Sunday, November 8, 2026
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM



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Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.
Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) contain a worship activity board to help children follow the service. Similar icons are in the bulletin, and they can draw or place a sticker on each square as we move through the service. Stickers, crayons and a snack are also in the bags. Please return the bags following worship.
"Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
"A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: https://SALC.church

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

PRELUDE "I've Got Peace Like a River" African American Spiritual
Lesley Bain, Oboe and *Will Simpson, Organ*
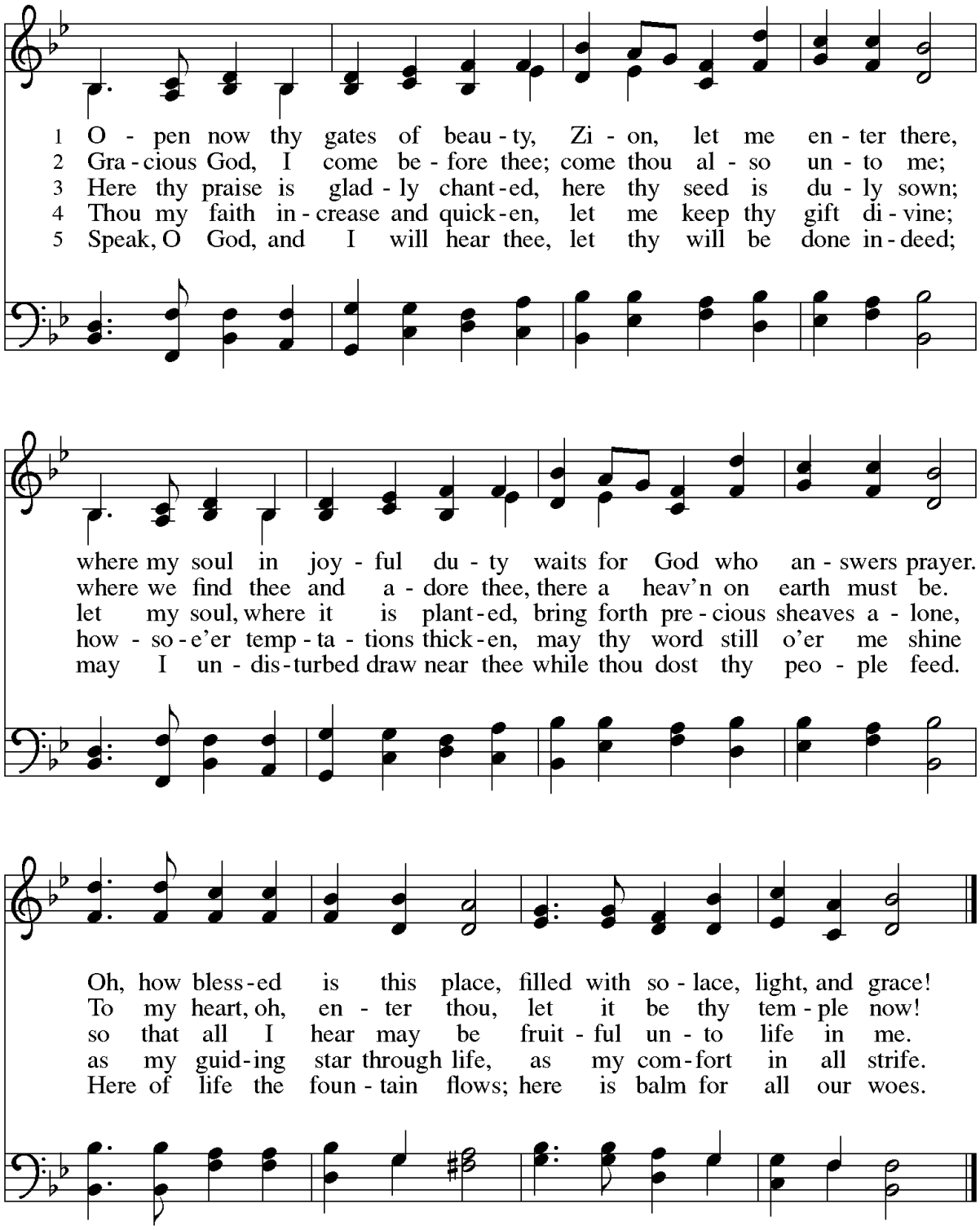
WELCOME  Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



OPENING HYMN **ELW 533**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
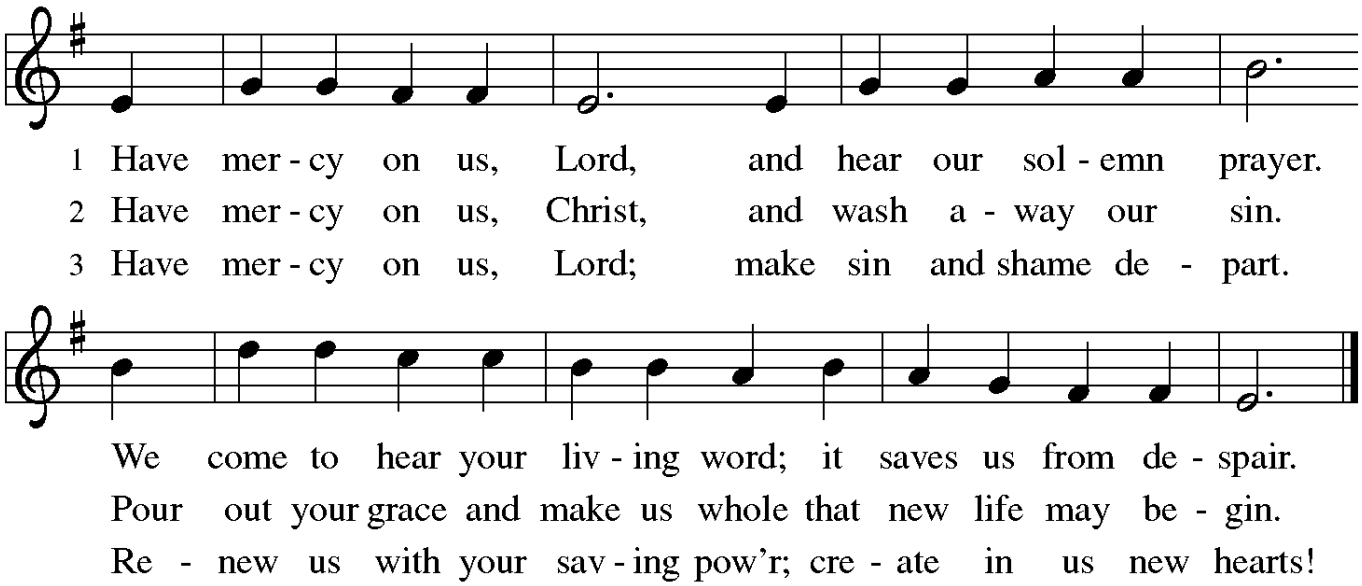


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

KYRIE (*Kyrie ["keer-ee-A"] is the Greek word for "Lord". We sing this simple ancient prayer to turn us toward God's compassion at the start of worship.)*



Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Forgive us and turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

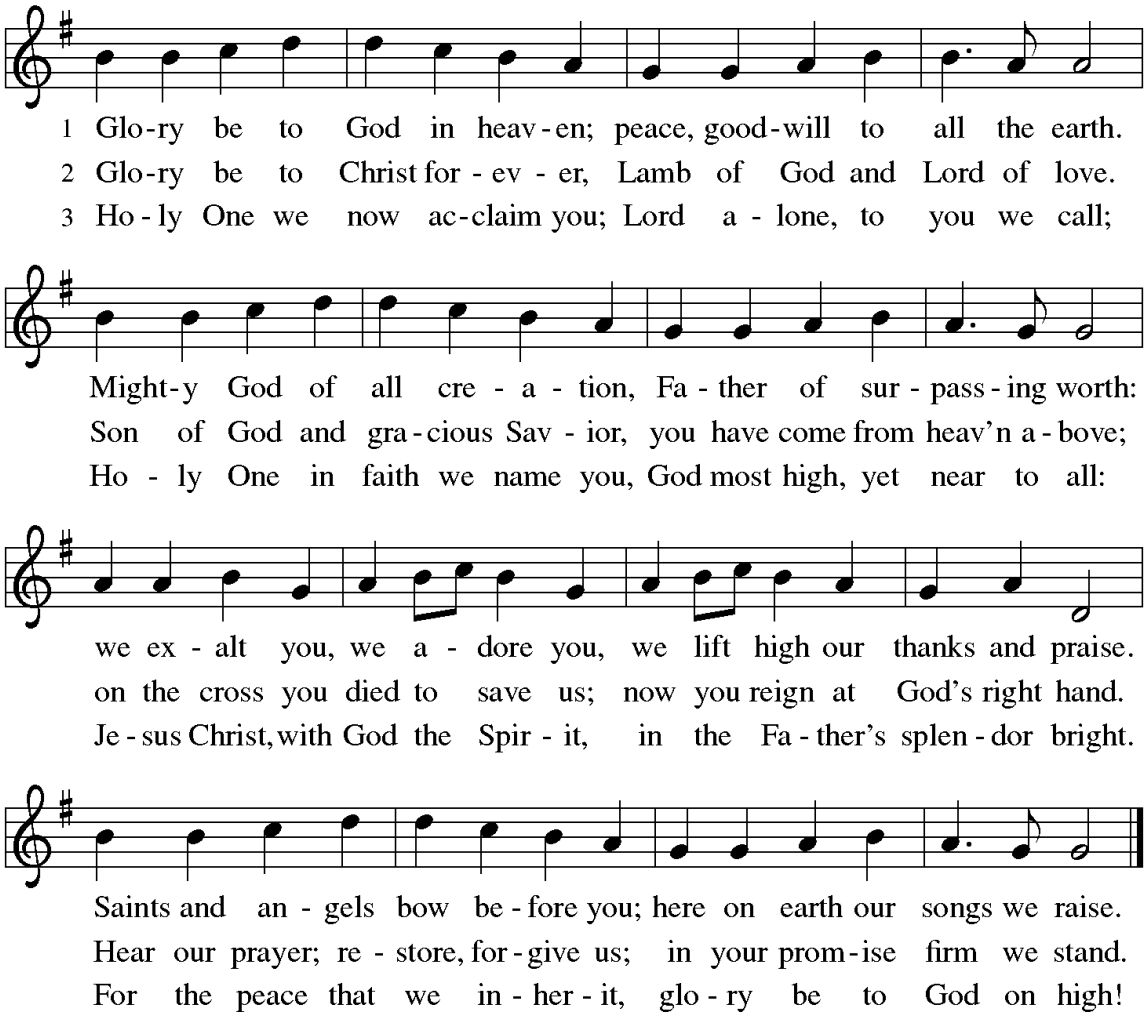
GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



(This appears in our liturgy to celebrate God's presence as we begin worship.)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES  Pastor Lara

WORD



First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

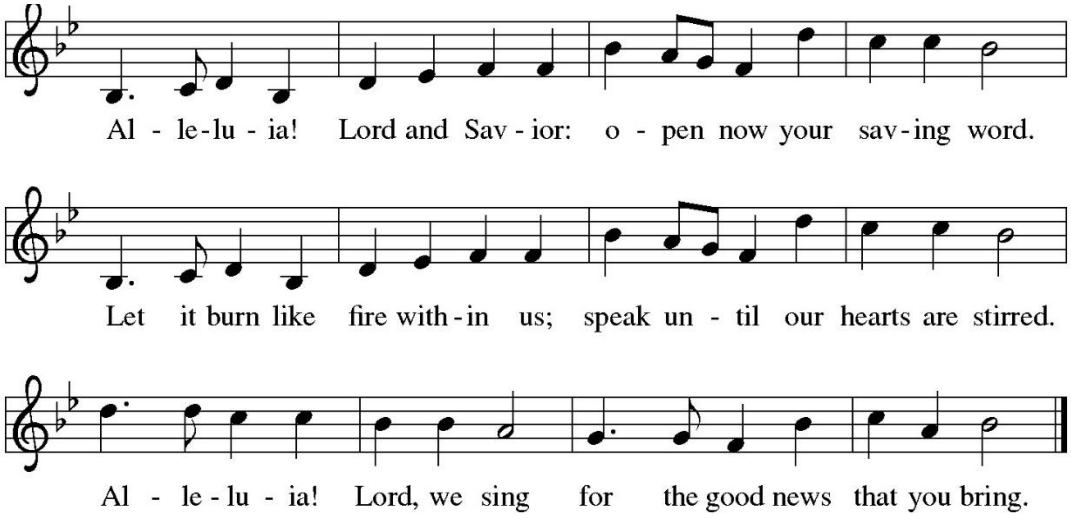
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(The Gospel Acclamation is included in the order of worship so the congregation can joyfully welcome Christ, who comes to us in the reading of the Gospel.)*



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON
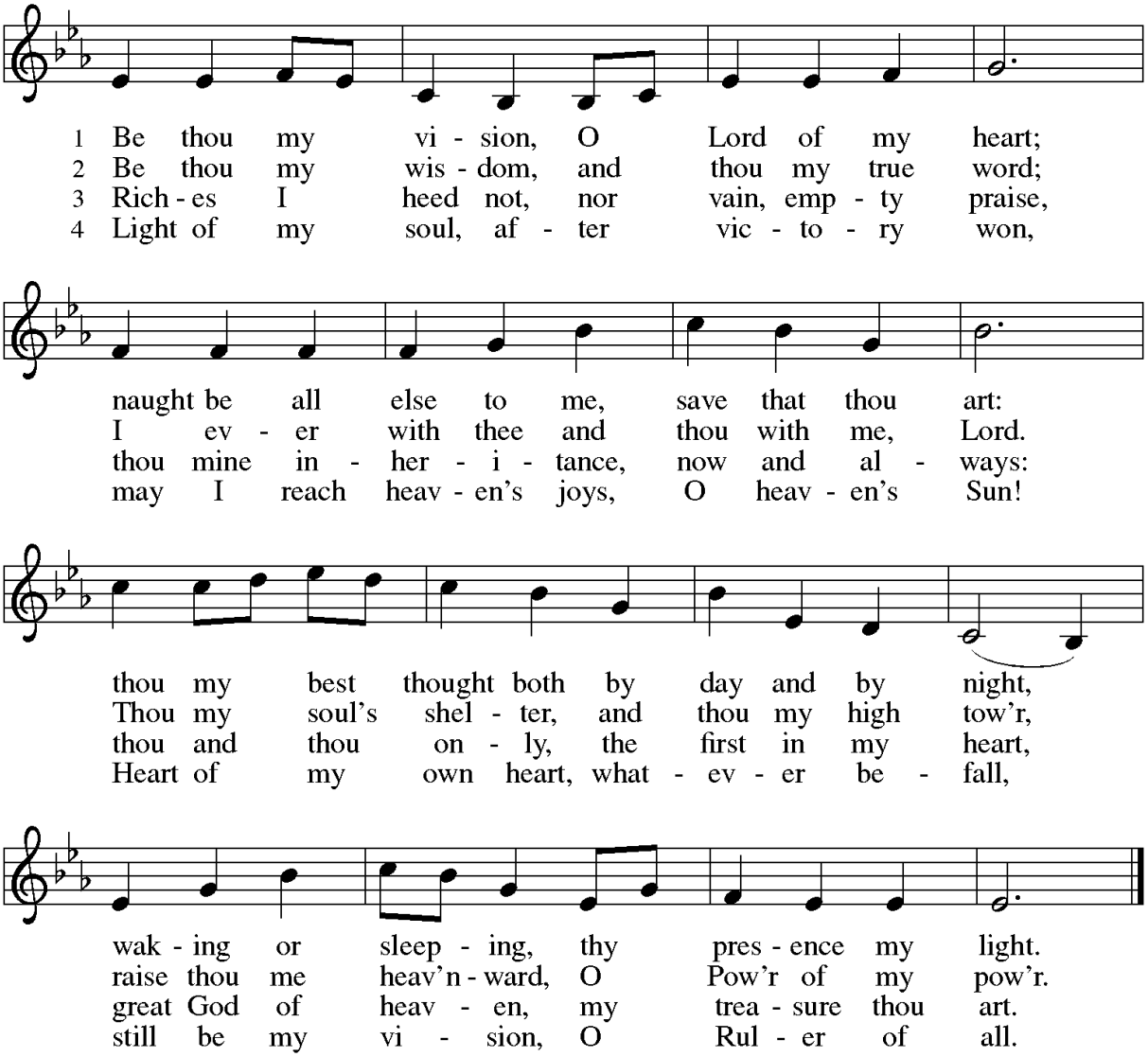


Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able



HYMN OF THE DAY  **ELW 793**

Be Thou My Vision



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed
Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
*** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS
After each petition, the leader will say, "Hear us, O God. "
Your response is, **your mercy is great.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share God's peace to reconcile with one another so that we are at peace with each other before receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Lara

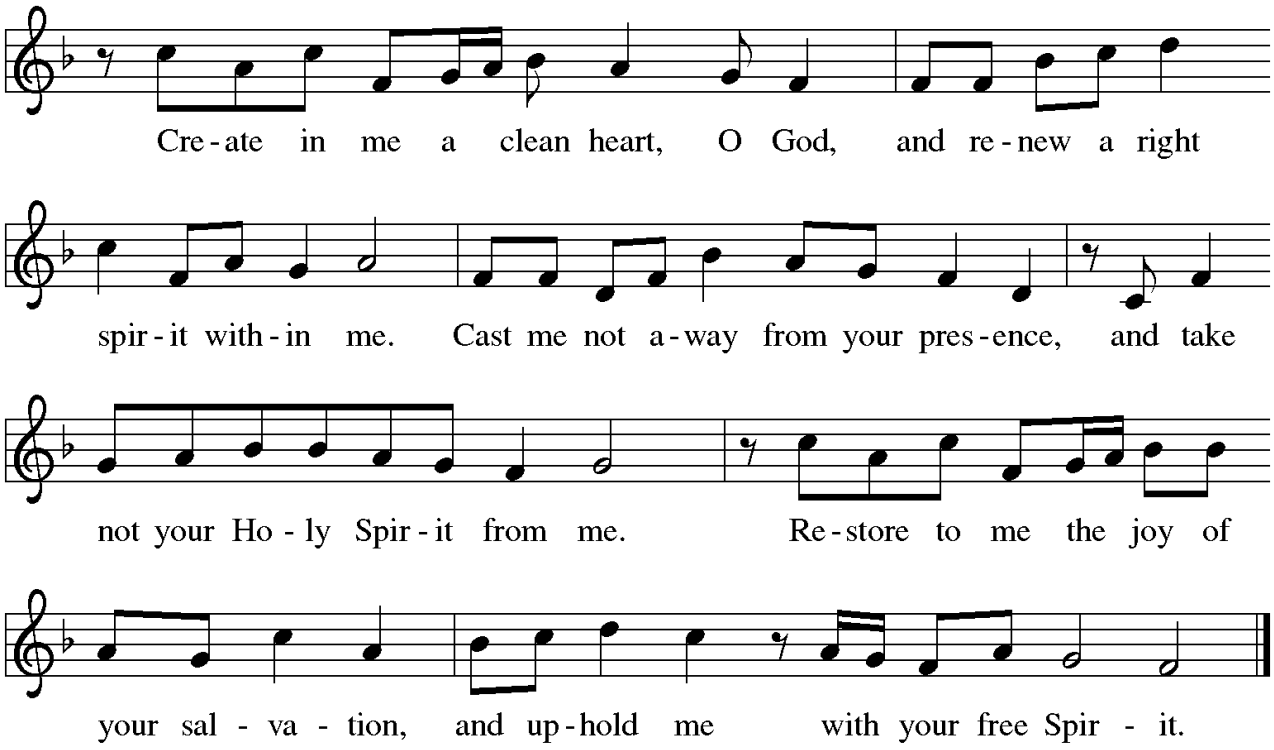
OFFERING 

Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Gabriel's Oboe" Ennio Morricone
from the movie "The Mission"
Lesley Bain, Oboe and *Will Simpson, Organ*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

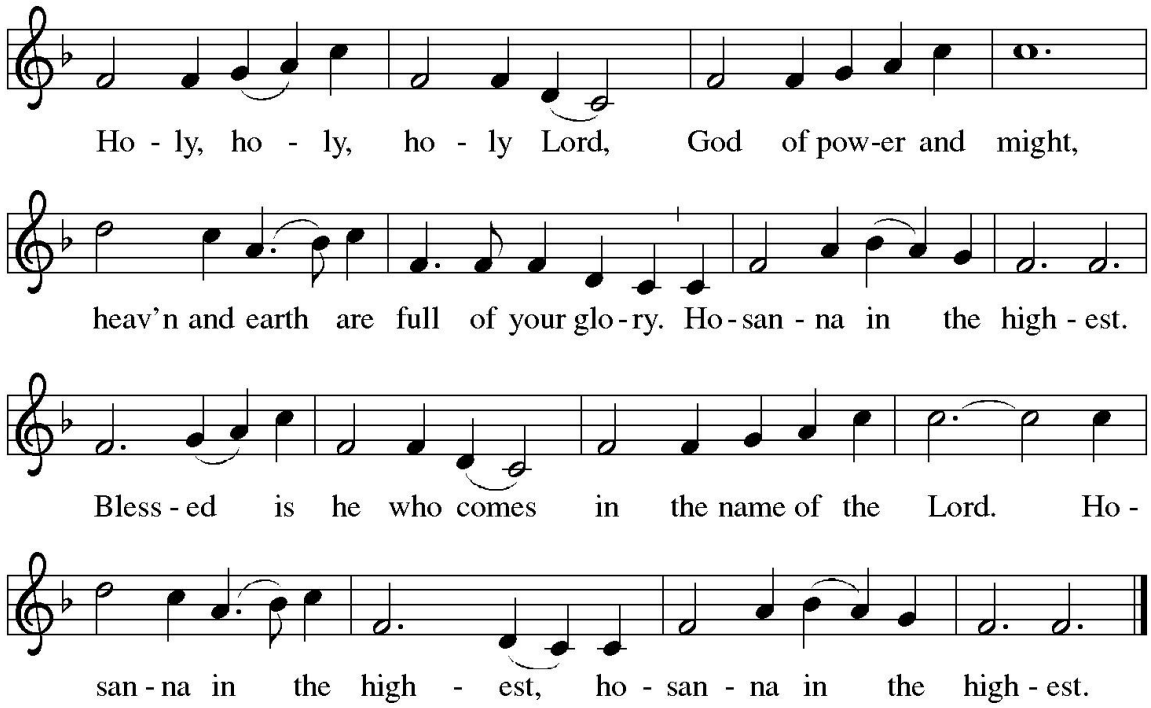
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who *****on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***** *We say "on this day" because we celebrate Easter every Sunday.*

SANCTUS *(Proclaiming God's holiness: the repetition of "Holy" three times emphatically declares God's unique, all-encompassing holiness, a core aspect of God that transcends human understanding.)*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER 

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.
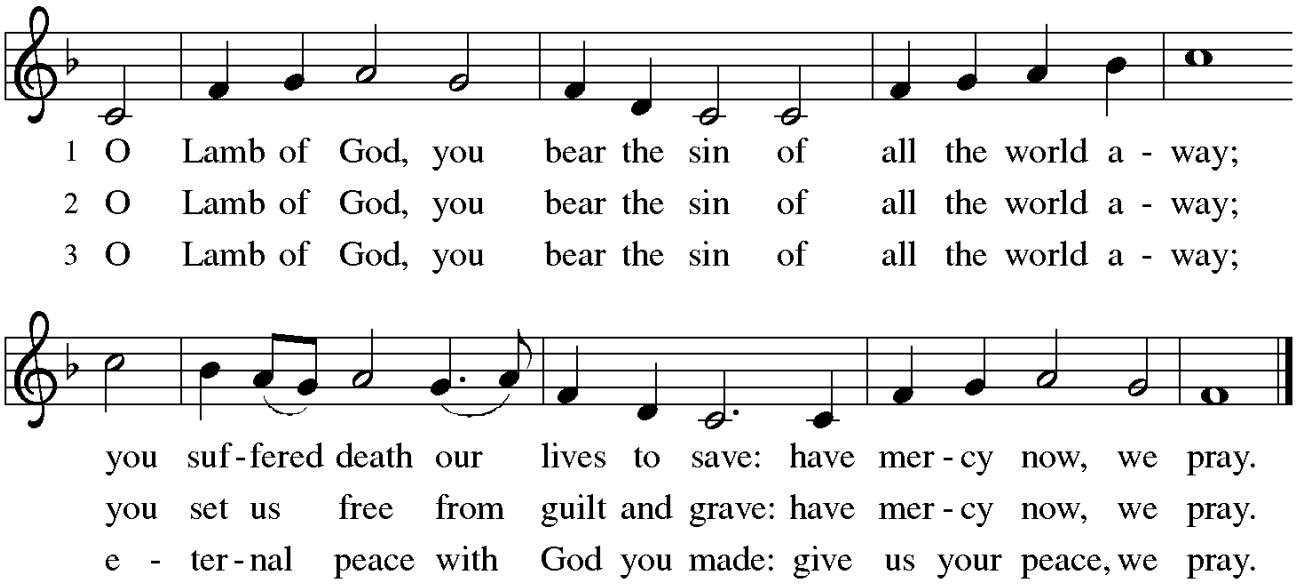
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.
In his name, all are welcome to receive this gift of grace.

Please be seated.

We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord's table.

LAMB OF GOD *(This biblical title for Jesus proclaims that the crucified and risen Christ is the one who takes away the sins of the world and gives us peace.)*
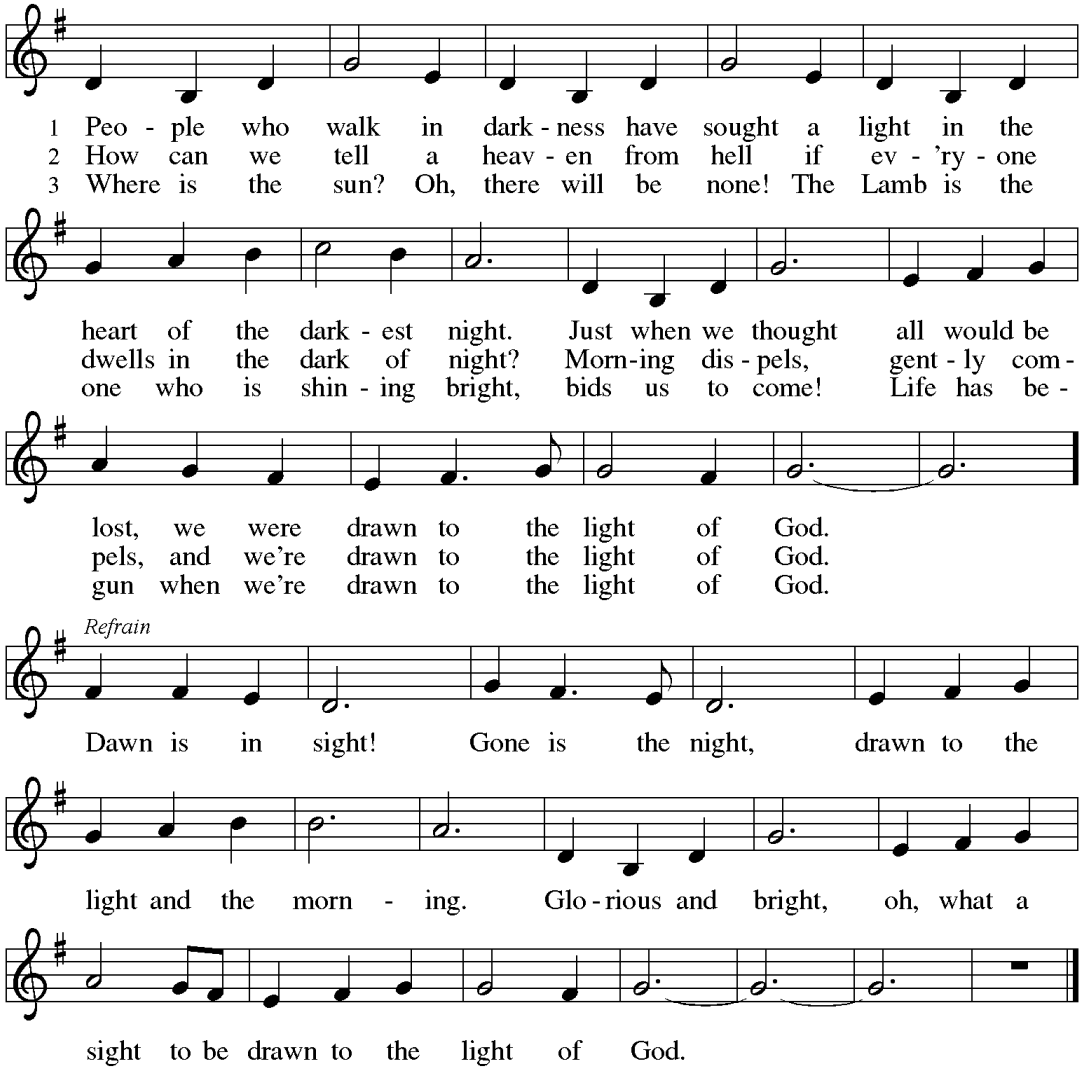


COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.
Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.
Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION MUSIC ***ELW 593***

Drawn to the Light



Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

BLESSING 
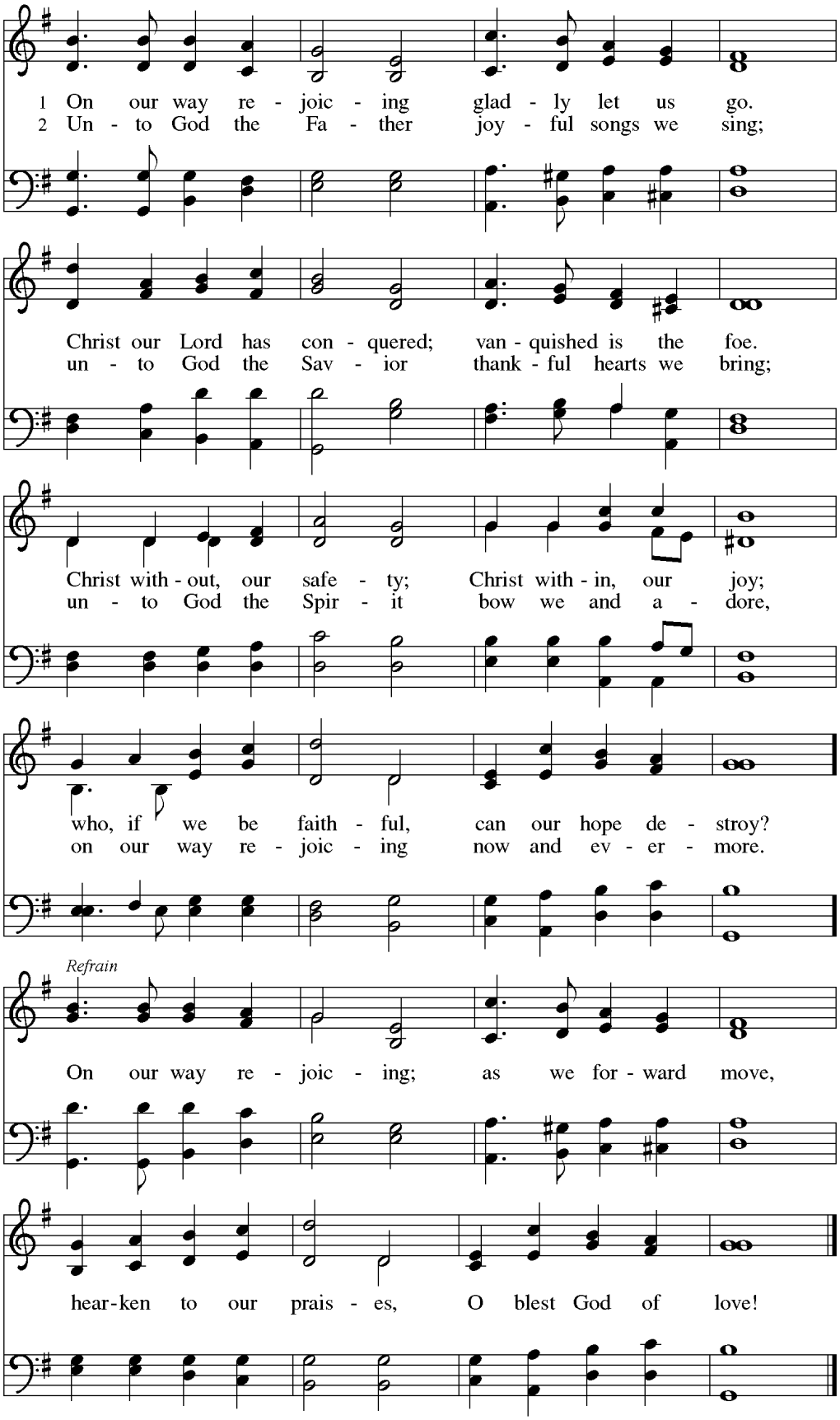
May the God of love draw you into full harmony and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

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

May the God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 537**

On Our Way Rejoicing



SENDING
All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Vanessa Rykaczewski, *Bell Choir Director*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Jean Wahlstrom, *Assisting Minister*
Dave Vossler, *Lector*
Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*
Art Gurtel and Shana Nielsen, *Ushers*
Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*
Johannes Grad, *Livestream Video*
Melanie Grad, *Audio*
Joyce and Brady Kasper, *Greeters*
Jay Baxter, *Coffee host*

Readings for November 15
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Matthew 25:14-30

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2027 Council Member Recruitment

The 2027 Nominating Committee is currently working to identify candidates for the 2027 Congregation Council election at our next annual meeting , January 31, 2027. Please consider recommending candidates you think would be good leaders to serve on the Council. Recommendations should be made by completing a "Nominating Request Form" available in the Narthex and placing it in the collection box located there or by speaking with a member of the Nominating Committee *(Peter Cornwell – Chair, Joyce Arnold, Carol Bostic, Joyce Nelson, & Veda Moretti*). The deadline for receiving suggested nominations is **November 15th,** 2026. If you have questions, please talk with any member of the committee.

Youth News:

We have 19 youth and 5 adults from our ELCC churches going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. Woohoo!!

Our first fundraiser is a Rummage Sale on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9-3pm at Mt Si Lutheran Church in North Bend, WA. Go-Shop-Support!!

Check out more on their Website: Fall Rummage Sale | Mt Si Lutheran Church | Eastside Lutheran Church Community

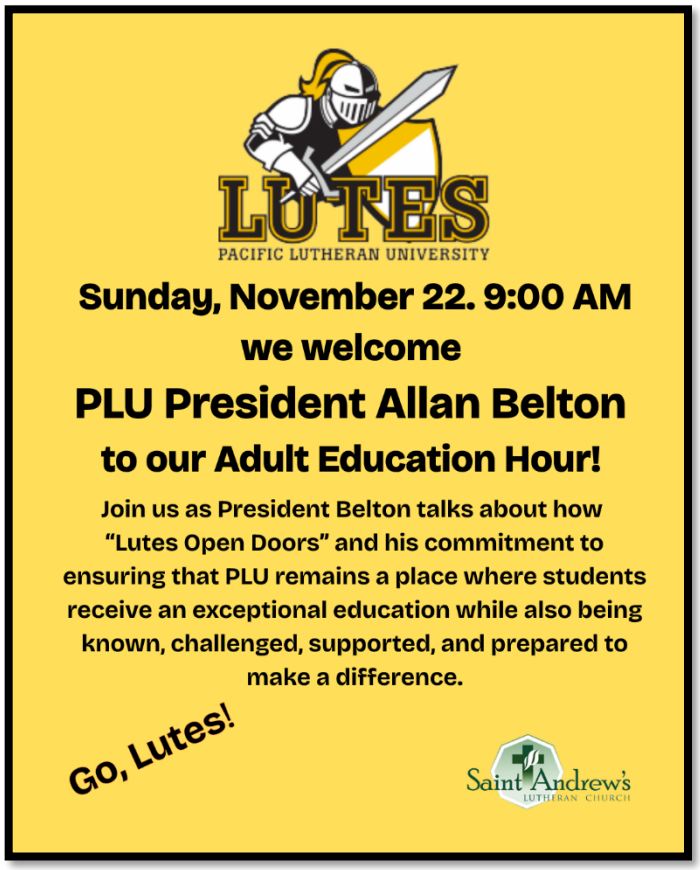


Stewardship: Commitment Sunday is Nov 15

Commitment Sunday is when we ask everyone to turn in their annual pledge for the coming year. Here is this week's Stewardship homework assignment to help get you ready:

1) Check out all the ongoing Ministries on the Saint Andrews Website. Outreach | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church .
2) Watch for more information on how to prepare and submit your annual giving pledge, in both your email and regular mailbox.





ORDER TODAY! A good scout knows to 'be prepared' and OUR scouts (Cub pack 673) Luke and Daniel Davis are in the Narthex on TODAY taking your Christmas wreath orders!! So *Be Prepared* to order!



No O.W.L.S. in November

As many of you may know, our Sherry recently had some emergency surgery. While she is recovering, we are adjusting to some of the events she leads. Like ***"Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints"*** **O.W.L.S.** So, **there is NO O.W.L.S. lunch in November**. Please keep Sherry in your prayers as she recovers.

Calendar

Sunday, November 8
9:00 AM Adult Education, *Faith & Civic Engagement*
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 9
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, online
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day – Office closed

Thursday, November 12
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15
Stewardship Sunday
9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM KnitWits
12:30 PM Acolyte Meeting, Online
4:00 PM Shared Confirmation Class

Monday, November 16
1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, online
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18
12:00 PM ELCC Pastor's Meeting

Thursday, November 19
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 20
6:00 PM Sock Samuri

Saturday, November 21

Sunday, November 22
9:00 AM Adult Education, *PLU President Belton*
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

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Andrew Camrud, Facilities Set-up
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We welcome your support of our ministry. You can give online using the QR code.

Reconciling in Christ

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