

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Prelude *Worship the King* Mudde/Soulek

Pastoral Greeting

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: *O Worship the King* LSB 804

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

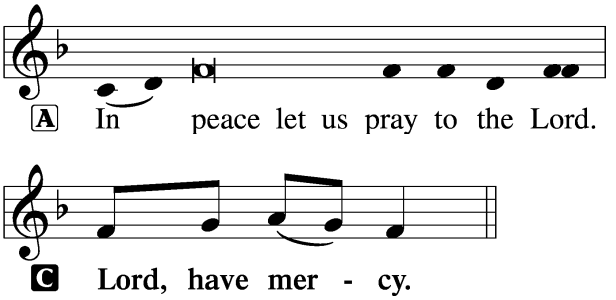
Service of the Word

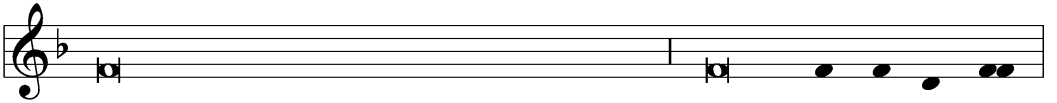
Introit (Chanted Responsively) Ps. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*
I ponder the work | of your hands.
I stretch out my | hands to you;*
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Kyrie





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



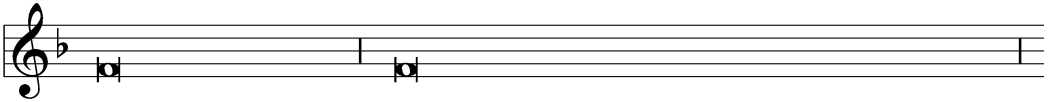
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



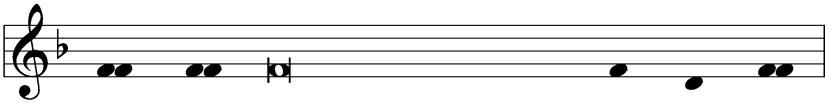
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



Refrain

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

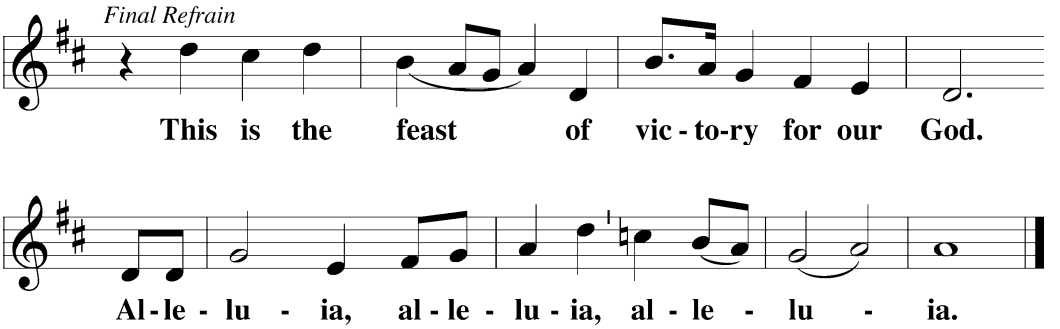
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



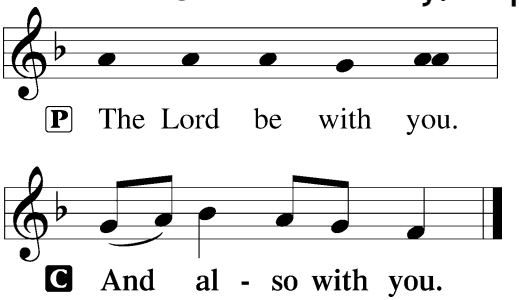
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Salutation and Collect of the Day: Proper 28 (Year A)



P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice

and consecrated his guests.
[8]And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
[9]On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
[10]"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
[11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
[12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
[13]Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day,
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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Bel Canto *Have No Fear Little Flock* Heinz Werner Zimmerman
arr. Jane McFadden

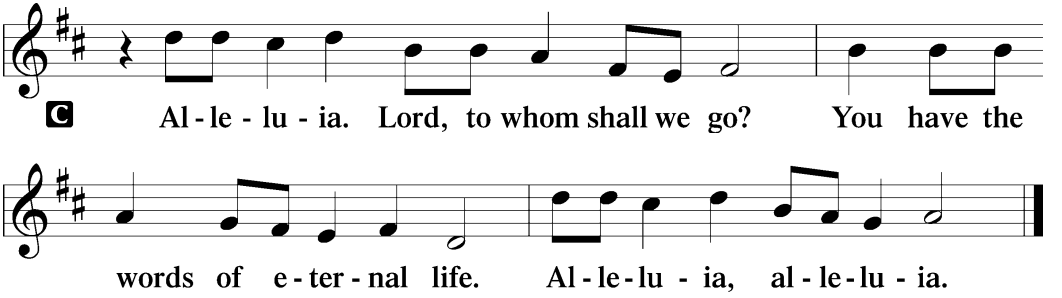
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But
you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For
you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of
the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk,
are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having
put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went
away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with
them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents
made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and
dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the
master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,
'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'
21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have
been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master,
you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been
faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your

master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [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 answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day: *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* LSB 508
verses 1,2,3,5,7

Sermon "*We're Just Giddy Tourists Waiting for Jesus' Return*" I Thess. 5:1-11

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave (located on either side of the fireplace), mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at https://mtolc.org.

Offertory

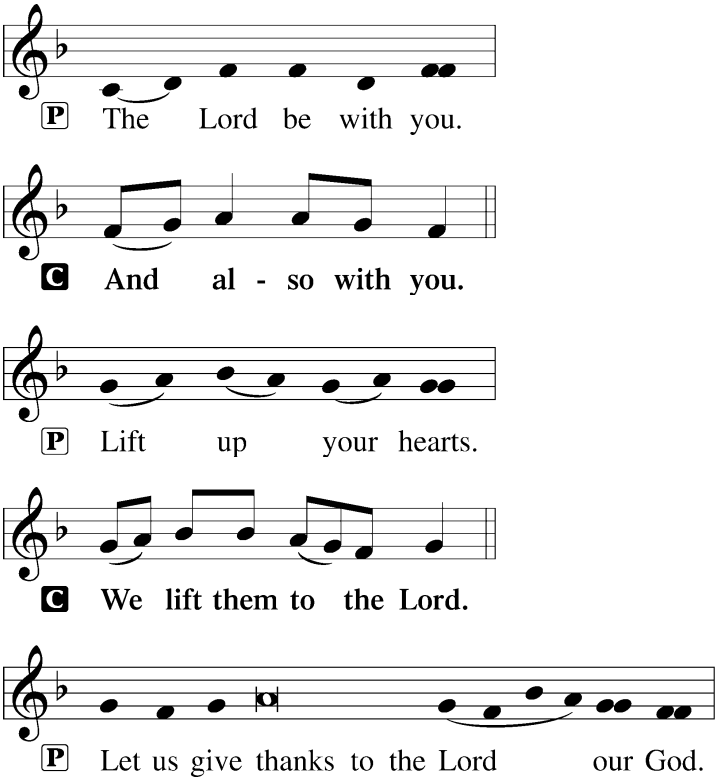


Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Service of the Sacrament

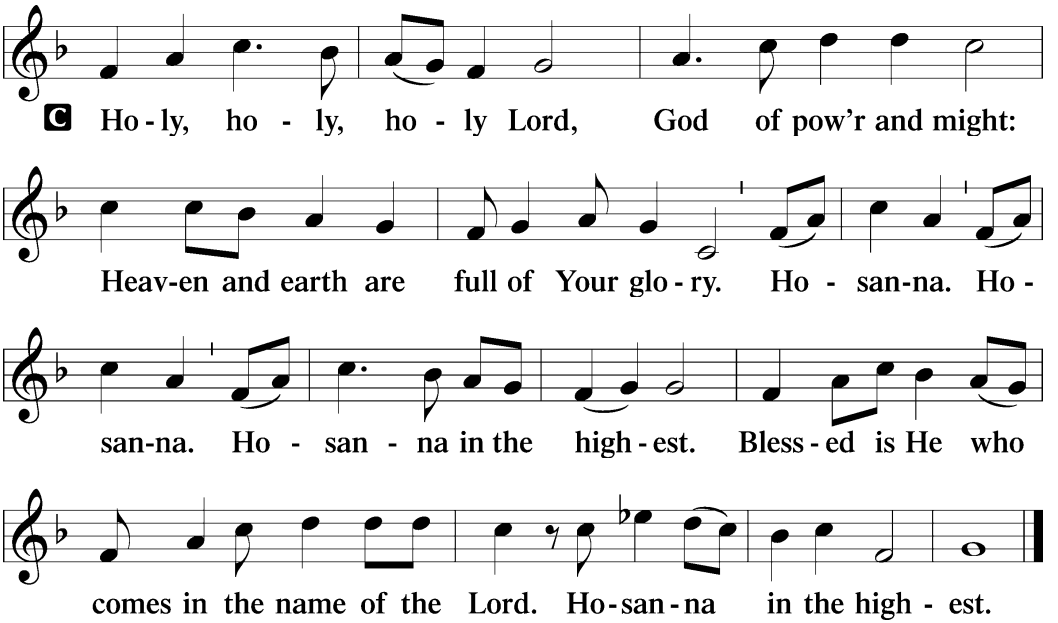
Preface





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh

to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

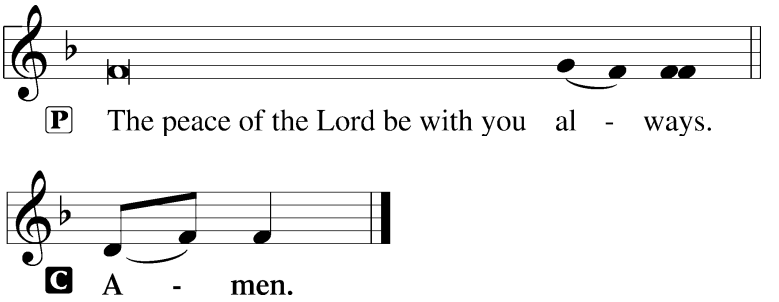
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

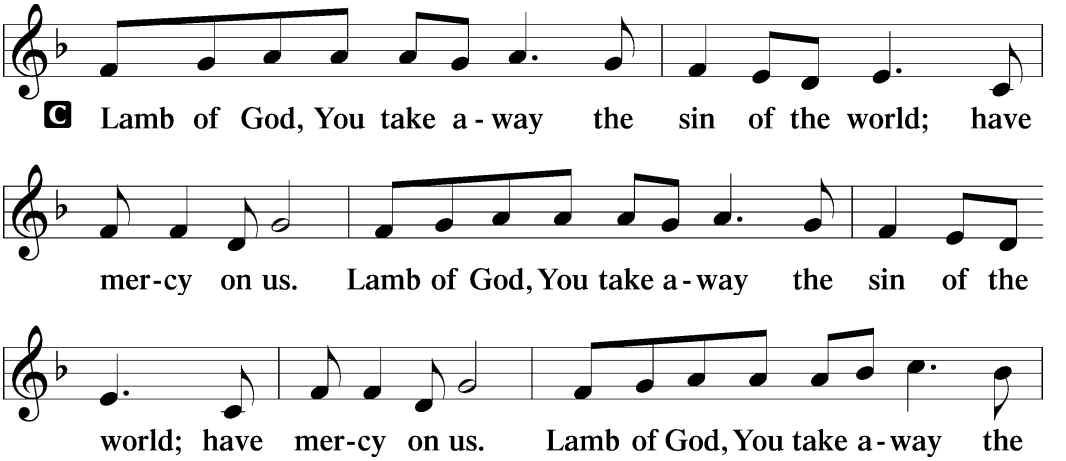
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

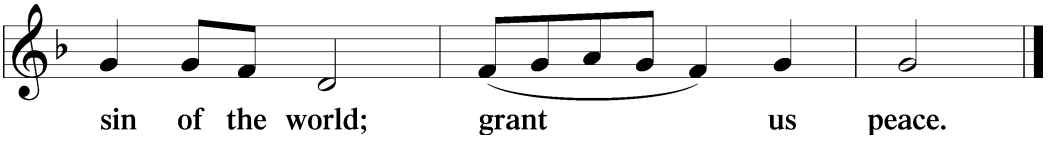
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei





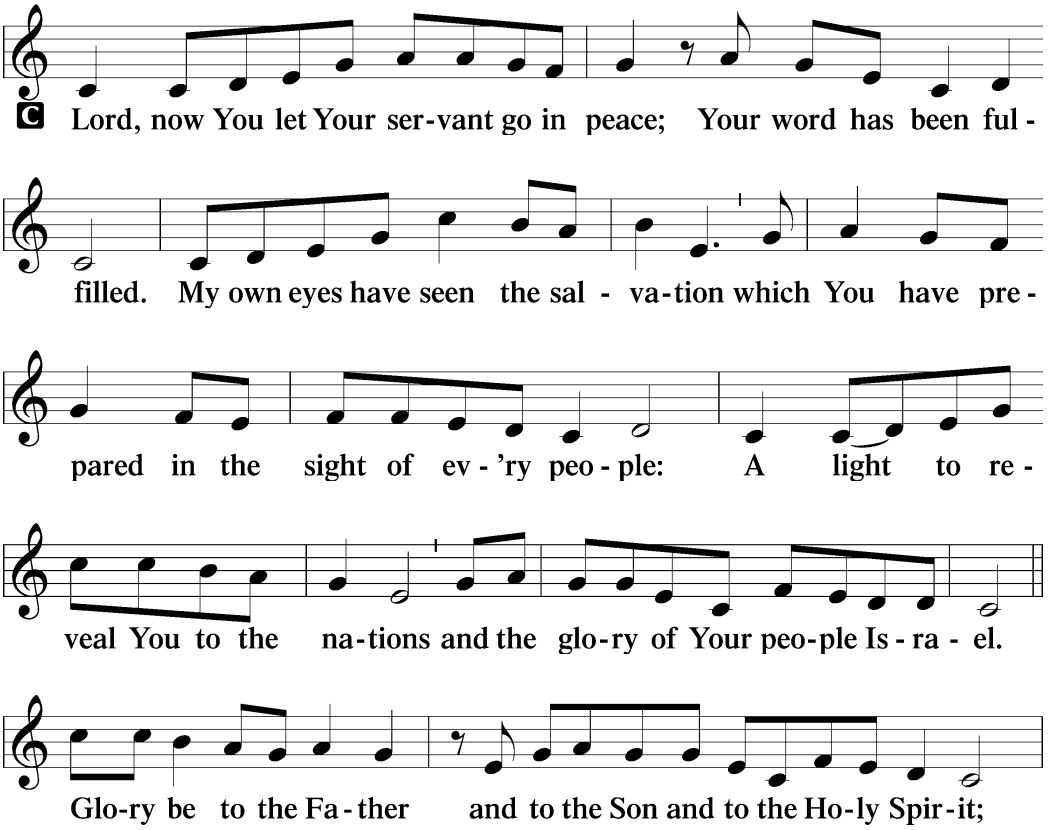
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Distribution

Distribution Hymn:	*Take My Life and Let It Be*	LSB 783
Distribution Hymn:	*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*	LSB 636

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



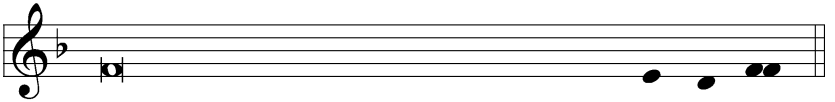


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Hymn to Depart: *We Give Thee But Thine Own* LSB 781

Postlude *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Bates

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Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM where coffee and donuts are available. Enjoy some fellowship time with our Christian friends.

Vacancy Pastor – Rev. Randy Golter
Organist – Diane Asmus
Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (11)
Bel Canto – Christine Krueger, director
Elders – Dennis Bodemann (8:30), Keith Einspahr (11)
Ushers – Dennis Opl
Greeters – Pat Amore (8:30), Tammy Dixon (11)
Altar Guild – Wendy Bleeke

Call Committee Update

Pastor Baumgarten has declined our call. The call committee will meet soon to consider how to proceed. Contact Josh Watt with questions at jpewdev@gmail.com.

This Week

11/15	**Sunday**	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		9:30 AM	Fellowship
		10 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		11 AM	Contemporary Worship
		12 PM	Spirit Ringers, Ladies & Men's Bible Studies
11/17	**Tuesday**	1 PM	Praise Team
		6 PM	Brass Choir
11/18	**Wed.**	10 AM	Bible Talk
		11:30 AM	Young at Heart
		5 PM	Chamber Ensemble
		6 PM	Bel Canto
		7 PM	Chancel Choir
11/19	**Thursday**	1 PM	LWML EC
		6 PM	Brass Choir
11/20	**Friday**	12:30 PM	Bridge
11/21	**Saturday**	3 PM	Youth Confirmation
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