Sunday, November 15, 2026
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM





For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
Matthew 25:29



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

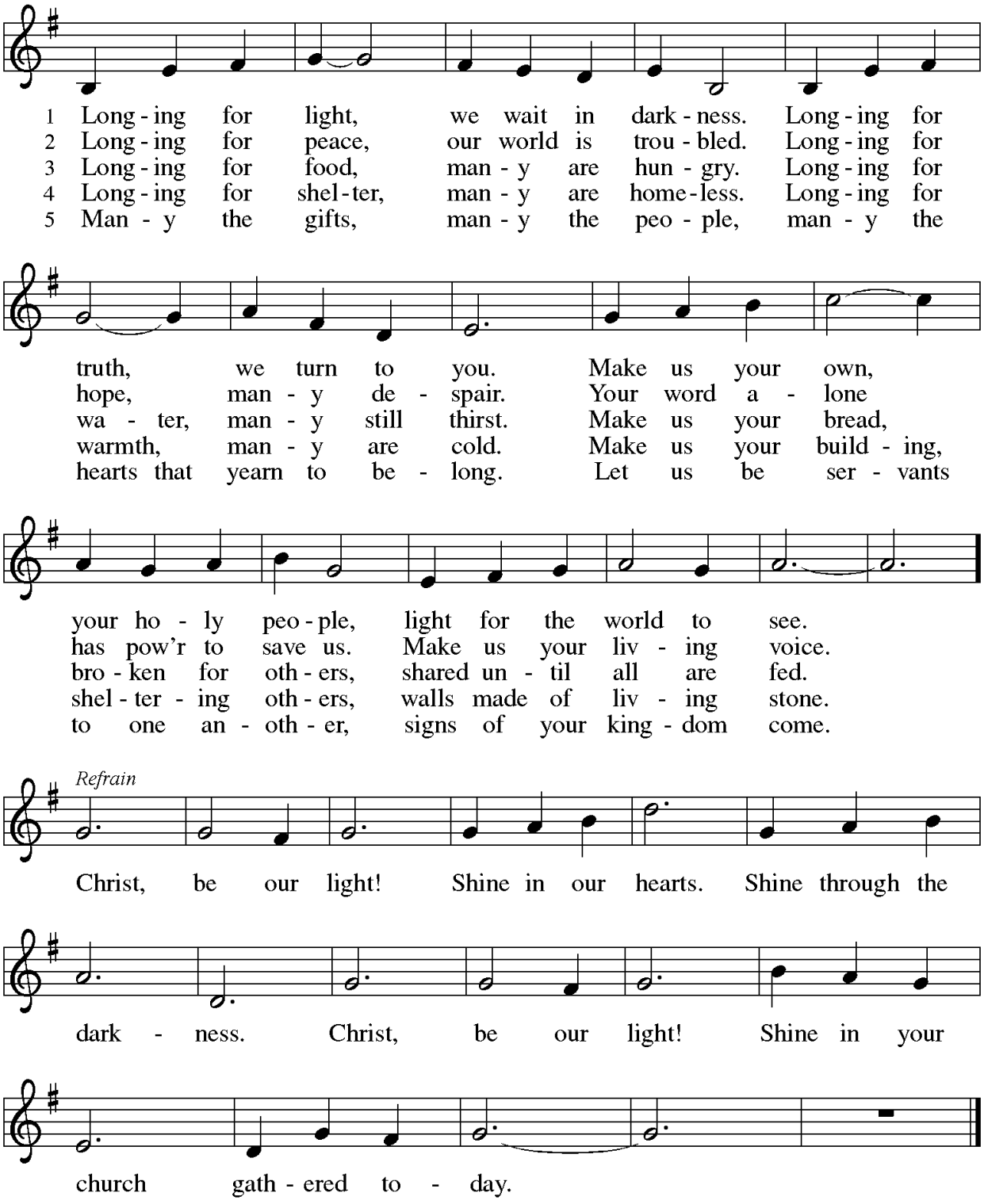
Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

PRELUDE "Larghetto" William Boyce
Will Simpson, Organ

WELCOME  Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

Christ, Be Our Light
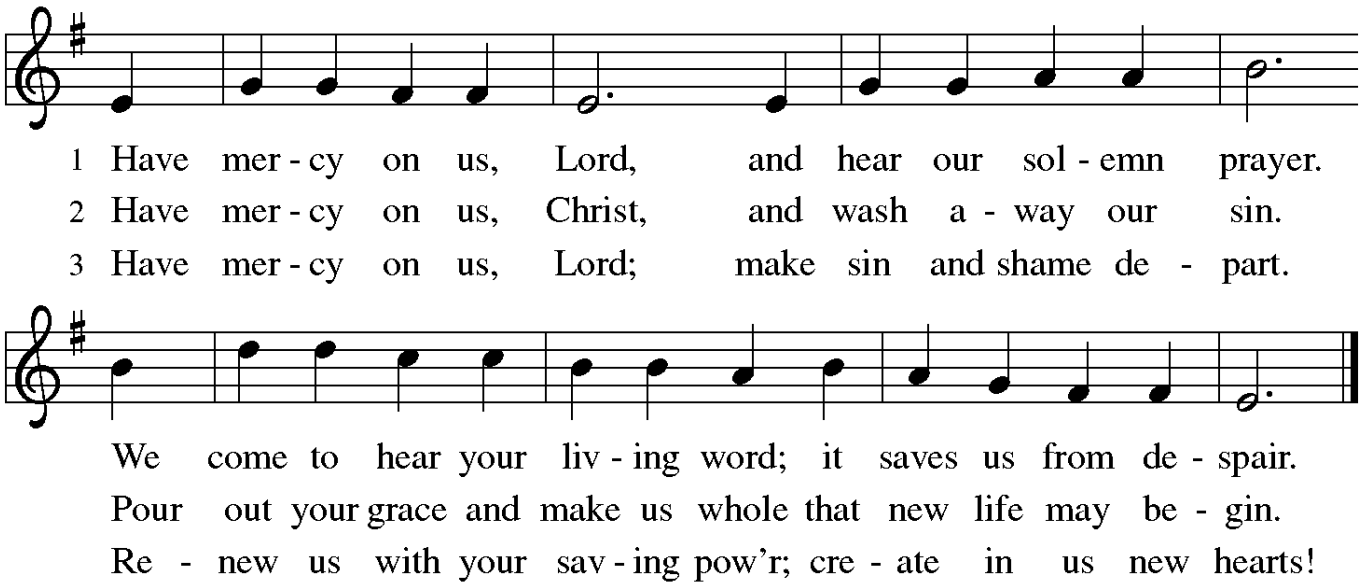


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

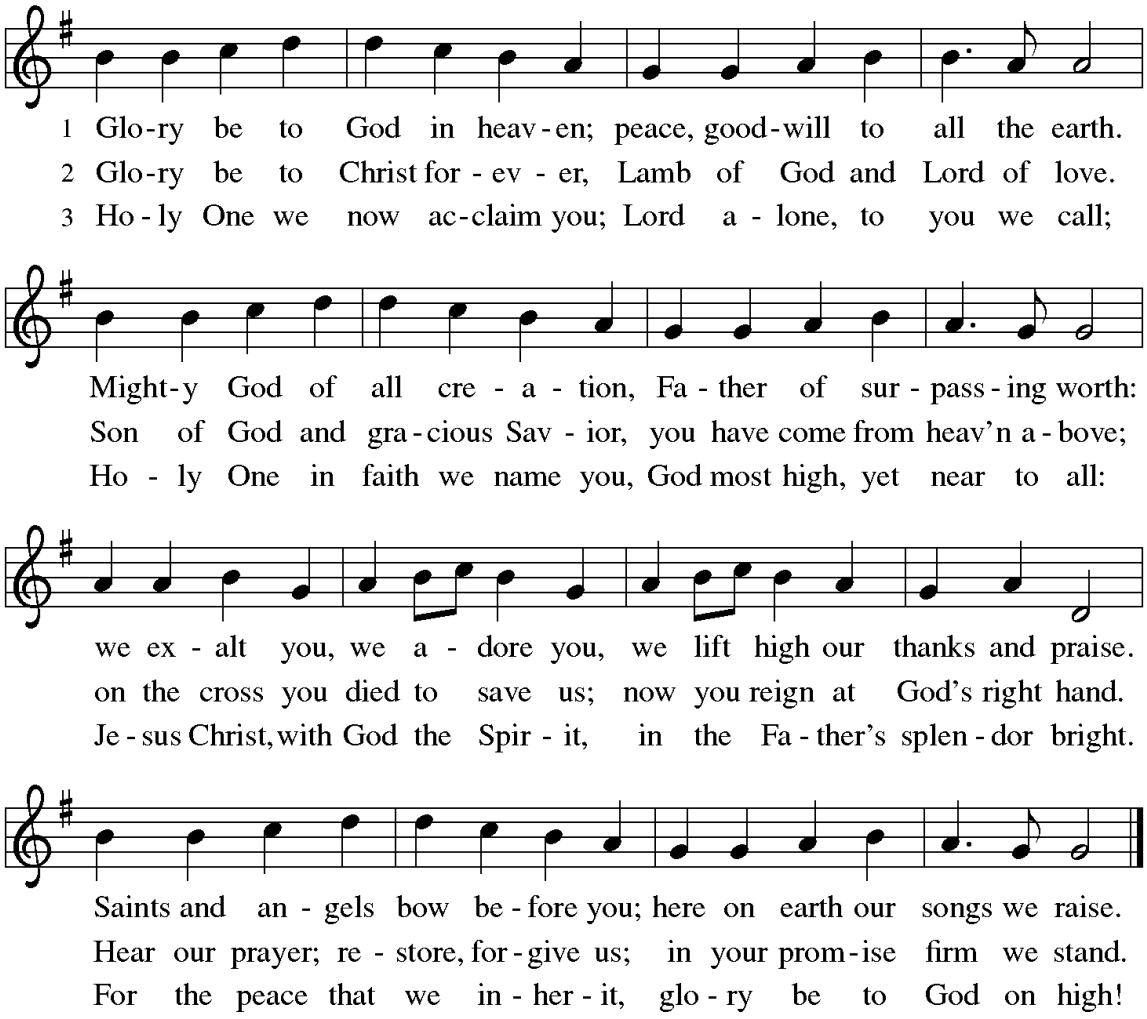
GREETING

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. Righteous God,
our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES  Pastor Lara

You will find the Gospel story in your Spark Story Bible page 316.

WORD



First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

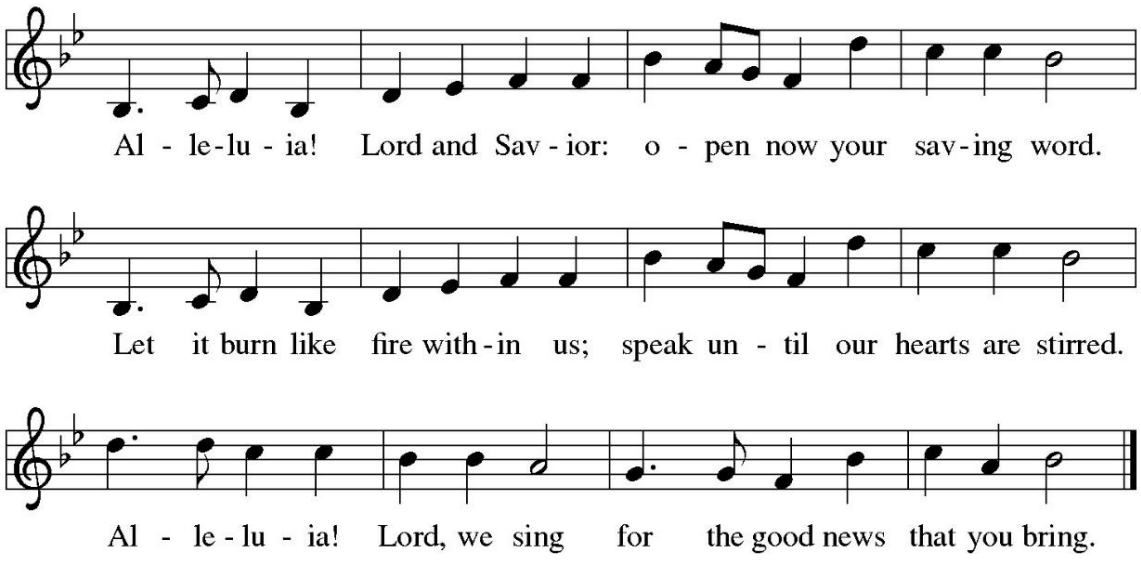
Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth 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.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
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,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 25:14-30

[Jesus continued, saying:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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 688***

Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out - ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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 

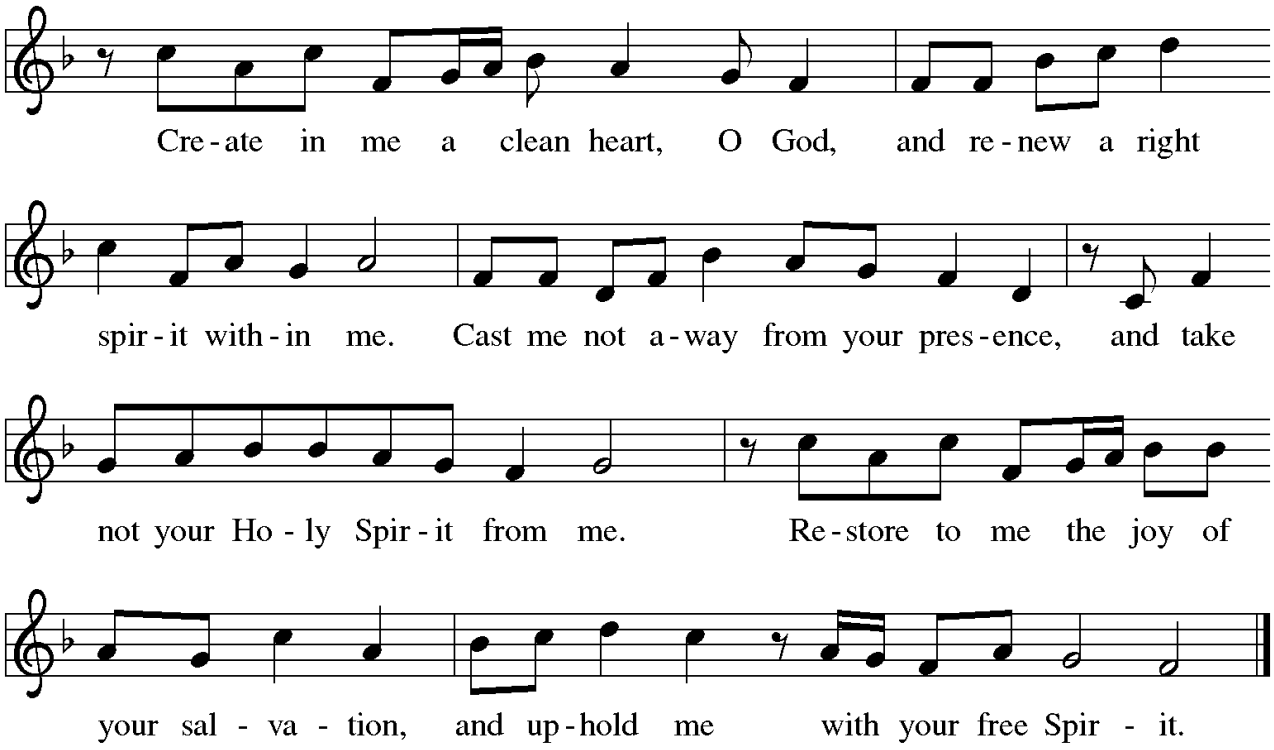
Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Thank Song" Johann A. P. Schultz
arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Saint Andrew's Handbell Choir

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.

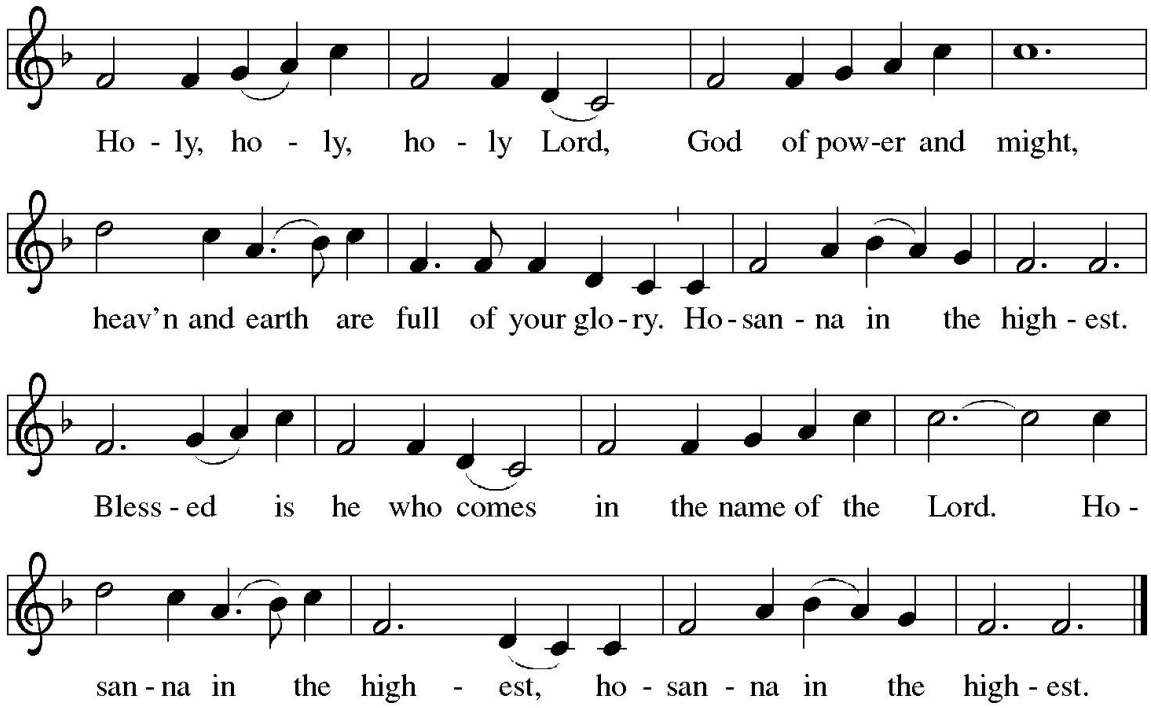
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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.
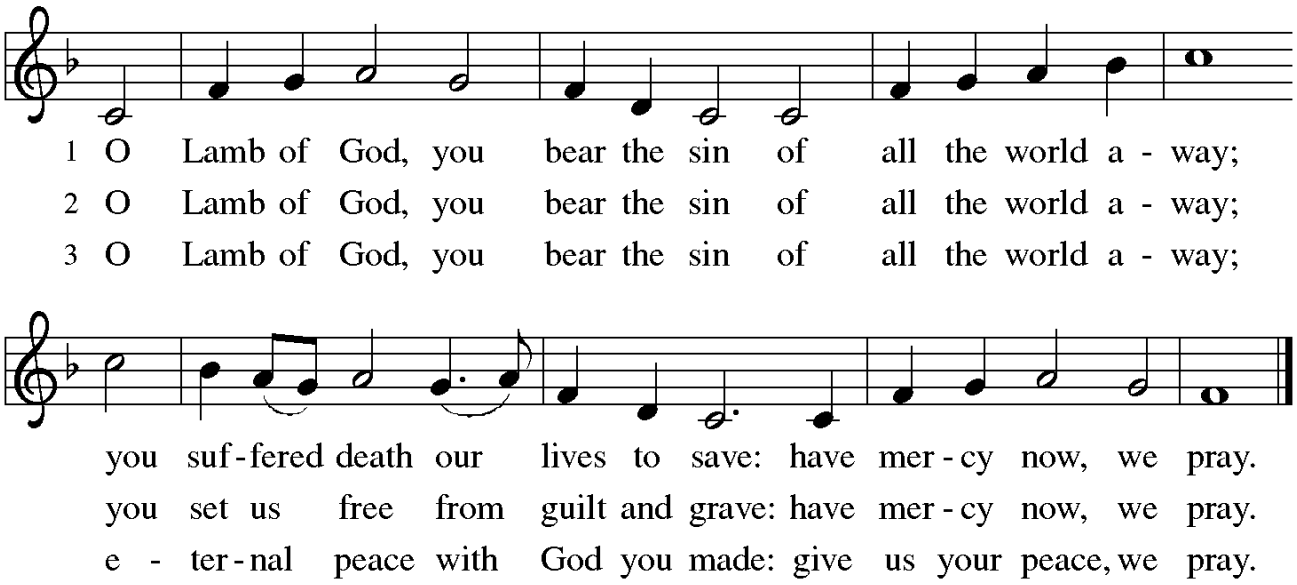
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.)*
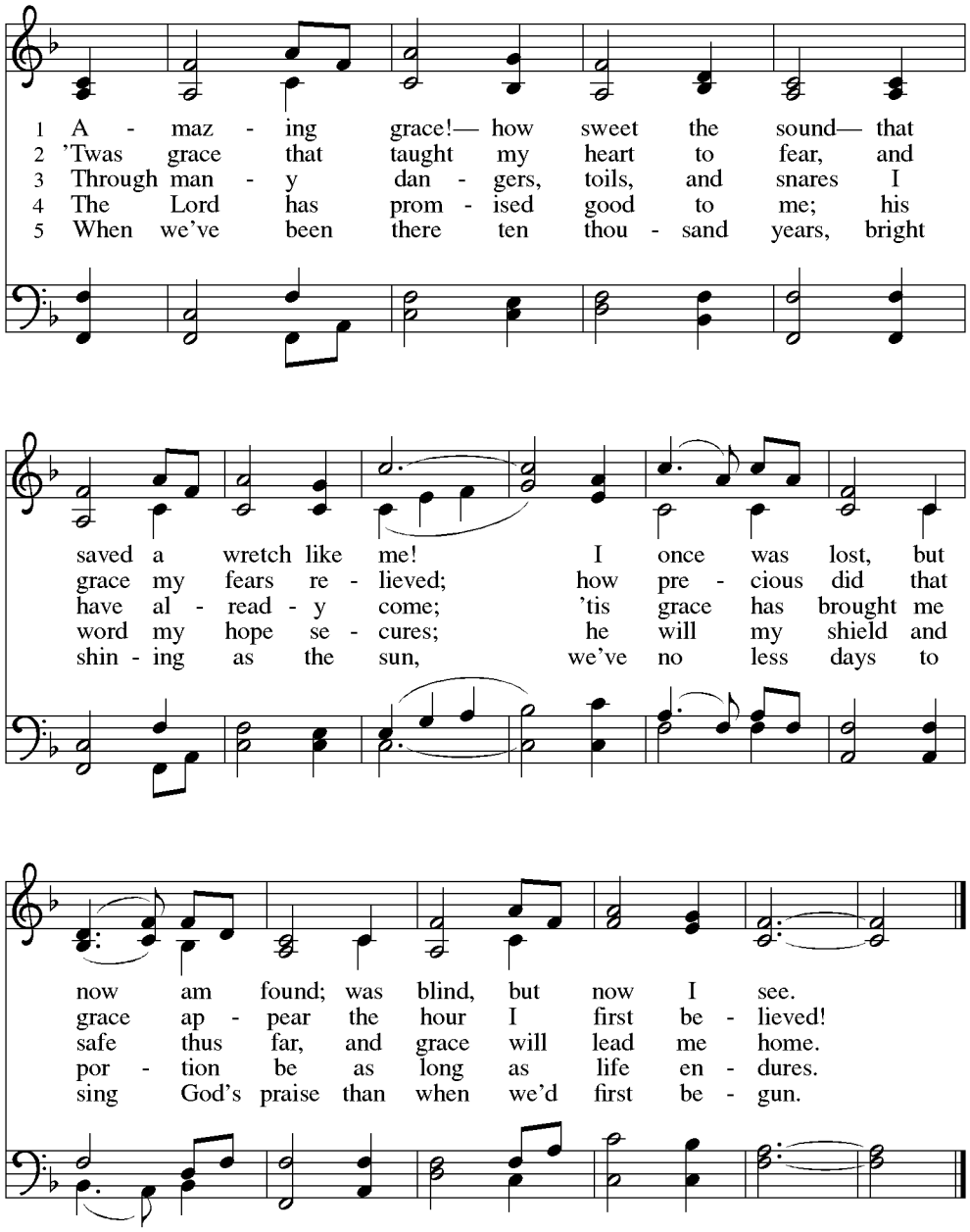




COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. 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 779***

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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 

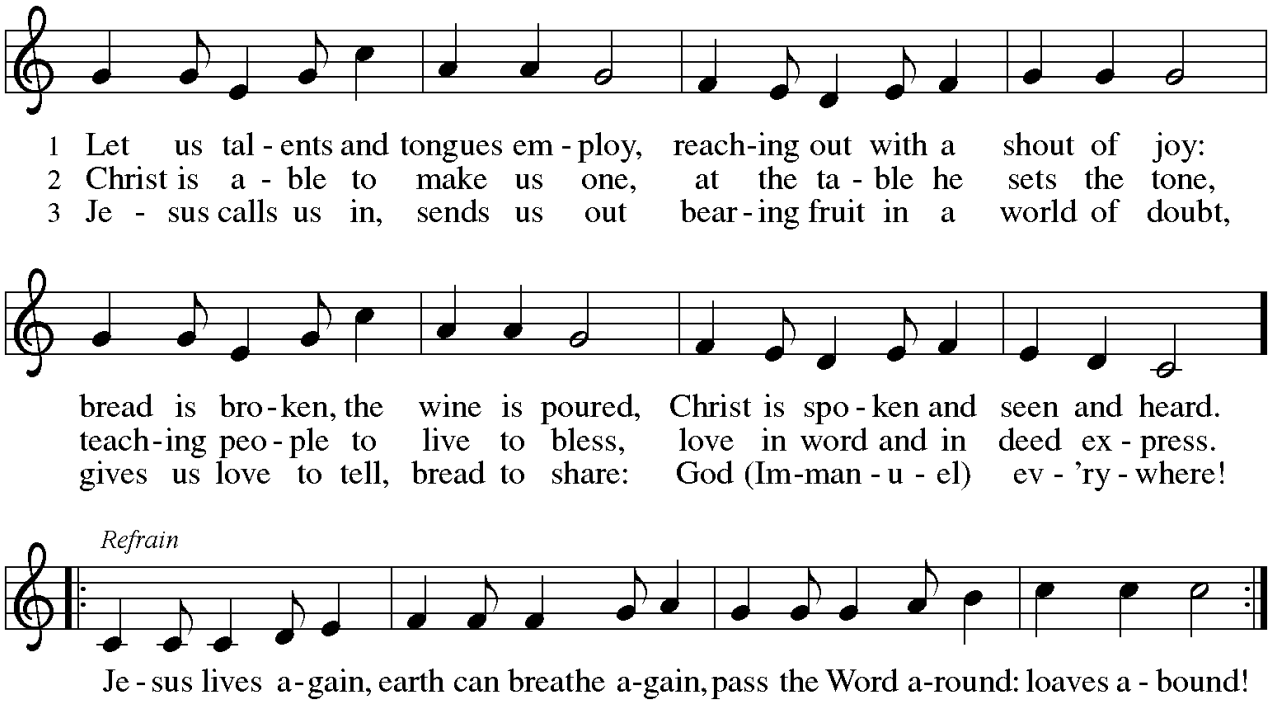
May the God of love draw you into full harmony and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

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 674***

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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 "Now Thank We All Our God" from Cantata 79 J.S. Bach
arr. Virgil Fox

Will Simpson, Organ

The flowers today are given by Gale Baullinger
in honor of our King County Medics and Firefighters.

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*
Amy Baro, *Assisting Minister*
Carol Schneider, *Lector*
Luke Davis, *Acolyte*
Erik and Shana Nielsen, *Ushers*
Debbie Johnson and JoAn Eklof, *Altar Guild*
Dianne Chong, *Livestream Video*
Sharon Gurtel, *Audio*
Hal and Carolynn Ferris, *Greeters*
Terri Anderson, *Coffee host*

Readings for November 22
Reign of Christ Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25:31-46

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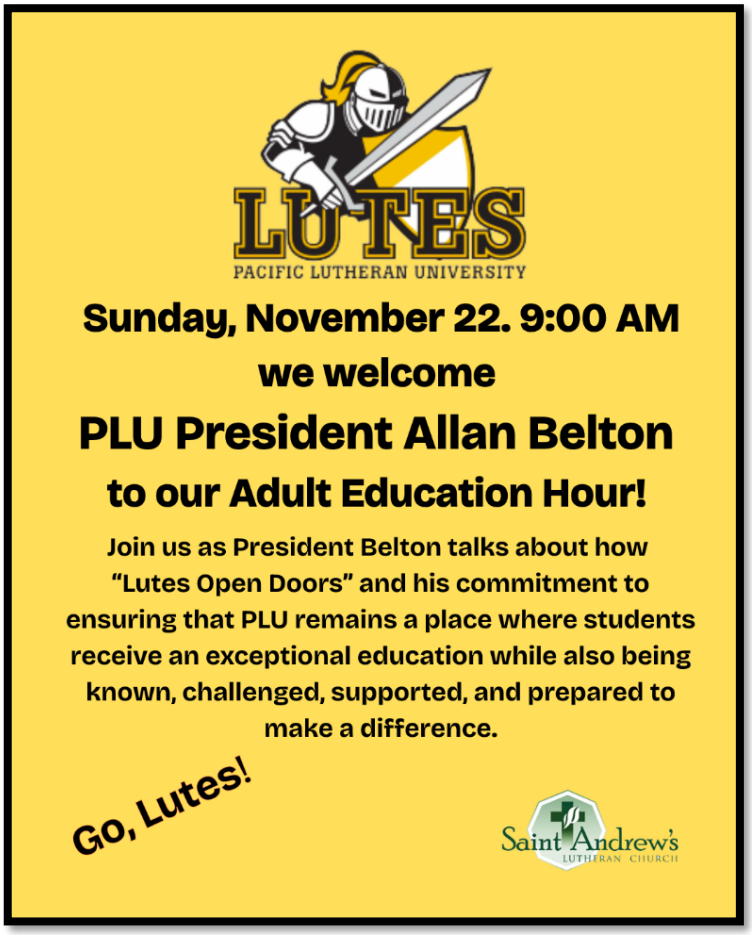
Stewardship: Commitment Sunday

Today is **Commitment Sunday,** when we ask everyone one to bring their 2027 pledge cards to with them to church and put them in the offering plate. By now you should have received information via both and email and a USPS This year you can get the all the same information and submit your pledge on line with this QR code.





Look for the Craft Bag shopping list in the Narthex!!



Calendar

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

Monday, November 23

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
6:00 PM	ELF Meeting, online

Tuesday, November 24

8:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 PM	Sophia Way Lunch supplies drop off

Wednesday, November 25

10:30 AM	Sophia Way Lunch delivery
2:00 PM	The Weatherly Worship Service

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving! Office is closed

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28

10:00 AM	Altar Guild Decorate Christmas Treet
	Advent Fair Set Up

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM	Advent Fair
10:00 AM	Worship
6:00 PM	ELCC Advent Worship, St. Luke's Bellevue

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