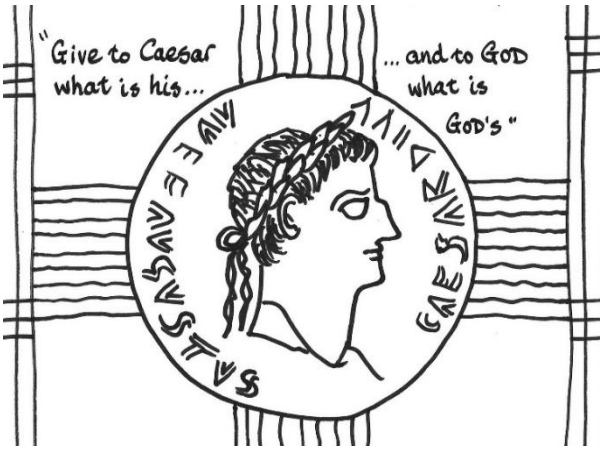
TWENTIFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 18, 2026



Prelude – A Waltz, Maria Hester Park
Lead Us, Heavenly Father,
Lead Us, arr. Andrew Fletcher

(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territory

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

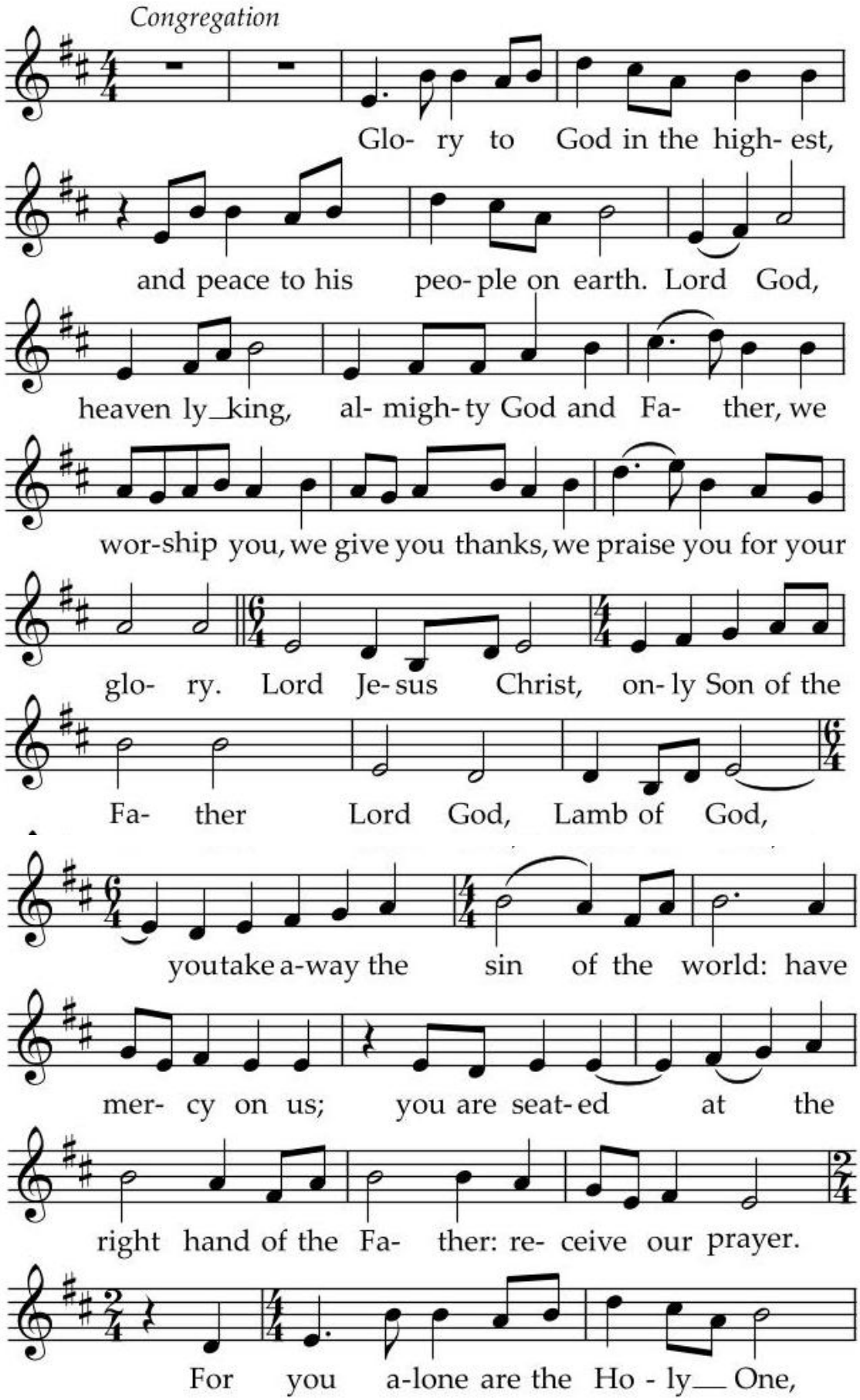
We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

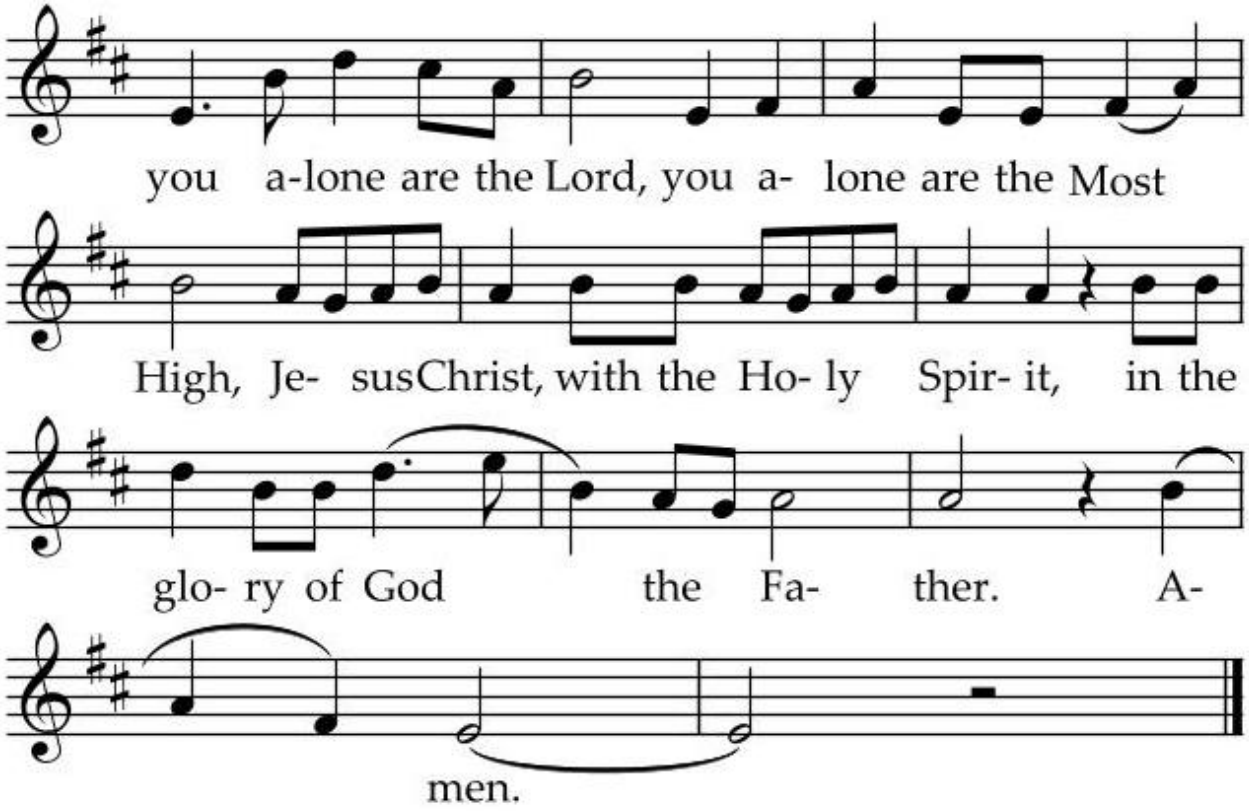
Gathering Song – **God Is Here! # 526 (Red)**

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise # 691 (Blue)





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Choir Anthem – Let Me Be, Heather Sorenson

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1-7*

The prophet announces that the Persian emperor Cyrus is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

[1] Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
[2] I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
[4] For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
[5] I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
[6] so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
[7] I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-13 *(sung by the choir)*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
3 Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
6 Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honour and power.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the honour due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be
joyful and all that is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.
13 You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*
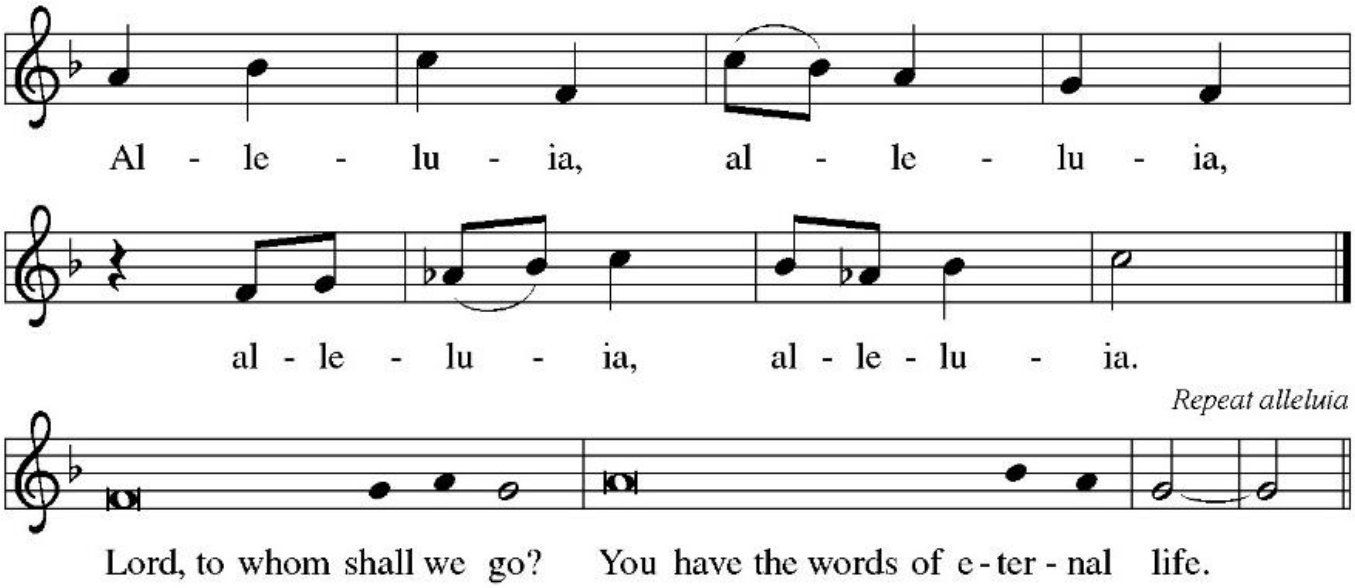
This letter is the first written by Paul that we have in the Bible. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-22*
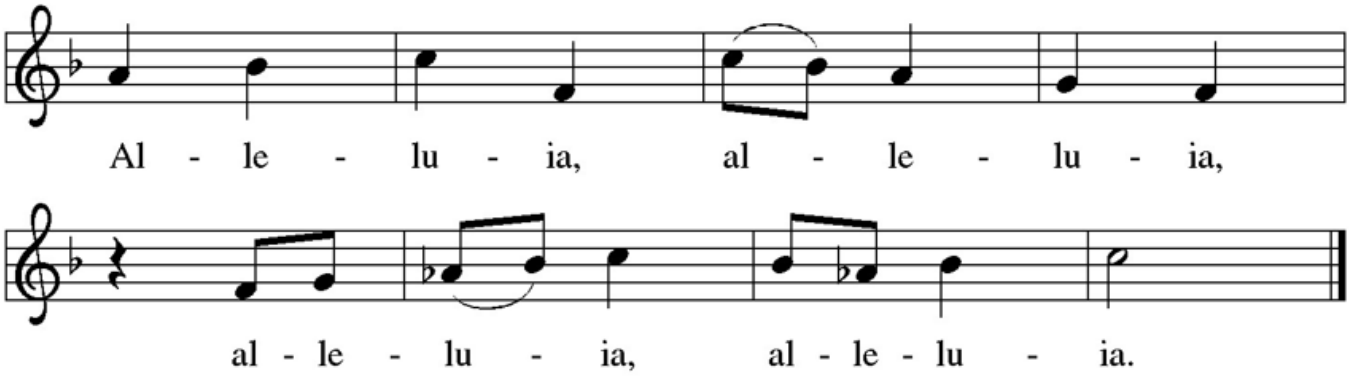
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. 16 So
they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher,
we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with
truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with
partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the
test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they
brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and
whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that
are God's."

22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went
away.

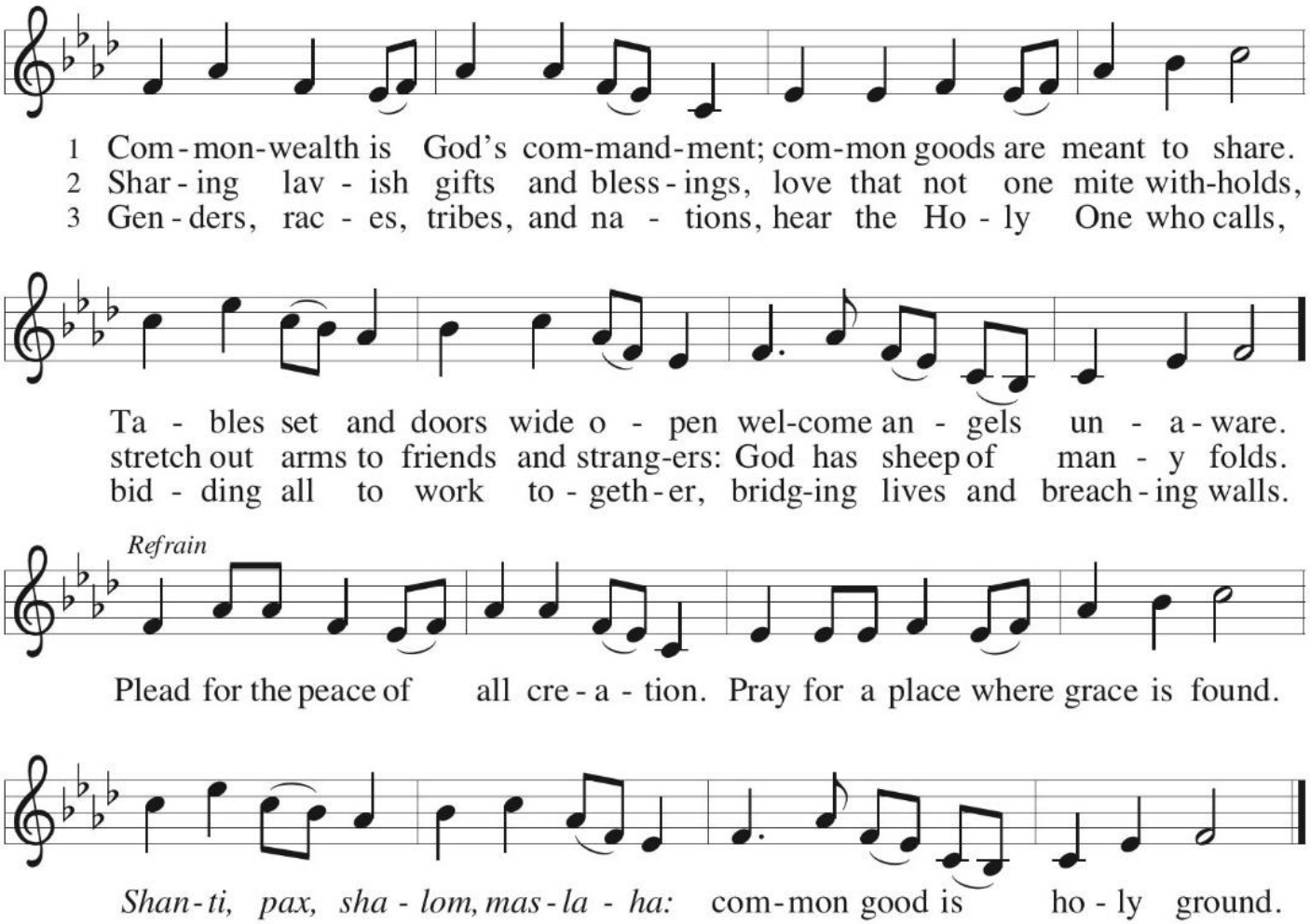
The gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

Hymn of the Day –

Commonwealth is God's Commandment



Prayers

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to all who are preparing for ordained ministry and who are newly ordained. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. We continue to pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all people living under violent and unstable rulers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew and Vesna, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Christa and Ken, Bruce and Jean, Sharon, Deacon Chris, Barbara, Michelle, John, Heather, Carley and Aeryn, Kathyrine, and those we remember in our hearts… Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labour of love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. May their lives of faith inspire our own. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace
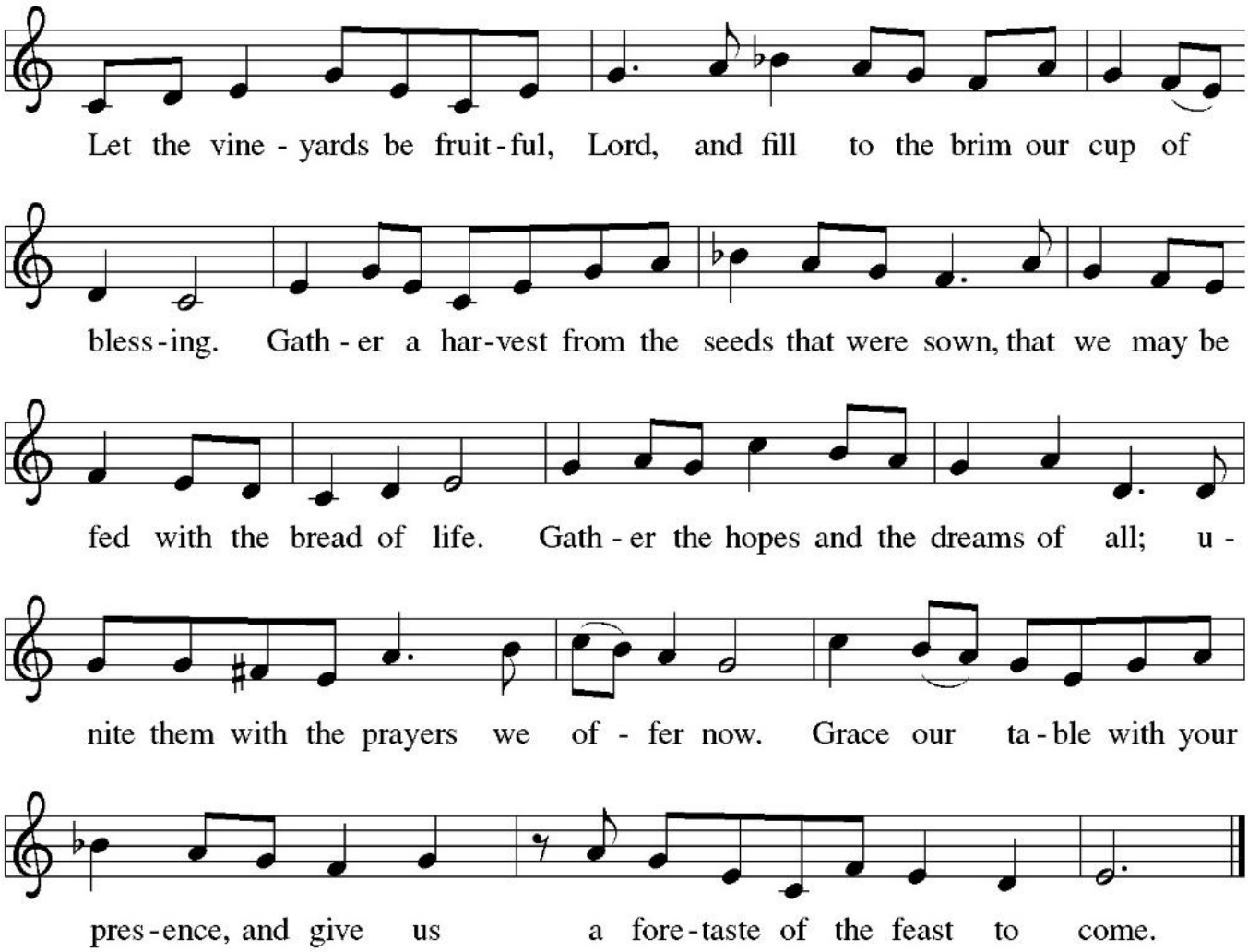
May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.



Offering

(We thank everyone for your support of our ministry. Although we do not pass offering plates, you can find offering plates at the back of the church and in the narthex. We are also so thankful for all the other gifts – gifts of time and talent – with which we are so blessed.)

Offertory #182 (Red)

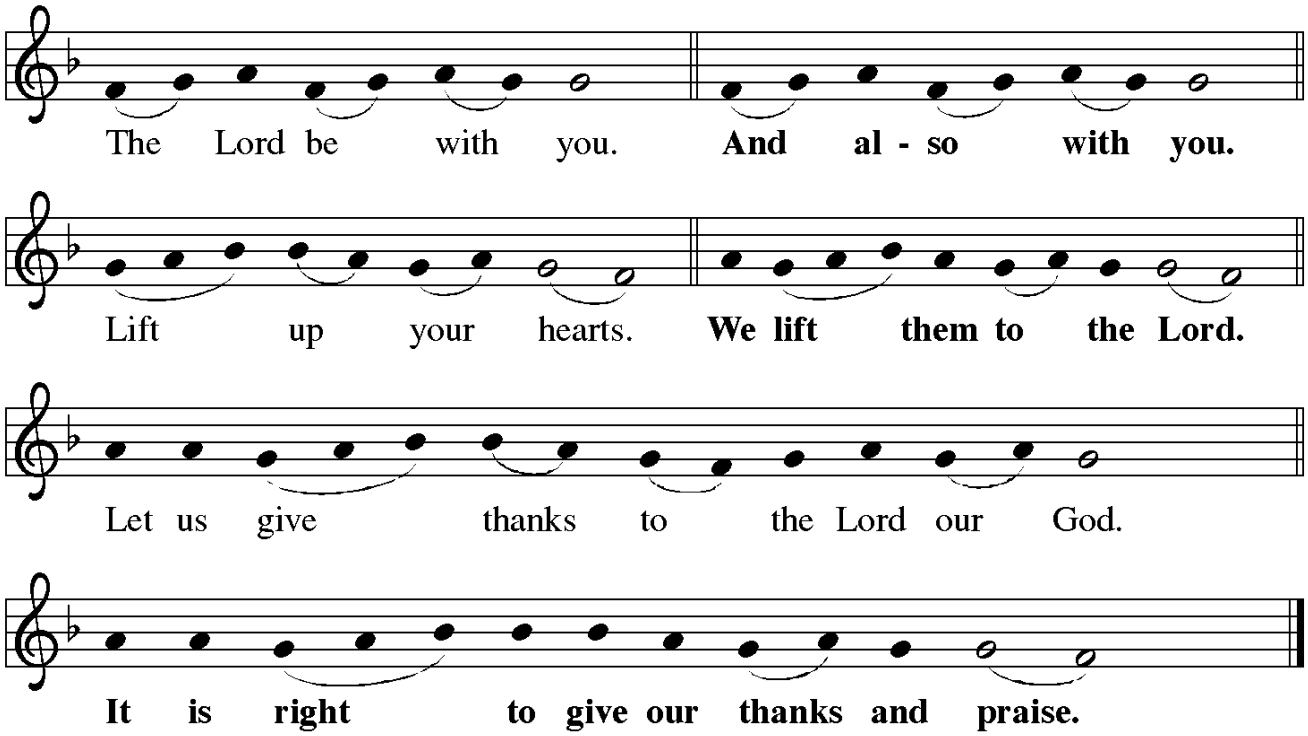


Offertory prayer

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; for the sake of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

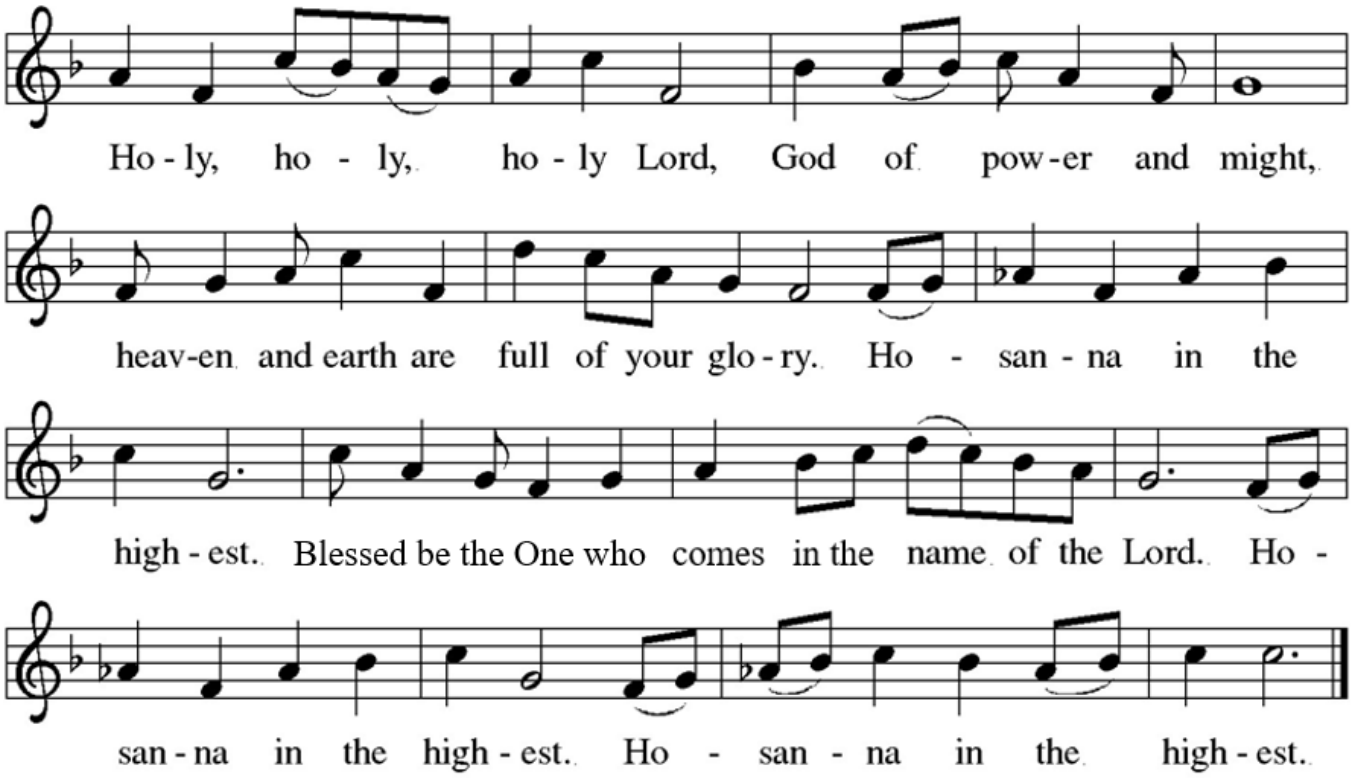
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

…and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent Jesus to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again and again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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.

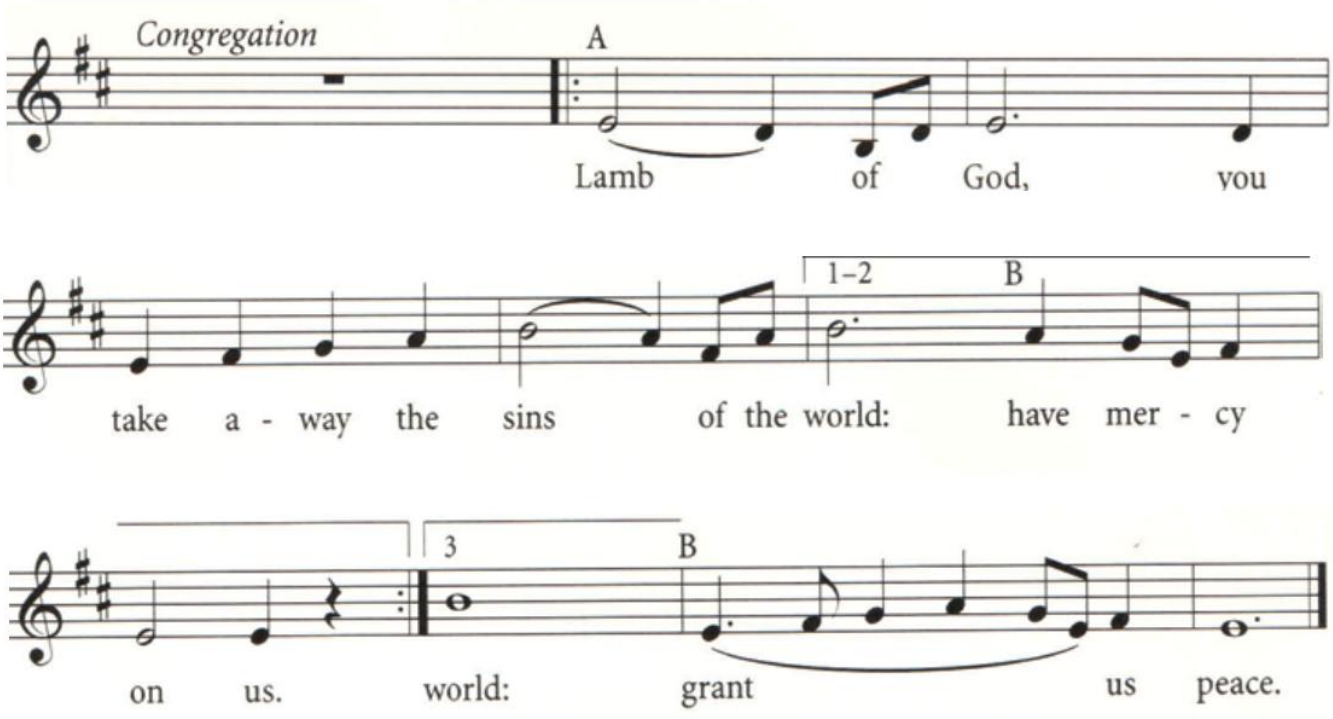
Invitation to communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God



Confitemini Domino # 402 (Blue)

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts # 70 (Blue)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God # 649 (Blue)

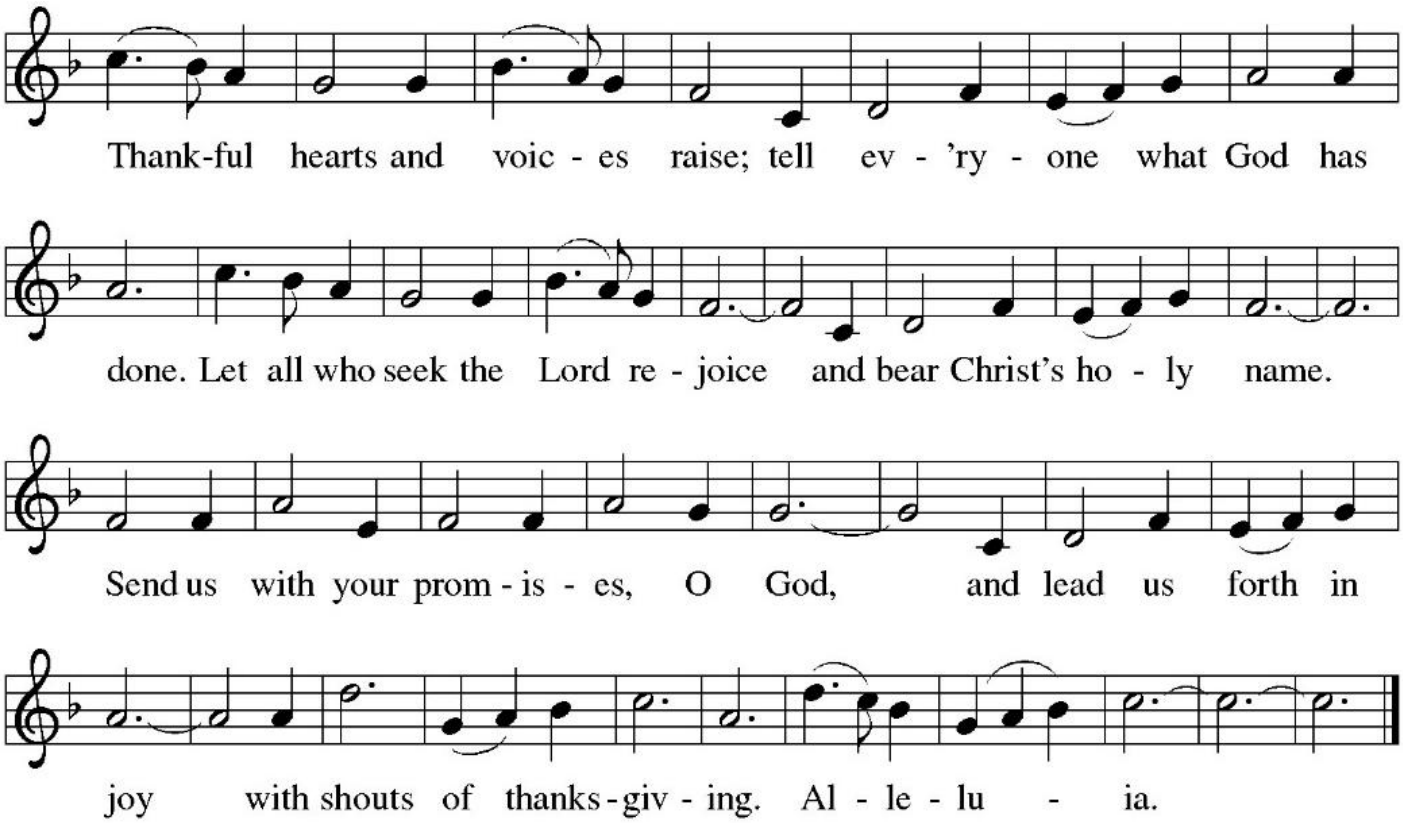
Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle # 206 (Red)



Announcements

Benediction

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

Sending Hymn – **Take My Life, That I May Be**
 # 583 (Red)

Dismissal

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

Postlude – Let Us With A Gladsome Mind, arr. Malcom Archer

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morisson	Laura F Mann
Servers	Jan Neilsen Marisela McDougall	Laura B Mann Kishan Gunawardene
Reader	Judy Rogers	Val Webb
Greeters	Carole Mozuraitis	Val Webb
Ushers	Kate Stuttaford & Grant Phillips	Kate Stuttaford & Grant Phillips
AV booth	Jeff Smith Brian Janzen	Jeff Smith Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura F Mann, Ella Bubenik	Laura F Mann, Ella Bubenik
Counters	Jan Nielsen Deborah Szymanksi-Potts	Jan Nielsen Deborah Szymanksi-Potts
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

We pray for:
ACC The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay
ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod

MOR The people and ministries of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America



Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. *Thank you.*



Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

It's Back! ECM Scotch Tasting: *"The light music of whisky falling into glasses made an agreeable interlude."*— **James Joyce**
Join Canon Bill on Saturday October 24, 2026, from 2:00 –5:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Help support Ecumenical Campus Ministry**.**



All Saints Sunday: On Sunday November 1, 2026, we will be remembering those who have died since November 3, 2025. Please let the office know the names of people that you wish to have included in the list, who were not members of the congregation. The deadline for submission is Sunday October 25, 2025.



Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for October we need: **pasta, pasta sauce**, **coking oil and school snacks.** We are also very low on rice and lentils.
We do not need any plastic bread tabs. **We need reuseable grocery bags again.** Thank you.



Please note: **Next Sunday is the last day to bring socks to the church! You can also drop them off at the Upcycle Dinner on Friday.**



Come out to enjoy this beautiful event. I am showing at 404 York Rd., Artworks Gallery Guelph.

Hope you can come out later today!
– Sue Wakefield





Please see Brian Janzen for tickets to the Upcycle Dinner. Also, if you can help with this event, please let Brian know.

****DINNER ****
Main: Halloumi style tofu
Main: lemon chicken
Meal from main: sandwiches
Side: carrots with tahini
Side: Italian rice
Soup: vegetable
Soup: lemon chicken and rice
Dessert: carrot cake and banana bread (mixes from a company that upcycles ingredients).

LOOKING AHEAD: October 19 — 25

Tuesday 20	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 21	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	10:00 a.m.	Executive meeting via Zoom
	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office
Thursday 22	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Friday 23	5:00 p.m.	Upcycle dinner, Rose Head Hall
Saturday 24	11:00a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Rental Nave
	2:00 p.m.	Scotch Tasting – ECM fundraiser
Sunday 25	8:30 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Holy Communion—Nave