daren Scot Wilson, Glenda Skeim
Ushers:	Sherry Korthase, Julie Miller, Terry Brosten, Glenda Skeim
Power Point:	Liv Bennett
Acolytes:	Aiden, Colton, & Dillon McNulty

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY	**11/22**
9:00am	Worship
10:30am	Bell Choir Practice
MONDAY	**11/23**
10:00am	Respite Care, FH
6:00pm	Feeding the Flathead, FH
TUESDAY	**11/24**
12:00pm	Women on the Go, FH
WEDNESDAY	**11/25**
6:45am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH
10:00am	Respite Care, FH
7:00pm	Choir Practice
THURSDAY	**11/26**
9:00am	Quilters, FH
9:00am	Knitters,FR
5:30pm	Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH
SATURDAY	**11/28**
9:30am	Church Greening
SUNDAY	**11/29**
9:00am	Worship / Sunday School
10:30am	Bell Choir Practice



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