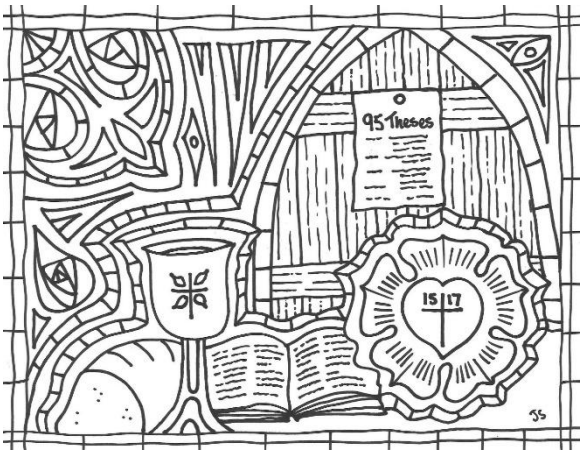
REFROMATION SUNDAY
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
Sunday, October 25, 2026



Prelude – Canope, Claude Debussy
Morning Has Broken, arr. June Nixon

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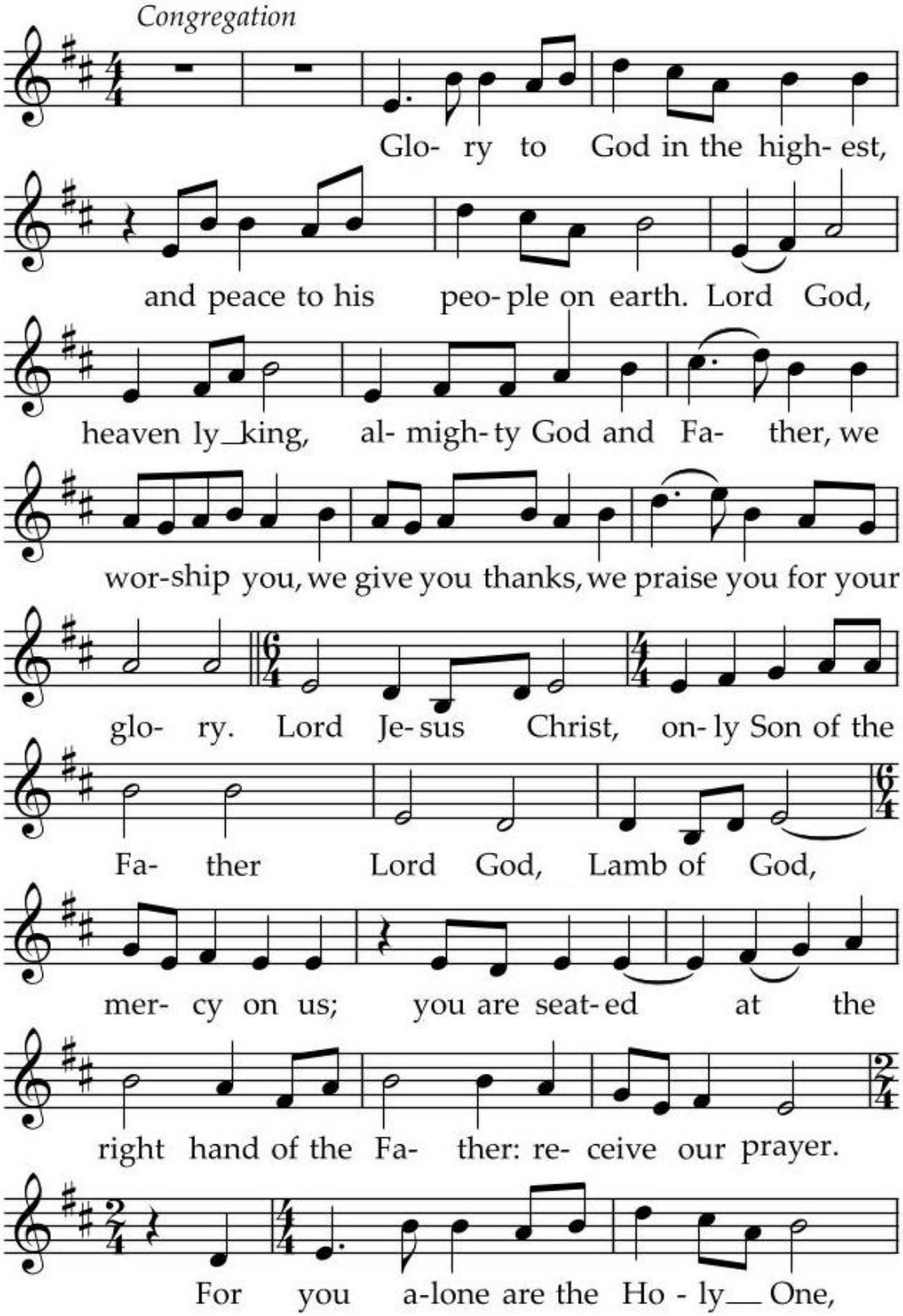
We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

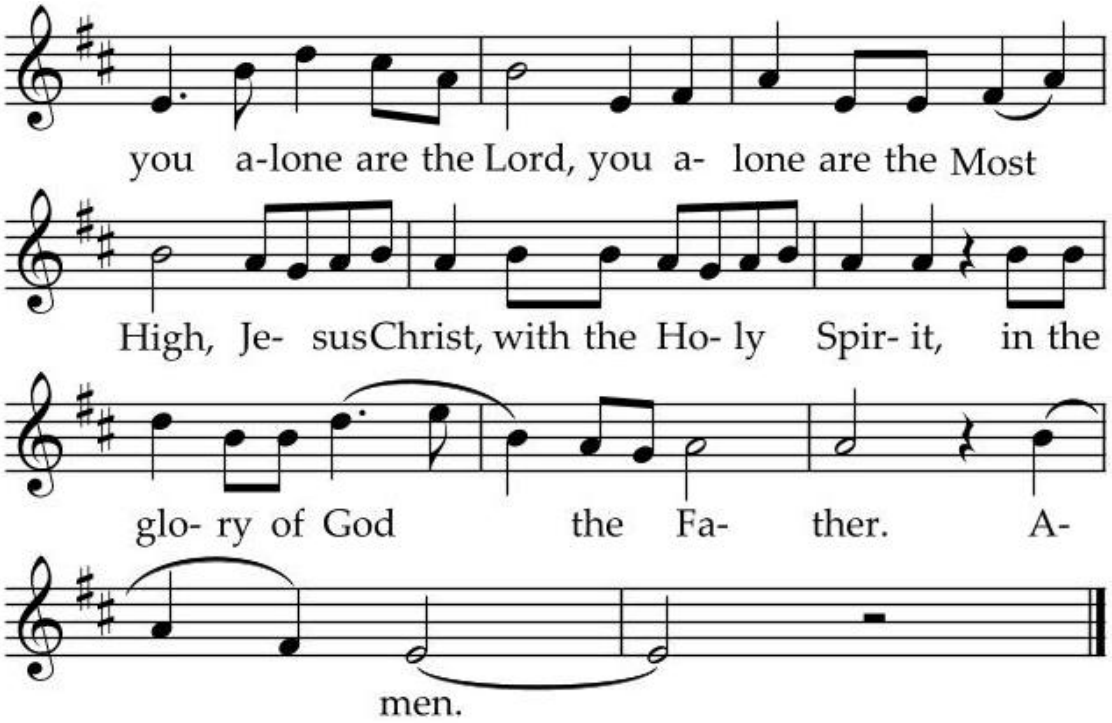
Gathering Song – **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God # 504(Red)**

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.**
>
> Almighty God,
> **to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Hymn of Praise # 691 (Blue)





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Choir Anthem – O Taste and See, Jeff Enns

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

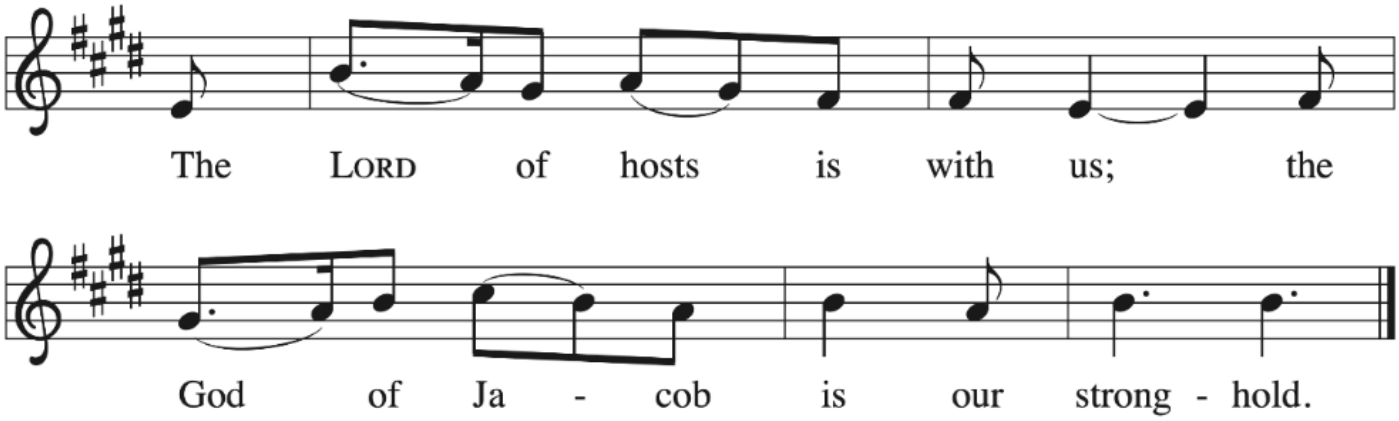
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You
shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to
the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour.
16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall
not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbour is at stake: I am the
LORD.

17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove
your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take
vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love
your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD."

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

Psalm **Psalm 46** *(Sung together in unison)*

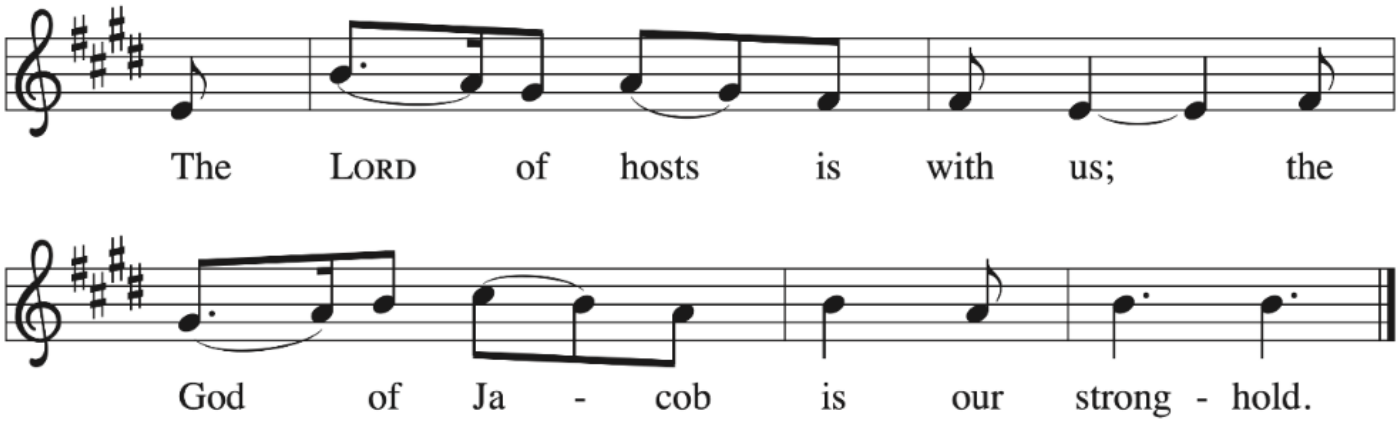


1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be
moved,
and though the mountains shake in the
depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its
tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the

cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
[6]The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R

[7]The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[8]Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
[9]behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

[10]"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11]The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R
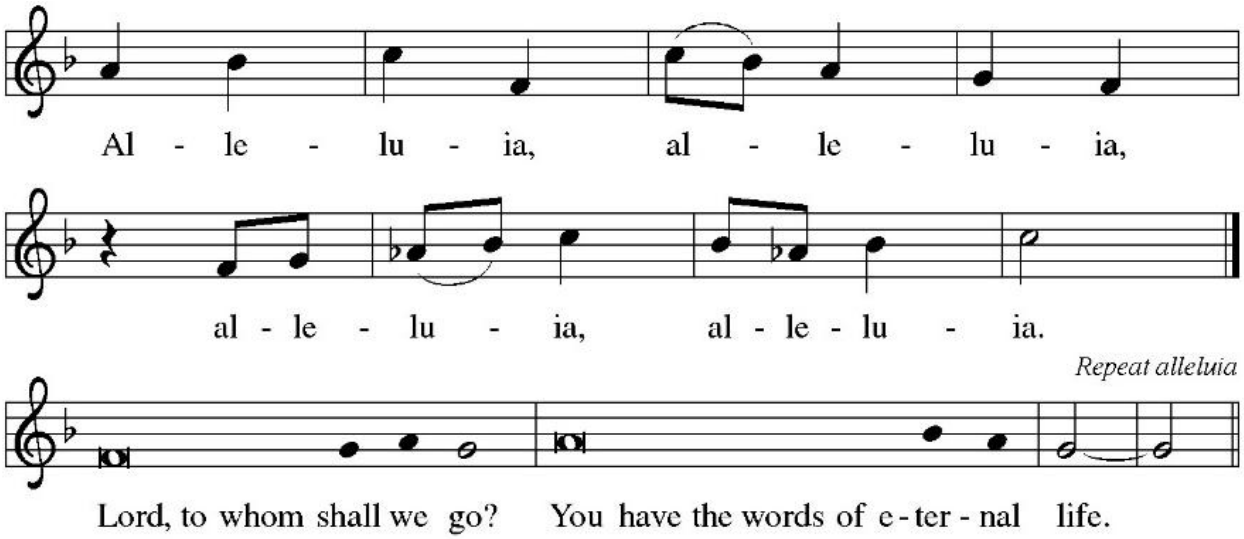


Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not
in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully
mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare
to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does
not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have
been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel,
even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our
hearts.

5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of
flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals,
whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands
as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly
caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are
determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own
selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: *Matthew 22:34-40*
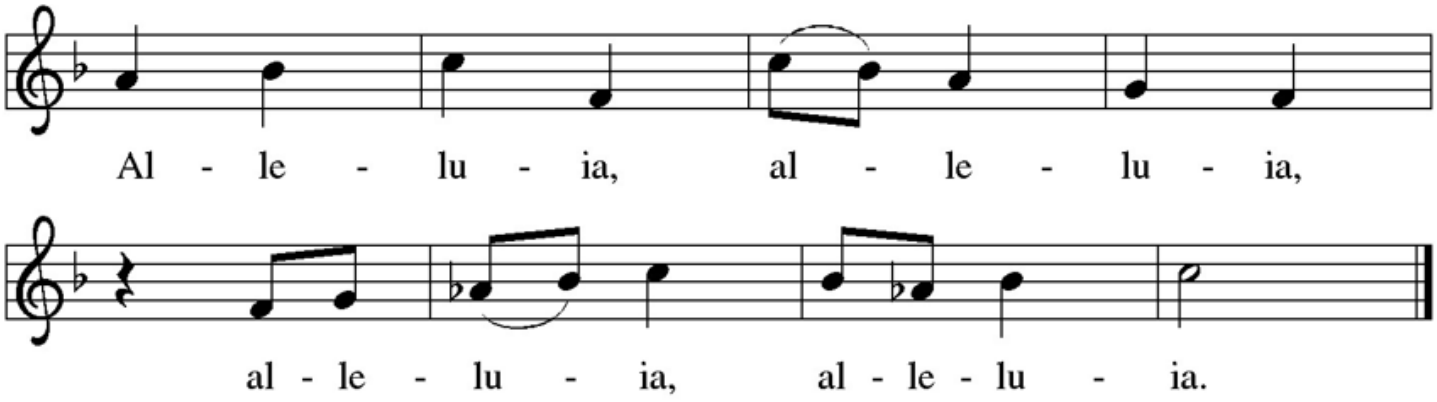
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a
question to test him.

36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first
commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as
yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets."

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



Homily

Hymn of the Day **– Will You Come and Follow Me #430 (Blue)**

Affirmation of Baptism

Let us pray,
Merciful God, we thank you for Cole, Danielle, Gabrielle, and Samuel whom you have made your own by water and the Word. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of everyone who that you bring to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that strive to corrupt and destroy God's creation?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce those desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Source of all Being?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word?
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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cole, Danielle, Gabrielle, and Samuel: you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God makes with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, then please answer individually: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

Hymn **O Holy Spirit, Enter In # 786 (Red)**
(first verse only)

Let us rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the Christian life as followers of Jesus. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers

Trusting in the One who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Reform your church in love. Stir all your people to speak truth with kindness, to welcome those who have been excluded, and to show the world what your love looks like in action. Today, on this 40th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, we give you thanks this ministry and pray that you would continue to bless it with your love and grace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love the world you have entrusted to us. Give us courage to change our habits, protect the waters, forests, soil, and creatures that

sustain all life, and support those who work for justice for the land and for future generations. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone in the world living under the shadow of violence, displacement, hunger, and fear, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. Move leaders to choose dialogue over domination. Give aid workers and peacemakers the strength to protect the vulnerable. Teach us to refuse indifference, to welcome the stranger, and to support the work of reconciliation in whatever ways are ours. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, draw near to all who carry illness, grief, anxiety, loneliness, addiction, or despair. Open our eyes to those who suffer quietly among us, and make us willing to listen, visit, accompany, and share the practical burdens of one another. 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, Bill and Deacon Chris, Barbara, Michelle, John, Heather, Carley and Aeryn, Kathyrine, and those we remember in our hearts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the young people on this Confirmation Sunday. Strengthen them, and all of us, to live as your beloved children: to question faithfully, serve generously, forgive courageously, and love our neighbours in concrete ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those who have shown us the way of Christ and who now rest in you: the reformers, the quiet faithful, the teachers, caregivers, and witnesses whose love still shapes us. Help us to carry their example forward, that their courage and compassion may continue in our lives. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, who teaches us that love is the greatest commandment of all. **Amen.**

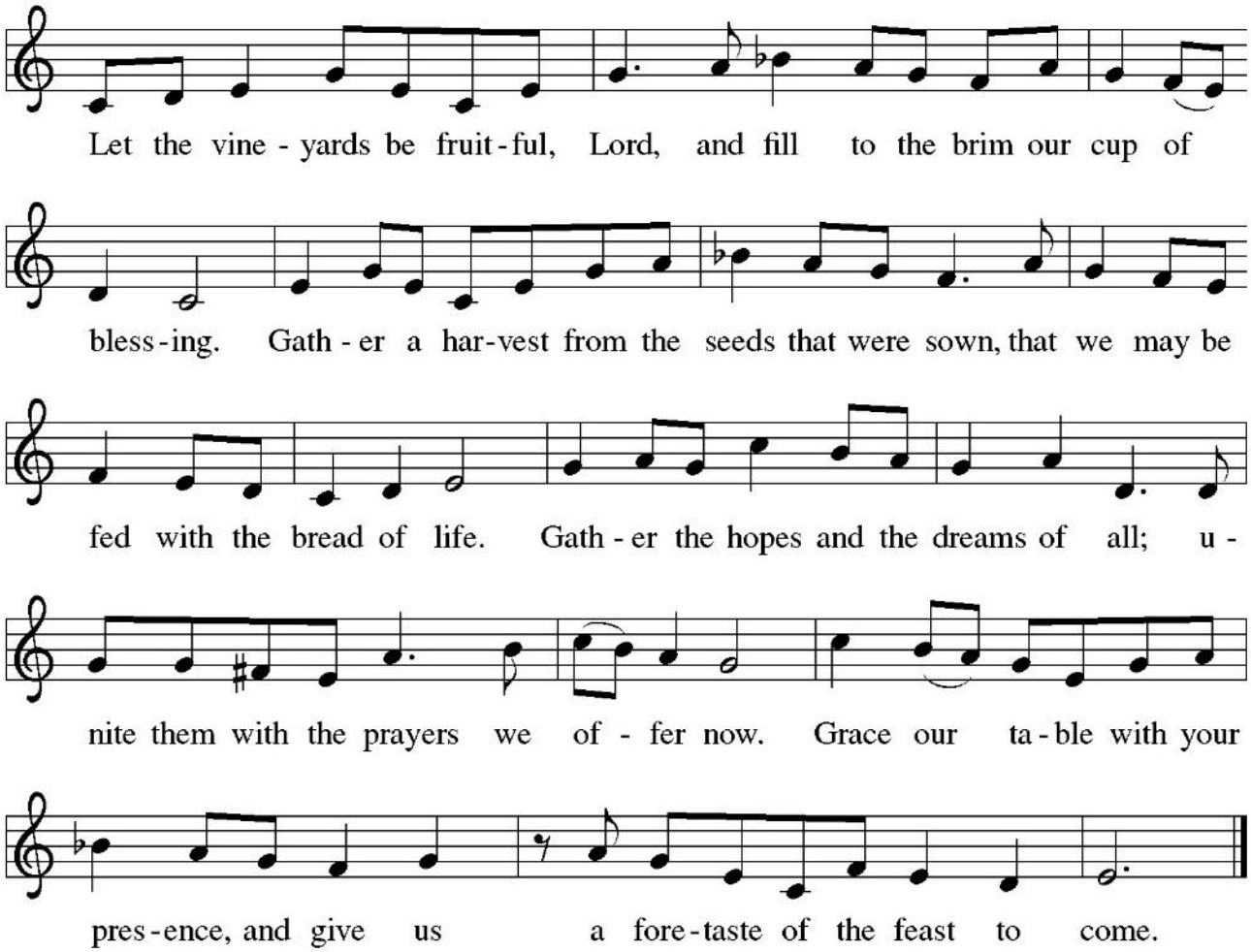
Peace

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)

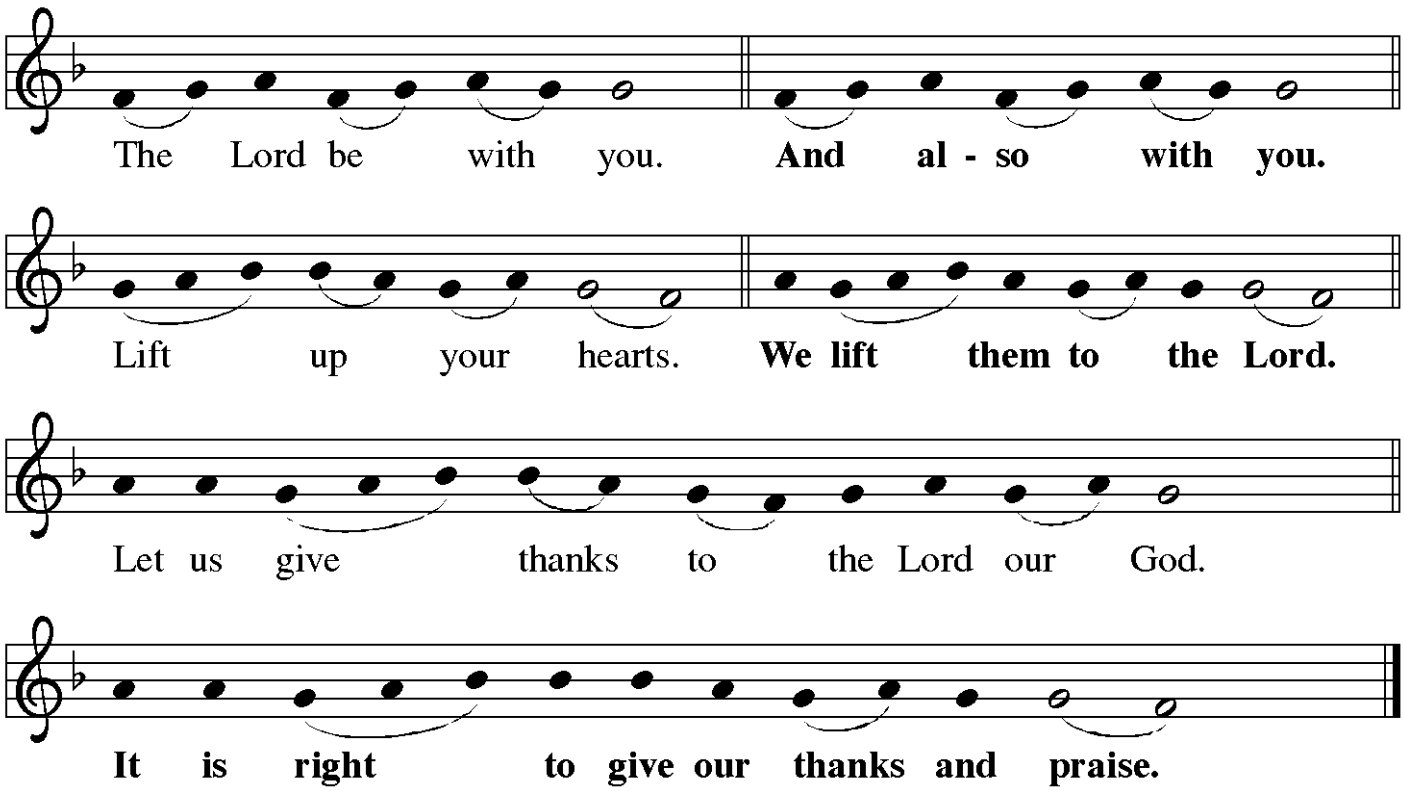


Offertory prayer

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**

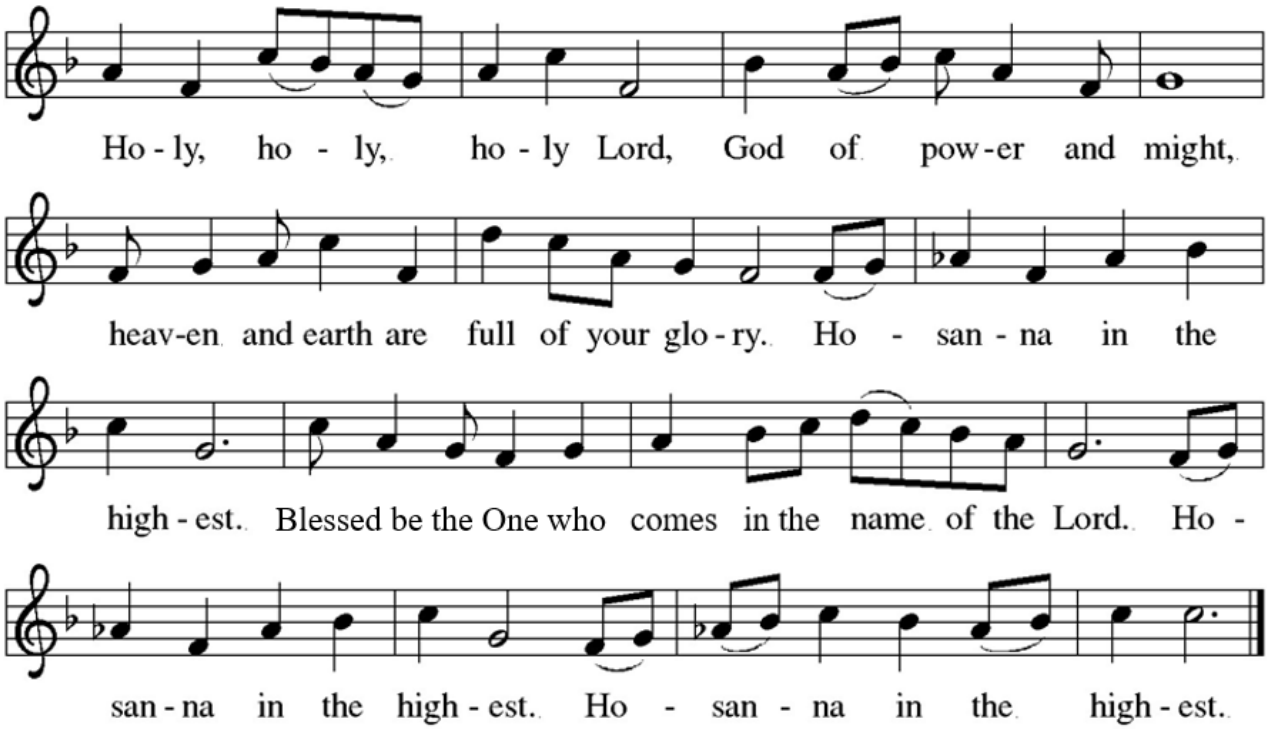
Great Thanksgiving



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.

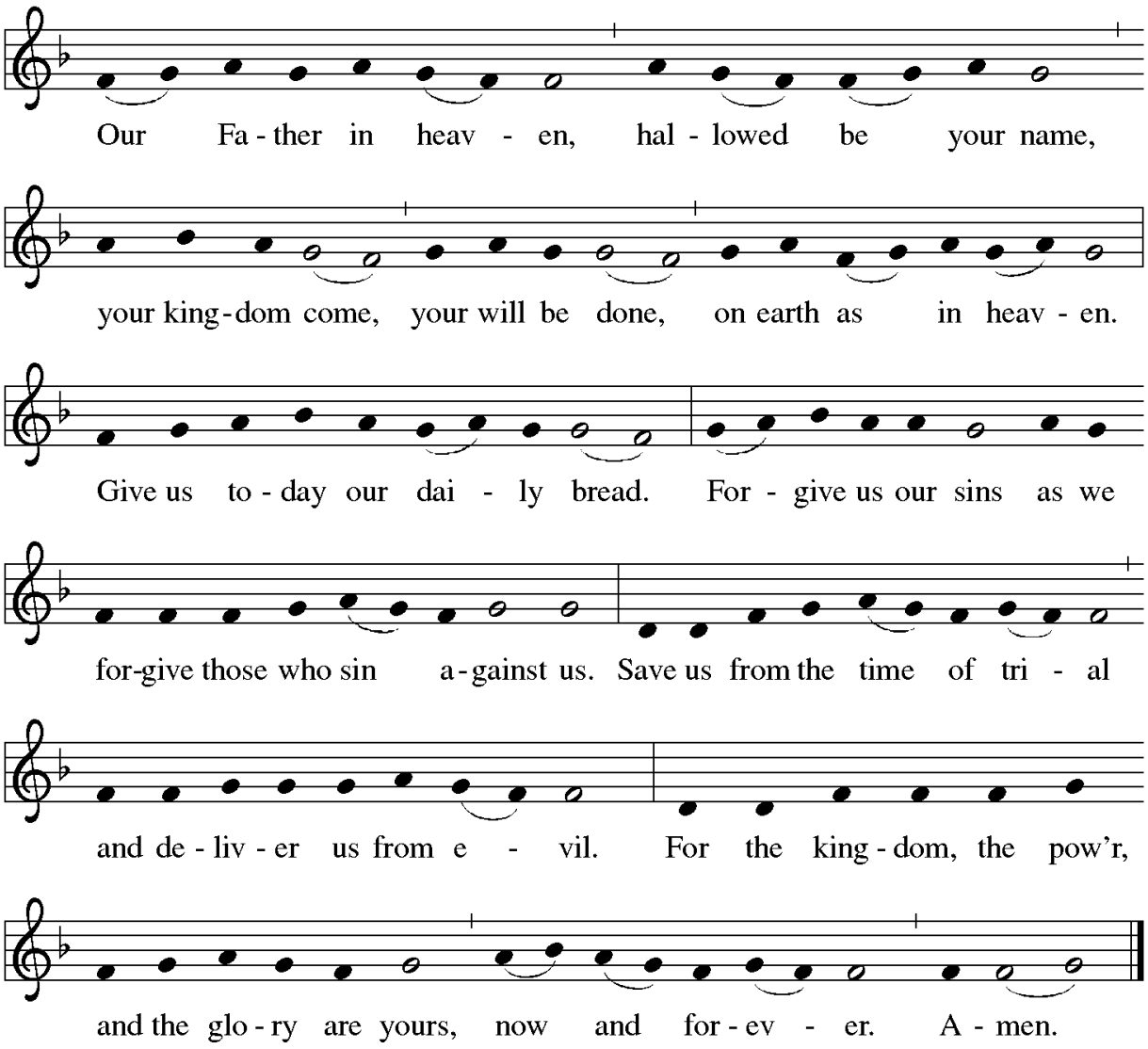
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



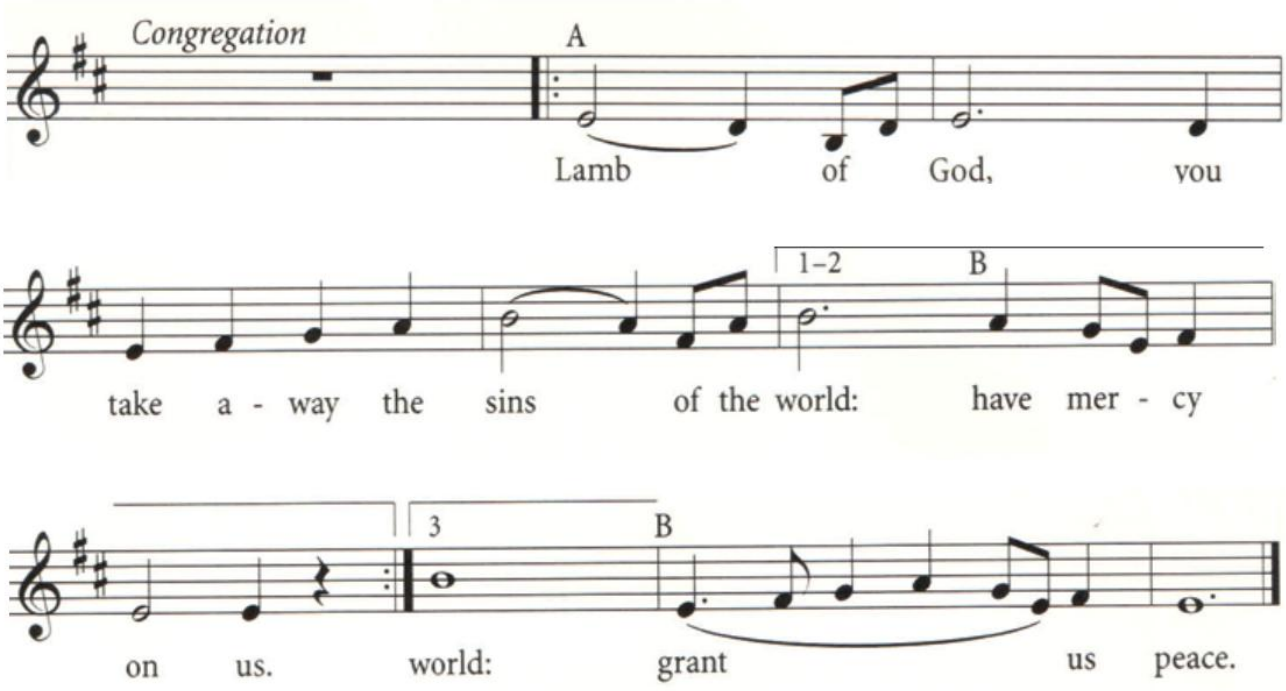
Invitation to communion

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.

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live!
Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God



Confitemini Domino # 402 (Blue)

That Priceless Grace # 591 (Red)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place # 498 (Blue)

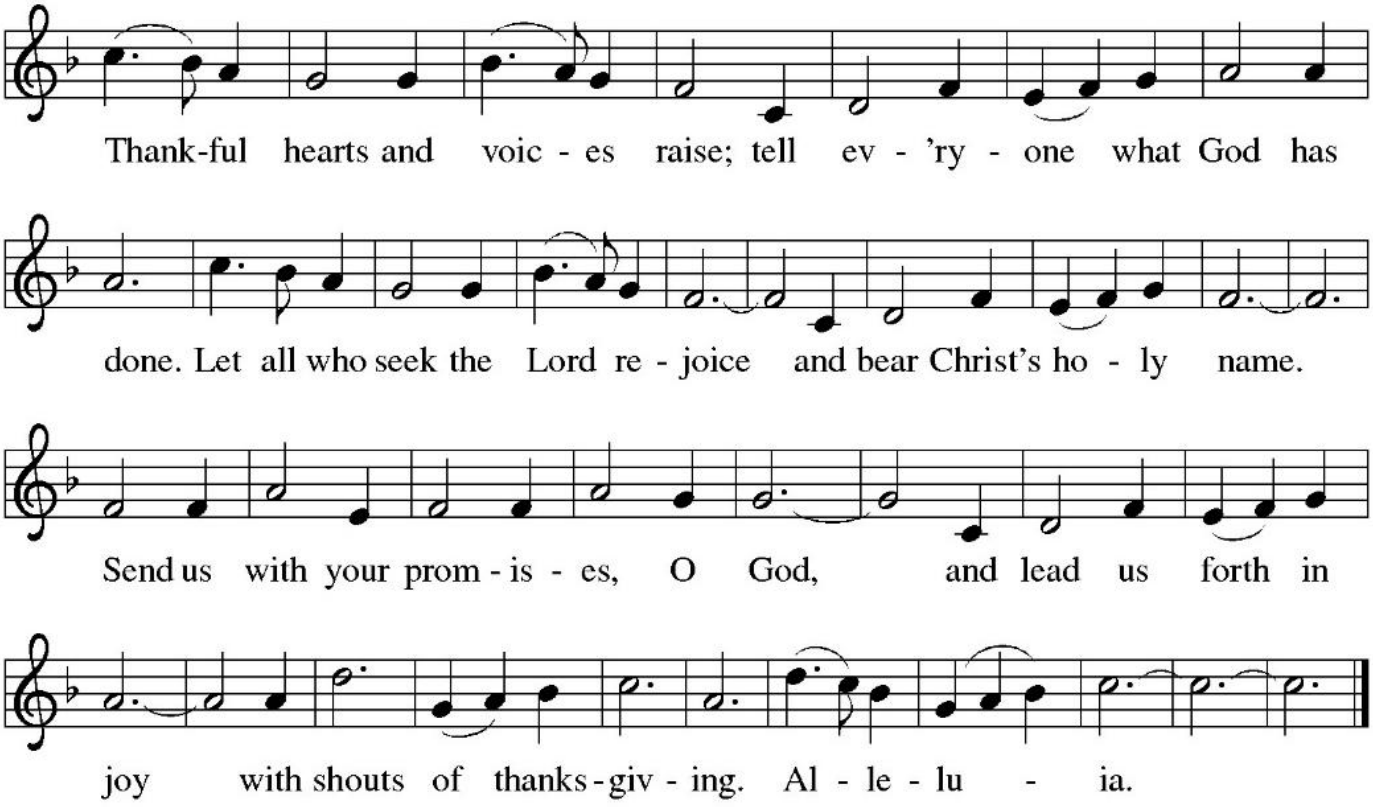
Table Blessing

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

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favour and give you peace.
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 – **The Church of Christ, in Every Age**
 # 729 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is at work in you
Thanks be to God!

Postlude – O Day of Rest and Gladness, arr. Philip Moore

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Dennis Kunze
Servers	Laura B Mann Kishan Gunawardene	Marisela McDougall Jan Neilsen
Reader	Val Webb	Kate Stuttaford
Greeters	Val Webb	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Kate Stuttaford & Grant Phillips	Michele Altermann Norm Frid
AV booth	Jeff Smith Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura F Mann, Ella Bubenik	Judy Rogers Marg Archer
Counters	Jan Nielsen Deborah Szymanksi-Potts	Suzanne Worthen Bill Clatworthy
Flowers		Wilson Family
Coffee Hour	The Heaney family	Memorial Committee

We pray for:
ACC: The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster.
ELCIC: Remembering October 31, 1517 - as the day Martin Luther published the *Ninety-Five Theses.* Sometime cited as the launching of the Protestant Reformation.
TOGETHER: For an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

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



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, 2026.**

ECM Dinner November 11th: Once again All Saints is providing a hot meal for U of G students, through the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, on **Wednesday November 11th**. We are asking for 6 large crock pots of food, one of which should be vegan and gluten-free. Please let Lucy know if you can provide one. Crock pots should be delivered to Bill and Jette Thomas' house at 24 Thornton St **by 4:30 pm** on the day. Please also include a list of the ingredients, in case of allergies. Speak to Lucy at church or email lreid08@gmail.com. Thank you!

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for November we need: **cooking oil, canned legumes 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.

Asexual Awareness Week (Ace Week) in Canada is an international campaign that occurs during the last full week of October to raise awareness and educate the public about asexuality. The week serves to celebrate the asexual community, challenge misconceptions, and promote understanding and acceptance of the asexual spectrum, which includes individuals who experience little or no sexual attraction. It is observed in Canada, just as it is internationally, through online initiatives, educational resources, and community events.



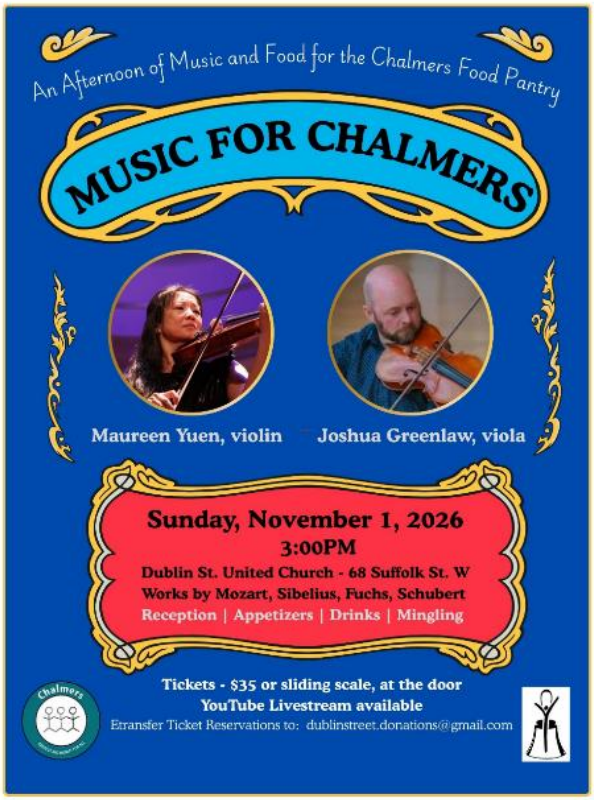
The **asexual flag** is a pride flag representing the asexual community created in 2010 by a member of the Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN). The flag features four horizontal stripes of equal size. From top to bottom, the stripes are black, gray, white, and purple. The black stripe represents asexuality, the gray stripe represents greysexuality and demisexuality, the white stripe represents allosexuality (or, sometimes, allies), and the purple

stripe represents the community as a whole. The flag design has been widely accepted and has become a symbol of asexuality.

Intersex Awareness Day (Oct. 26) seeks to raise awareness about intersex people and the struggles that they face in society. Intersex people have physical or genetic makeup which doesn't fit traditional definitions of male and female. The day celebrates and recognises the unique challenges they face. First celebrated in 1996 in response to the high rates of medical interventions performed on intersex infants and children without the consent or knowledge of the individual. These interventions were often done in the name of "normalising" the child but had the effect of causing psychological and physical harm. Organizations such as the United Nations have also worked to draw attention to the human rights of intersex people and the need for legal recognition. Yellow and purple were chosen as colours viewed as free from gender associations. The circle is described as "unbroken and unornamented, symbolizing wholeness and completeness, and our potentialities."

Music For Chalmers: An Afternoon of Music and Food to support Chalmers Food Pantry

Sunday November 1, 3 pm. At Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. Enter off parking lot. Mozart, Sibelius, Fuchs, Schubert, appetizers, drinks. Featuring Maureen Yuen, violin, and Joshua Greenlaw, viola. Tickets $35 or sliding scale. e-transfer ticket reservations to dublinstreet.donations@gmail.com



LOOKING AHEAD: October 26 — November 1

Monday 26	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Parlour
Tuesday 27	2:00 p.m.	The Associates Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Wednesday 28	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council off site
Thursday 29	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 1	8:30 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Holy Communion—Nave



Clocks change next weekend – enjoy the extra sleep!

Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.