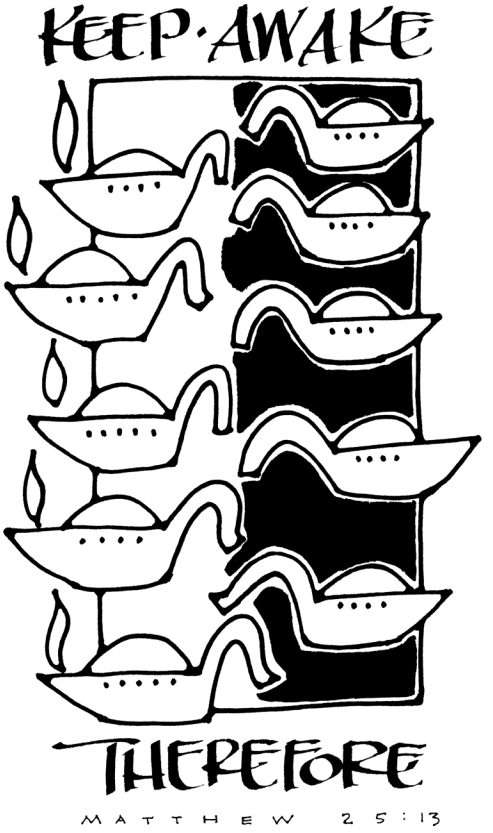
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8,2026



If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you in the name of Jesus! If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.

Welcome to all! Thanks for joining us this morning.

Children's bulletins and church bags (soft activity books, quiet toys and other "surprises") are available in the narthex.

The Children's Nursery Area is available downstairs in the Parish Hall. The service streams on the monitor and there is a soft rug, chairs, books and toys available. Turn right out of the sanctuary and go down the stairs.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews facing you. You may give the card to an usher or place in the offering plate.

For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul 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 to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays, and gluten free wafers are also available.)

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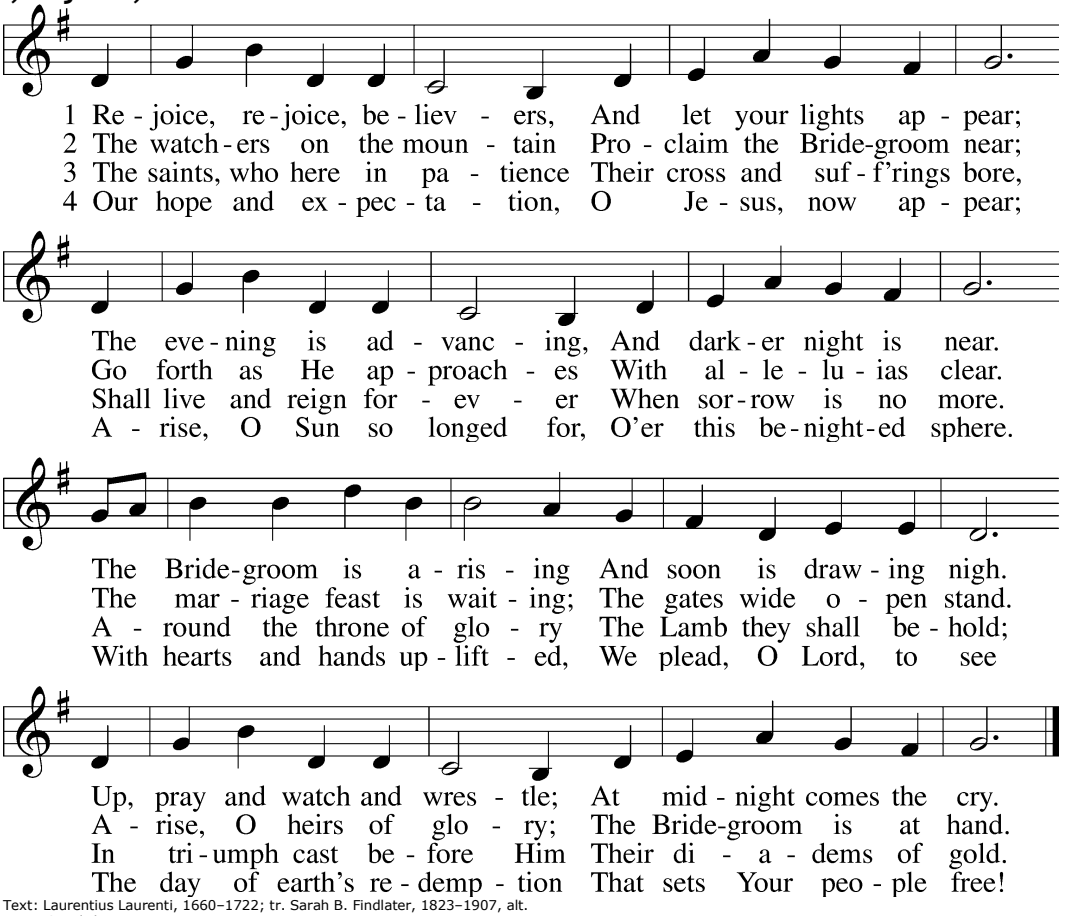
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Prelude: ***Ubi caritas:*** Where Charity and Love Prevail — David Lasky (b. 1957)

Stand

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers *LSB 515*



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *1 John 1:8–9*

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.**

Kneel/Sit

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

Confession of Sins

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.**

Absolution *[John 20:19–23]*
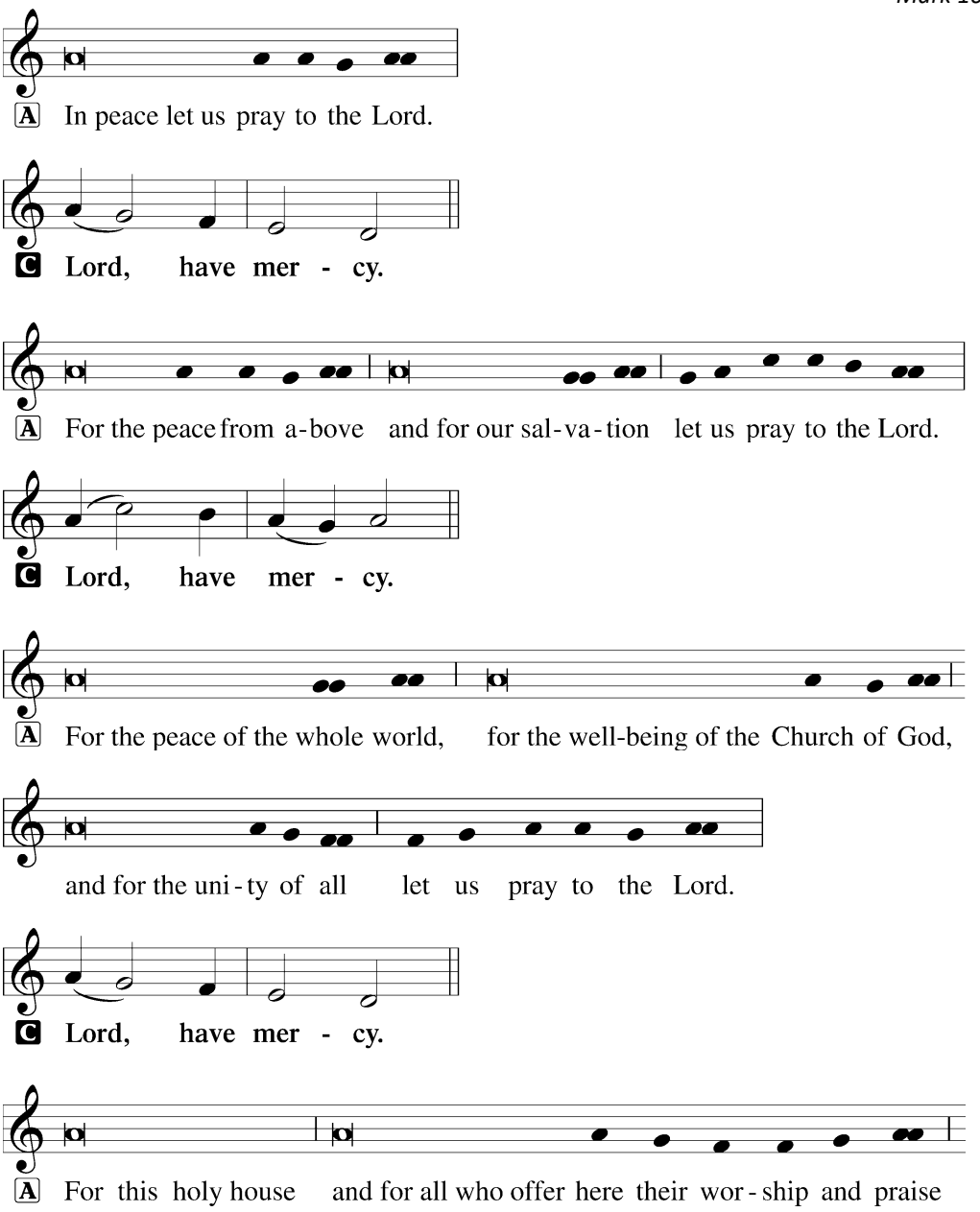
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
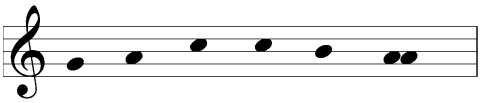
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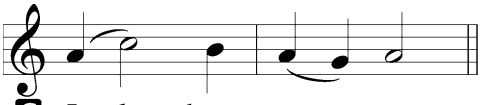
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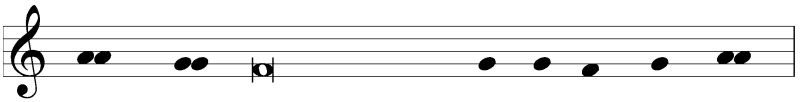
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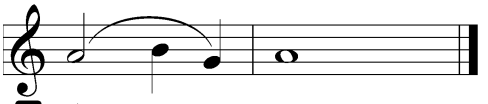
Kyrie *Mark 10:47*



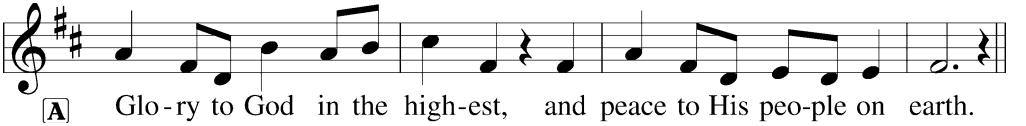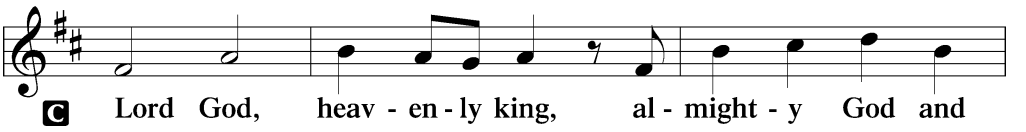




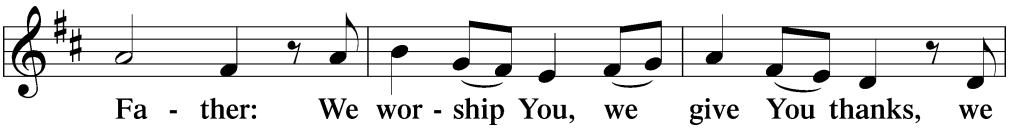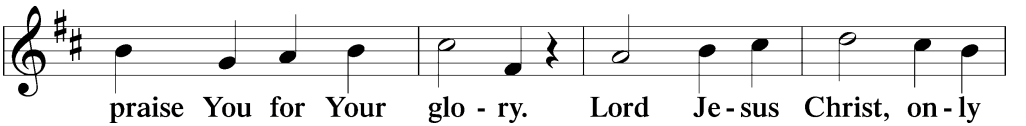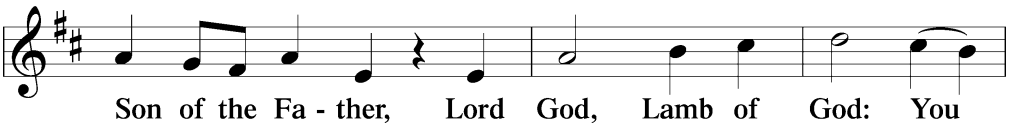




Gloria in Excelsis *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

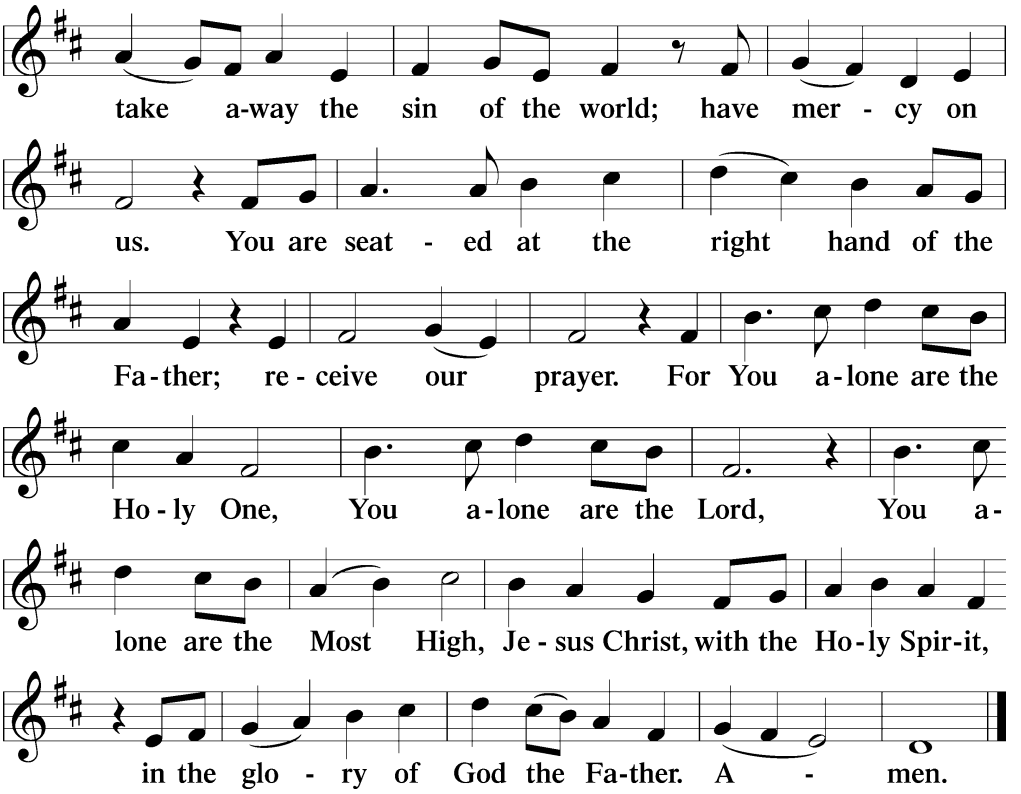




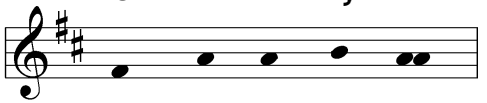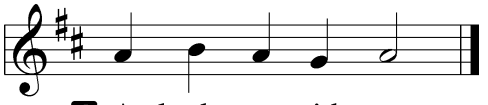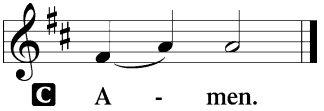








Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

C **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



Sit

Anthem: Thy Perfect Love — John Rutter (b. 1945)

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I Thee love and never rest; and make me love Thee of all things best.
And wounde my heart in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Psalm

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

[4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, | "God is great!"
[1]Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
O LORD, make haste to | help me!
[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion
who | seek my life!*
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who de- | sire my hurt!
[3]Let them turn back because | of their shame*
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"

[4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, | "God is great!

"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.

[4]May all who seek you
rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, | "God is great!"

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.
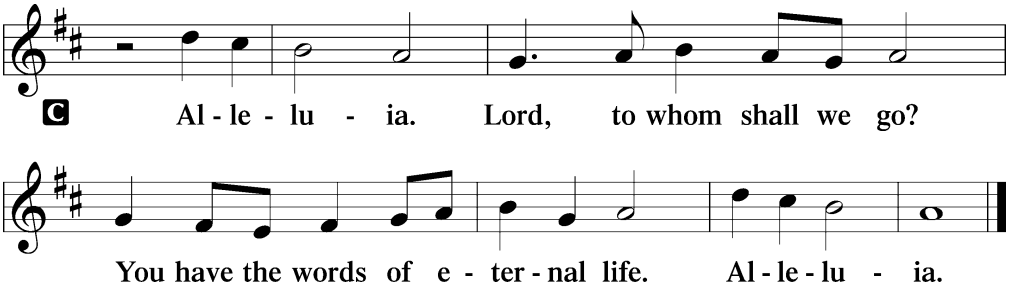
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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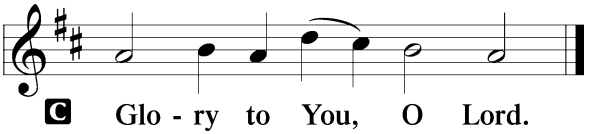
John 6:68



Holy Gospel

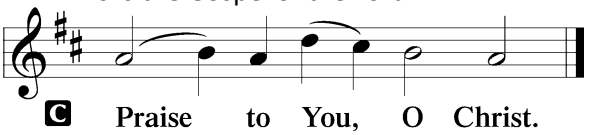
Matthew 25:1–13

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



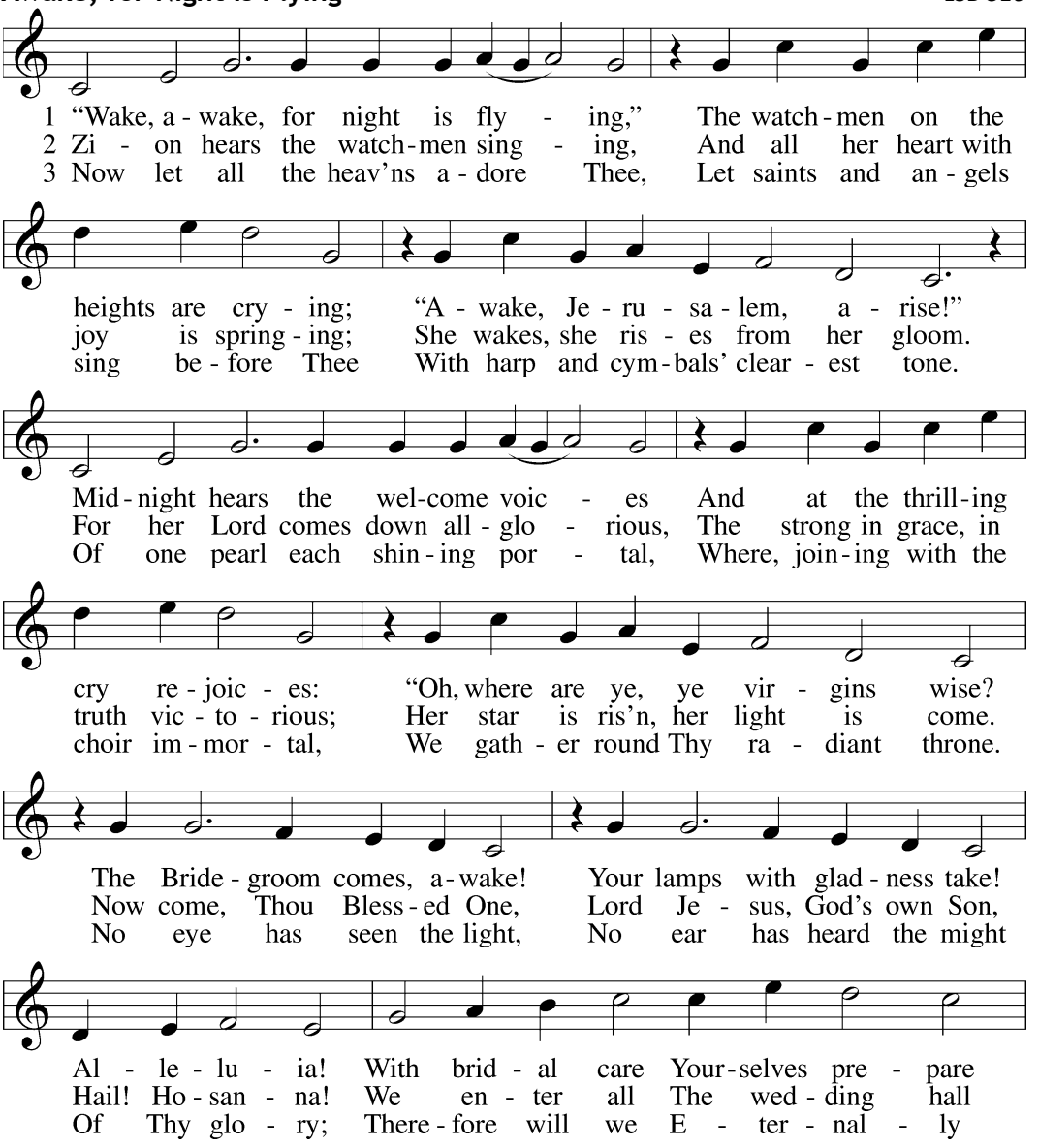
[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when
the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
[6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
[7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying,
'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for
yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward
the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I
say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour."
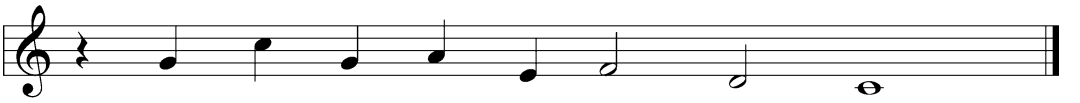
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *LSB 516*





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Sermon

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

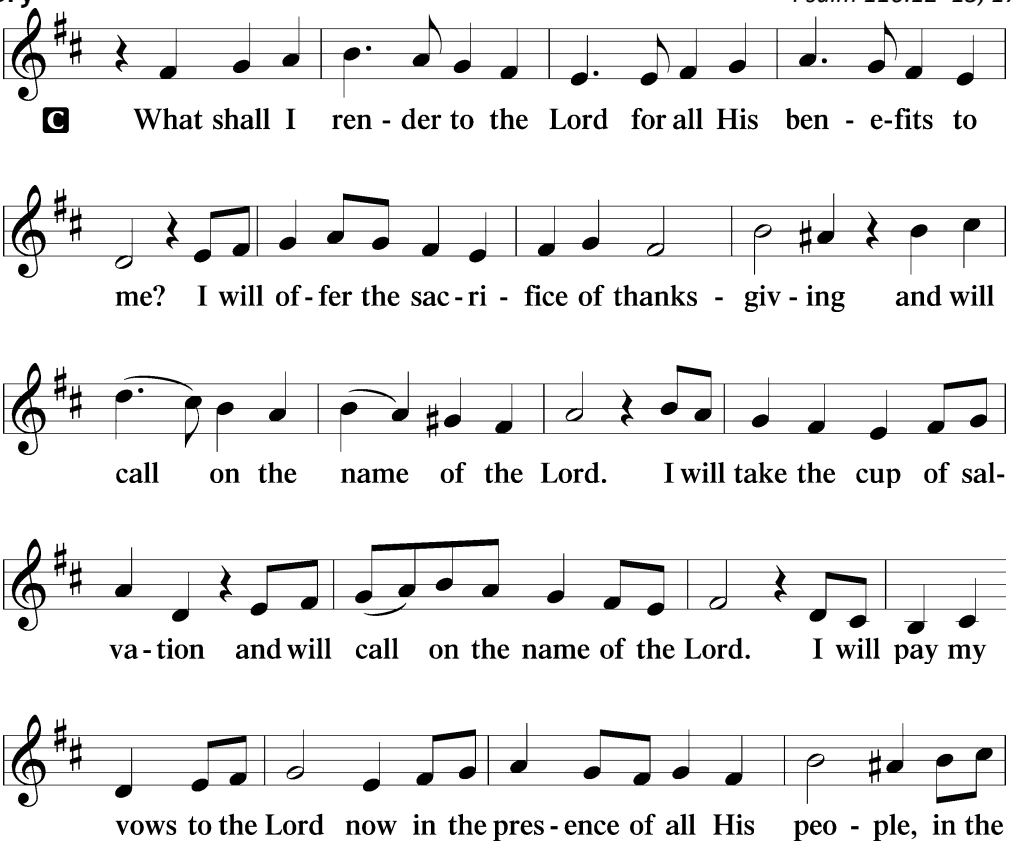
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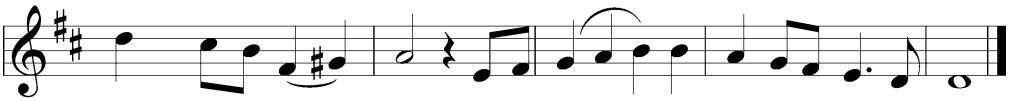
Offering

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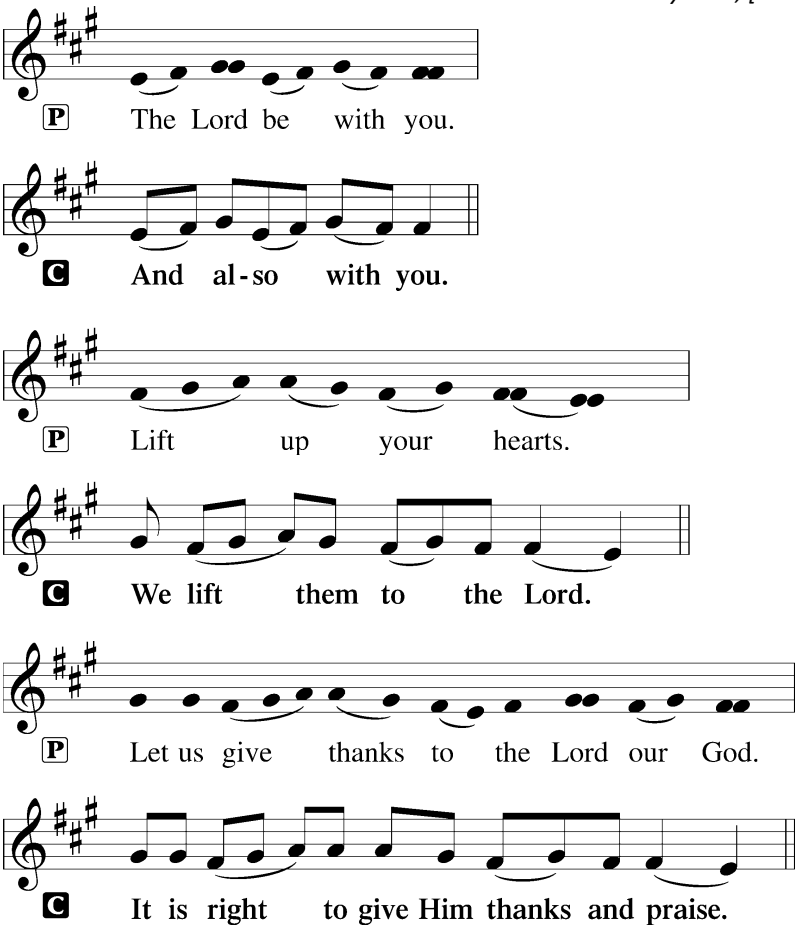
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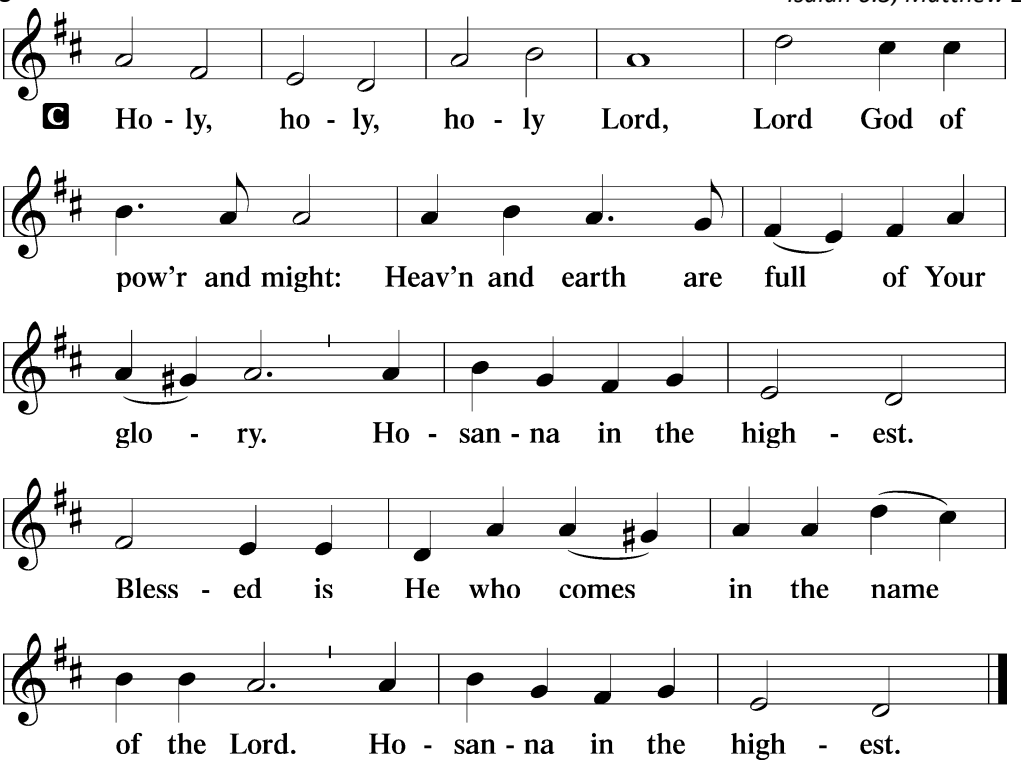
Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

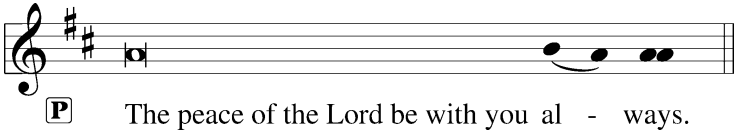
The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
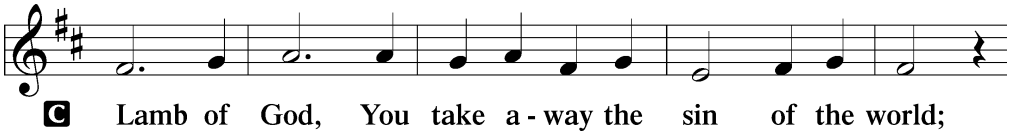
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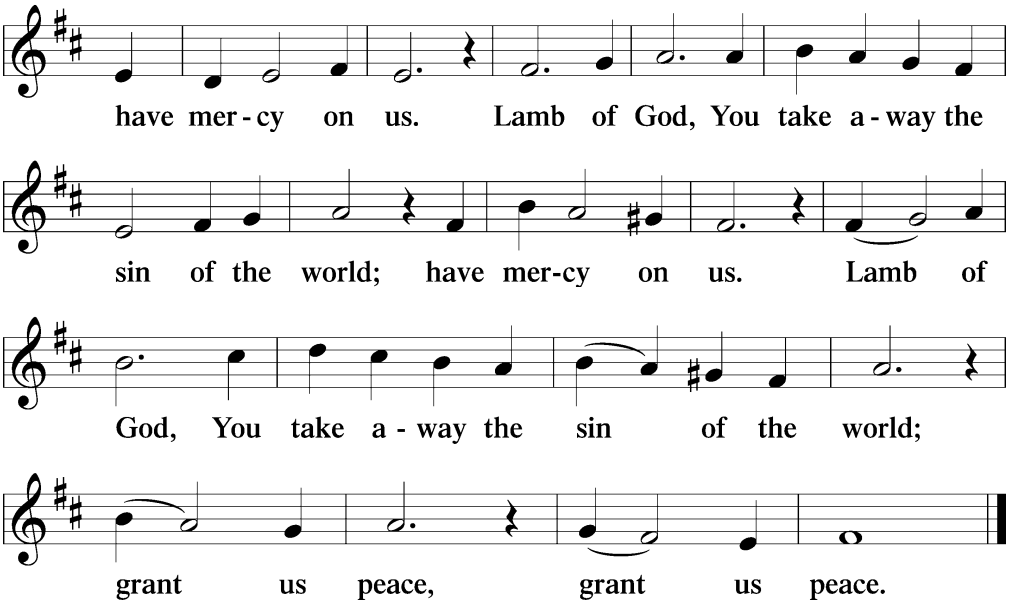
John 20:19



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

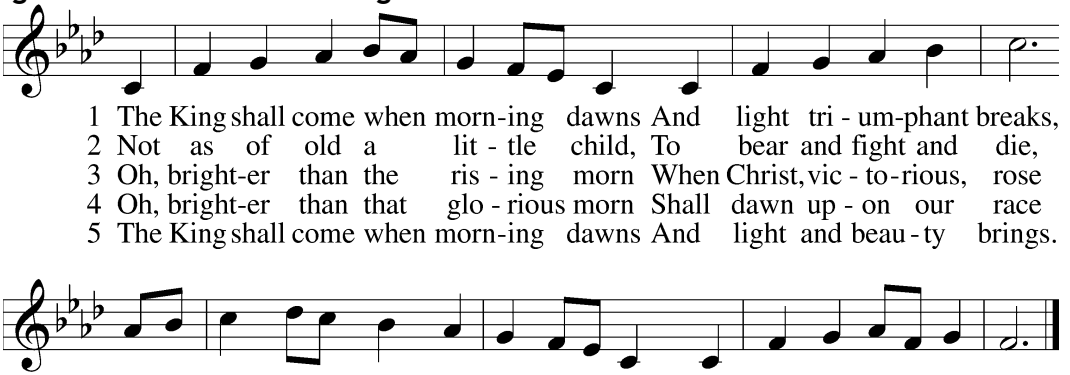




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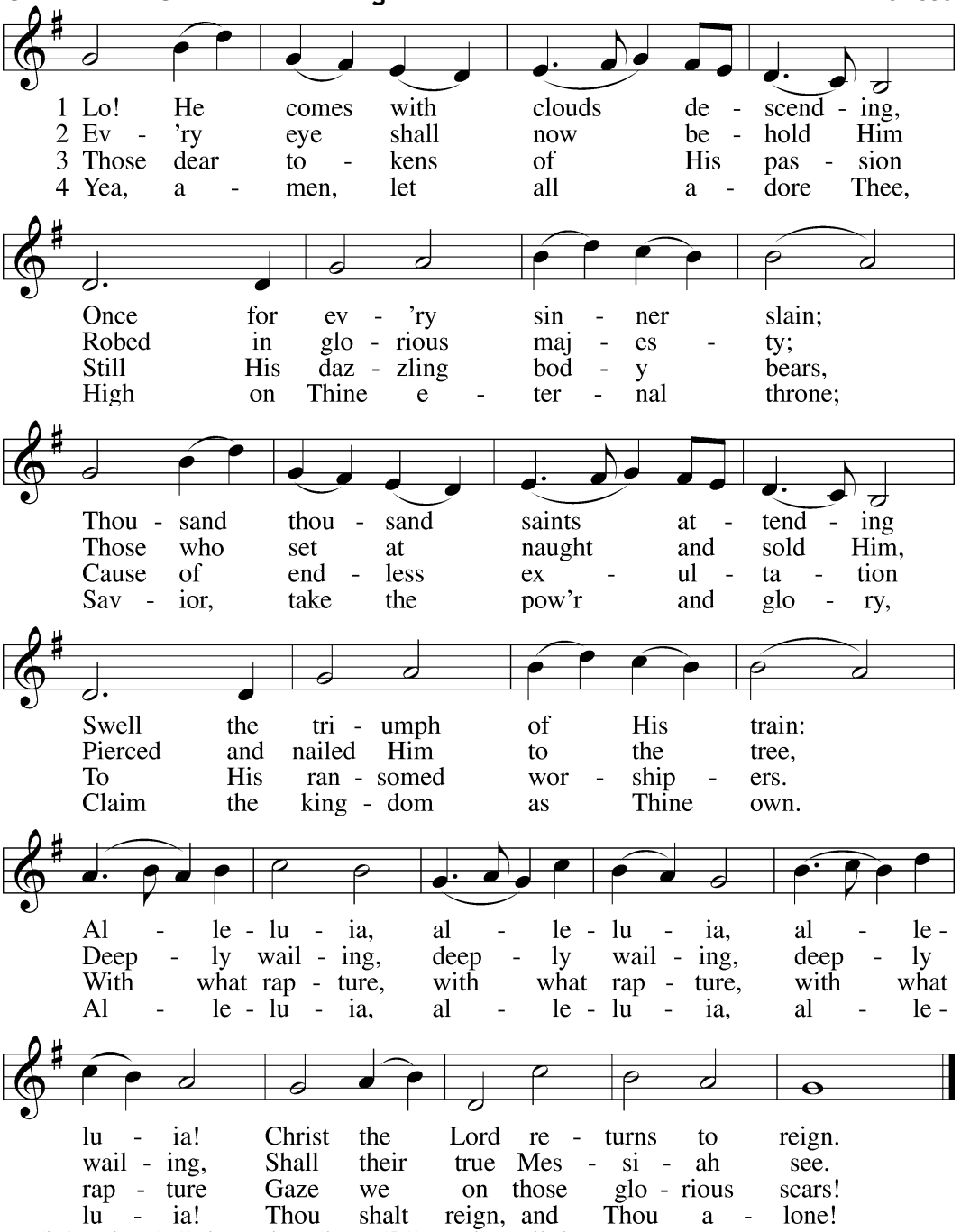
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns *LSB 348*



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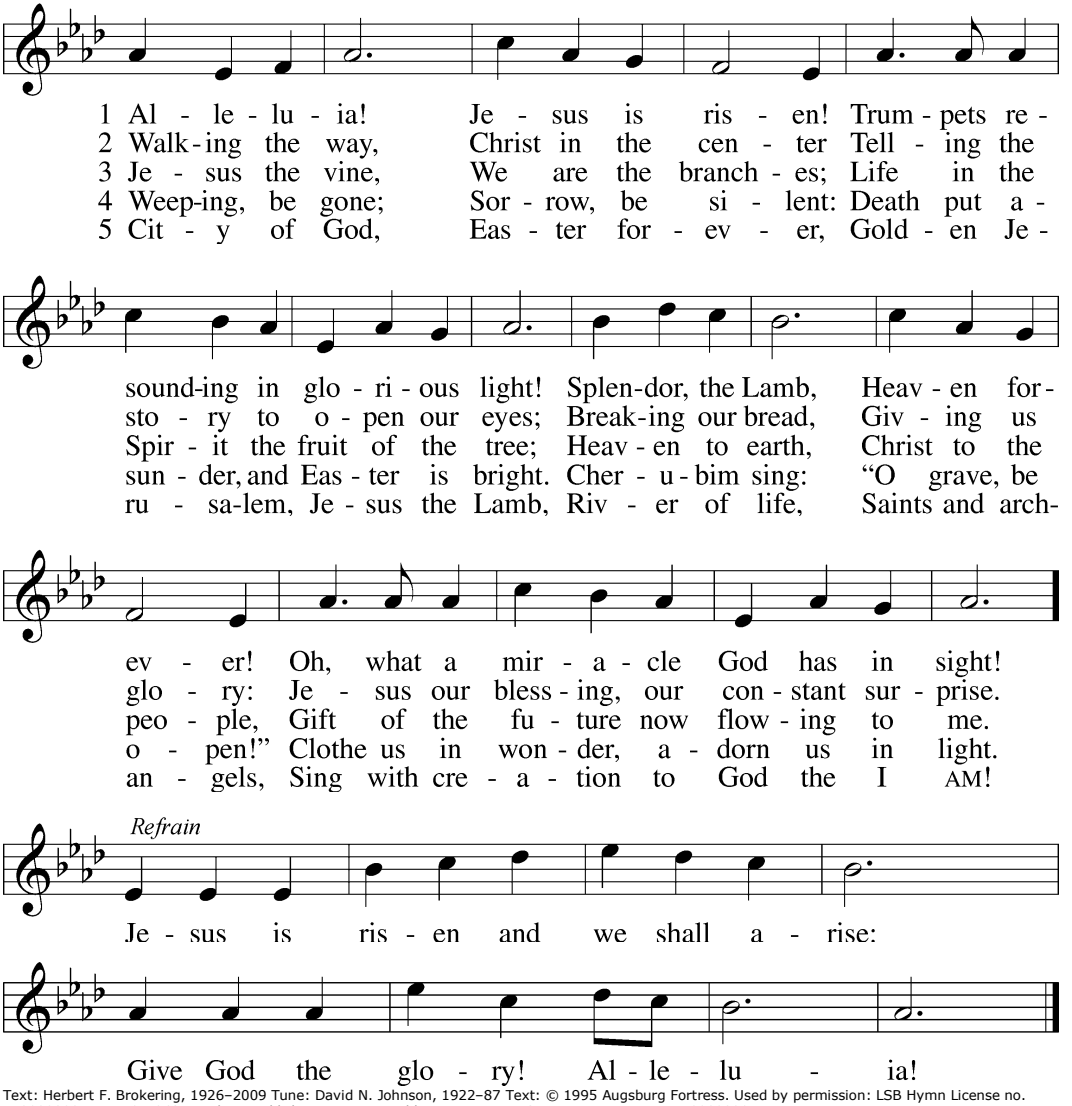
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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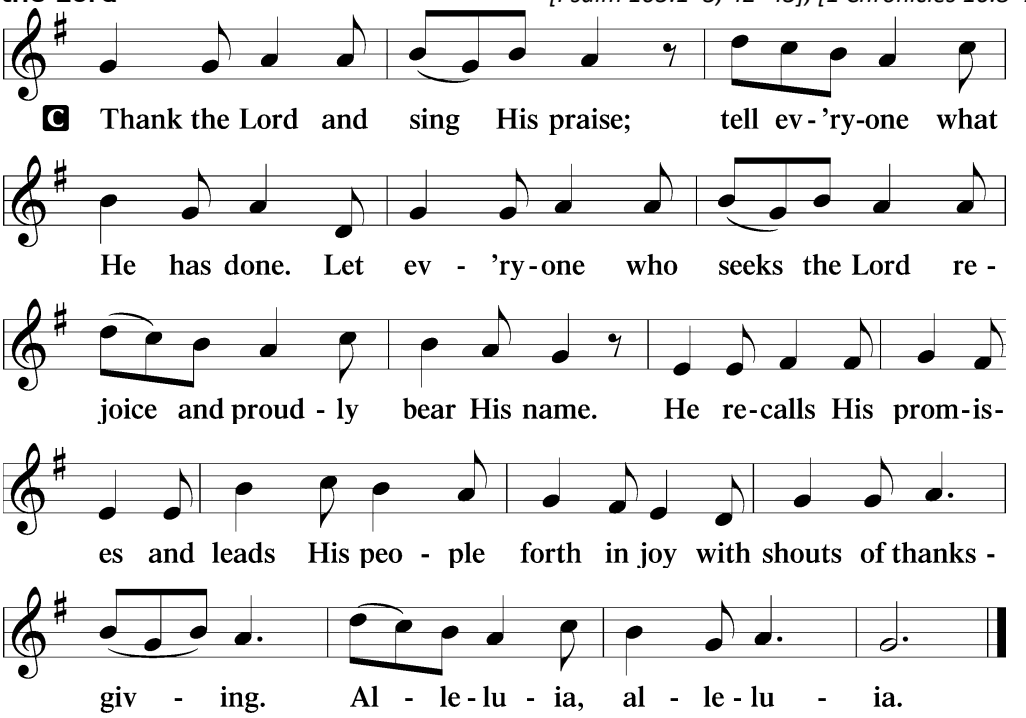
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen *LSB 474*



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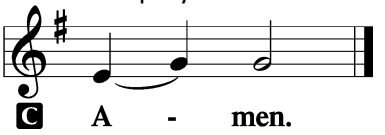
Thank the Lord *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



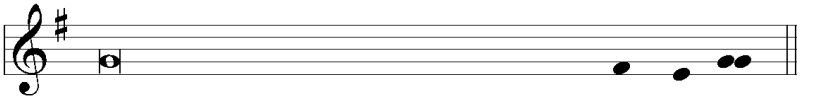
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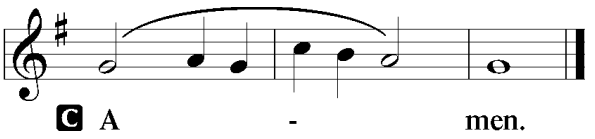
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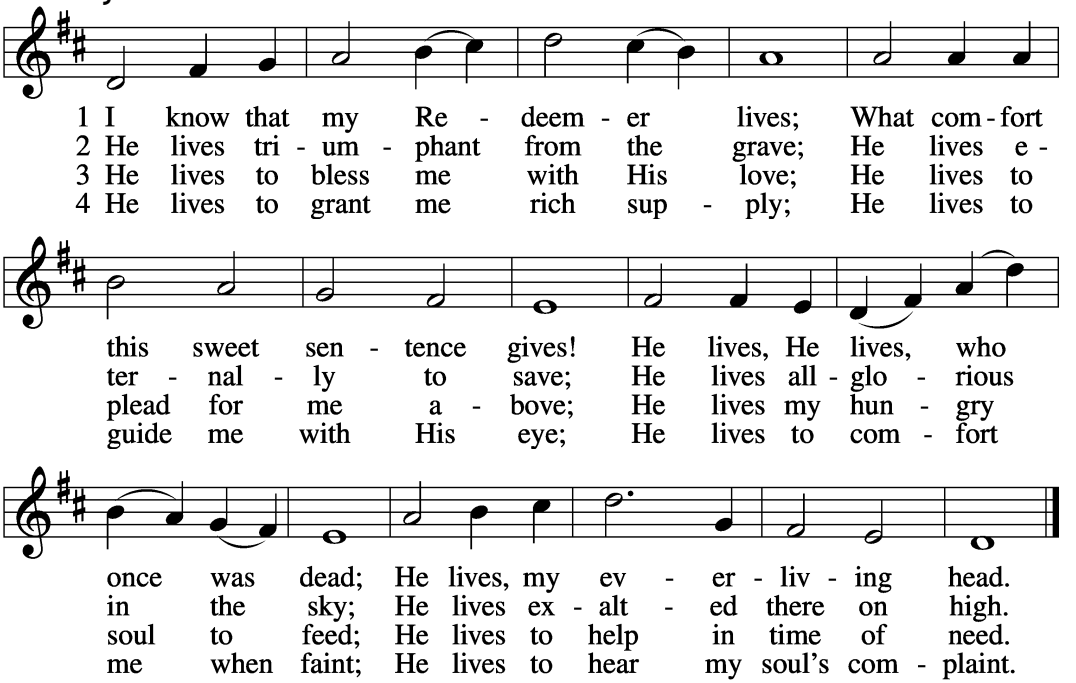


℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer live!

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Postlude: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart — Johann Friedrich Alberti (1642-1710)

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Robbin and Kevin Dungey in celebration of grandson Carter's 18th birthday.

Joshua Bible Study

Vicar Demlow will begin a new Sunday Bible Study on the book of Joshua starting on November 29th. We will explore the lives of the Israelites as they move from wandering in the wilderness to inhabiting Canaan, the Promised Land. We will also see how Joshua, Moses' successor, prefigures Christ.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

Thank you, St. Paul, for the joy and participation we have seen during the inspire phase, from our youth designing a future playground with the 5th grade to the creativity of Kid's Corner. Please join us on **Sunday, November 15**, when everyone is invited to bring their pledges and commitments forward during worship, followed by a harvest-themed celebration where we will announce the full pledge total and give thanks for all God has done. On **Sunday, December 6**, First Gifts Sunday, we will bring our first gifts to launch the St. Paul Ministry Expansion Fund. Visit **https://stpaulministryexpansion.org/** for updated FAQs and resources, and contact Cameron Jones with questions, feedback, or interest in helping during the fulfillment phase. We are grateful for your prayers and excited for what God is doing among us.

Ministry Expansion Campaign Prayer

Dear Lord, we give thanks to You for the wonderful gift of salvation achieved through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We give thanks also for the work of the Holy Spirit among us and pray that we might be enabled to "walk in Him" (Colossians 2:6) in the Ministry Expansion Campaign. Finally, we pray that as we walk in Him, all that we accomplish through the Ministry Expansion Campaign will point people to the glad salvation Jesus has won for us all.

"Firmly Rooted, Boldly Building" Commitment Event is November 15th

Sunday, November 15. Save the date! Join us after church for a Harvest and Commitment Celebration to conclude the first phase of our ministry campaign. Sign up for harvest food/snacks or some canned goods to be given to Faith & Work for their food pantry. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board**.**

Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry, Missionaries, Visiting St. Paul Today

The Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region, based in Brasov, Romania. They are also Mom and Dad to Caleb Ferry! As the Eurasia associate regional director, Charles is responsible for assisting the regional director in the planning and implementation of LCMS mission work to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy.

Giving Tuesday For St. Paul Lutheran School is December 1st.

Giving Tuesday is just around the corner and are we ever ready**!** We'll add the funds collected to our Brighter Media advertising campaign. Specifically, we can build on the success of last year's spots, which highlighted our church worship times and invited everyone to join us during December.

Young Adults & Youth Group Service Event – Meet at St. Paul at 1 PM

On Saturday, November 14th, the Young Adult Group and the Youth Group will combine forces to take on community service, caramel apple making, dinner, and a Bible Study. We will be raking leaves for church and community members in the afternoon, so bring gloves/ rakes for that. If we have time, we may even have our highly anticipated Young Adult vs. Youth Group Kickball game! Please reach out to Vicar with any questions.

St. Paul Men's Group: Nov. 14th (Raking Leaves)

The men of St. Paul will meet again on Saturday, November 14th at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall for food, prayer and Bible study. All confirmed men and friends of St. Paul are welcome. Let Jim Baeder know if you plan to attend. After our meeting, please hang around to help rake leaves at St. Paul (if you have a rake, please bring it) to keep our grounds clean! We will not be meeting on the second Saturday in December as that will be Kid's Christmas Morning; our next meeting will be on January 9th.

Women's Guild

Ladies, please mark your calendars our November meeting date is the 17th at the home of Pat Wesselman. We will be having our annual cookie walk on December 13th. We will once again be putting together food bags for St Thomas for delivery on Saturday December 19th. Check news and notes in the weeks to come for more information on both of these events.

Workday is November 21st- Come Help!

The St. Paul's Property and Maintenance Committee meets at St. Paul on the third Saturday of every month from 9 AM until 12 PM. They take care of odd jobs around the campus, such as minor weeding and landscaping of the grounds, spot cleaning, changing light bulbs, touch-up painting, and identifying areas for future repair or improvement. DYI home improvement experience a plus but not required! If you are interested in helping out, giving back to St. Paul, and bonding with your fellow congregation members, please contact Brad Johnson at bjohnson2@comtechnologies.com and let us know you'll be attending! The next workday is November 21.

Kids Christmas Morning- Save The Date!



Mark your calendars for St. Paul's annual Kids' Xmas Morning event. It will be held Saturday, December 12th, 9:00 - Noon. Stay tuned for more info and volunteer opportunities.

Trunk or Treat was Wonderful

What a huge success Trunk or Treat was this year! Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it a great day! We had 22 trunks and welcomed over 300 kids from the church, school, and community. It was a wonderful crowd of families gathered in the spirit of friendship, fellowship, and fun.

Lutheran Books and Beer Is November 19th At 7 P.M.

This is a week earlier than usual on account of Thanksgiving. We are meeting at our new location at the Bavarian Brauhaus located in Hanover. The address is: 7304 Parkway Dr S, Hanover, MD 21076. Reading assignment is chapters 3 and 4 of "Has American Christianity Failed." By Bryan Wolfmueller. We will meet at 7 p.m.

Advent: People Of The Promise

Eve. Sarah. Elizabeth. Mary. They were all people of the promise. Faith in the promise of Christ is what each person's story proclaims. Faith in Christ is what shapes us as Christian people. All of these figures serve as "role models" for us. They show us what it means to hear the Word of God in faith and, through faith, to receive Christ. They will be our focus during Advent Midweek services. Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Starts Today!

Operation Christmas Child is a project that brings the joy of the Gospel to children in need around the world. By packing a shoebox with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, you can share God's love with a child experiencing poverty, war or disaster. Empty shoeboxes and packing guides are in the Narthex. Pick up a box to fill as you leave church between November 8 and November 22. Please return all boxes to the narthex by November 23.

Poinsettias For Christmas Worship

Order poinsettias to help beautify our worship for Christmas. Orders are $16.00 each. Envelopes will be on the credenza in the narthex, and orders can be left in a box there or in the offering plate. Orders are due by November 30th. Contact Janet Lister with any questions. Thank you!

St. Paul Walks On November 14th

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for St. Paul Walks on Saturday, Nov 14th, 10:00am. Trolley Trail #9 has reopened! We'll meet at the trailhead entrance adjacent to the Trolley Stop Restaurant (6 Oella Ave, Old Ellicott City). There is free public parking available in Lot A. Join us for fresh air, fellowship, and some light exercise. Contact Heather Krakat or Karyn Borth if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Service at 10 am Thanksgiving Day

Please join us to give thanks to God for all his blessings. Pastor Alms will lead the service. As a special treat Pastor and Suzanne 's daughter, Katie Rudy, will be the guest organist that day. O, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 8th	**Next week 15th**
Cantor	Caleb Ferry	Caleb Ferry
Reader	Kevin Dungey	Pastor Roemer
Usher	Cameron Jones	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Jim Wedeking	Chris Meyer
Greeter	Irene Giguere	Robbin Dungey

Daily Readings

Nov 08, 2026	Deut 21:1–23, Matt 16:1–12
Nov 09. 2026	Deut 24:10—25:10, Matt 16:13–28
Nov 10, 2026	Deut 25:17—26:19, Matt 17:1–13
Nov 11, 2026	Deut 27:1–26, Matt 17:14–27
Nov 12, 2026	Deut 28:1–22, Matt 18:1–20
Nov 13, 2026	Deut 29:1–29, Matt 18:21–35
Nov 14, 2026	Deut 30:1–20, Matt 19:1–15

Happening This Week

Monday, Nov 09, 2026		
7:15 PM – 9:00PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026		
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM		
Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026		
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Choir Practice	
Thursday, Nov 12, 2026		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study	Sacristy
7:15 PM – 9:00PM	ESL	Media Center
Friday, Nov 13, 2026		
All Day	Pastor's Day Off	
Saturday, Nov 14, 2026		
Sunday, Nov 15, 2026		
8:45 AM- 9:45 PM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Asset Management Board Meeting	
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary

CHURCH MEMBERS

Eleanor Hoffman, (lung cancer and chemo)
Steve Hoffman (undergoing dialysis)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)
Lindsey Gay (recovering)
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Dorothy Shifflett

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ross Davis, treatment for bone marrow disorder (brother of Linda Jones (10/20)
Sara Johney, stage 4 cervical cancer (friend of Joshua Leuchner) 10/6
Kristin Doyle, breast cancer, (daughter of Jim and LaVerne Kyne) 10/6
Jen Schwatka, has MS and broke her leg (niece of LaVerne and Jim Kyne) 9/29
Seyeon Harmon, preparing for heart surgery (wife of Matthew Harmon) 9/22
Hayden Allen Reynolds, Born premature; prayer of thanksgiving and for continued health for both him and his mom (Great grandson of Ken and Joyce Waibel) 9/22
Kelly Kolenda, spine compression surgery (Mom of Emily Kolenda) 9/15
Mary Unglesbee, brain tumor treatment success (mom-in-law of Christina Unglesbee) 9/15
Raymond Frazier, liver transplant (brother-in-law of Josh Leuschner) 9/15
Kathy Schindler, cancer (cousin of Carol Taylor} 9/1
Walt O'Reilly for recovering (Renata O'Reilly's husband)

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or linda.jones@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.

Sermon Notes



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