# St. Paul Lutheran Church

*Yorktown, Texas*




## Saturday and Sunday
## Holy Communion Services
## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
## November 15, 2026

Silent Prayer

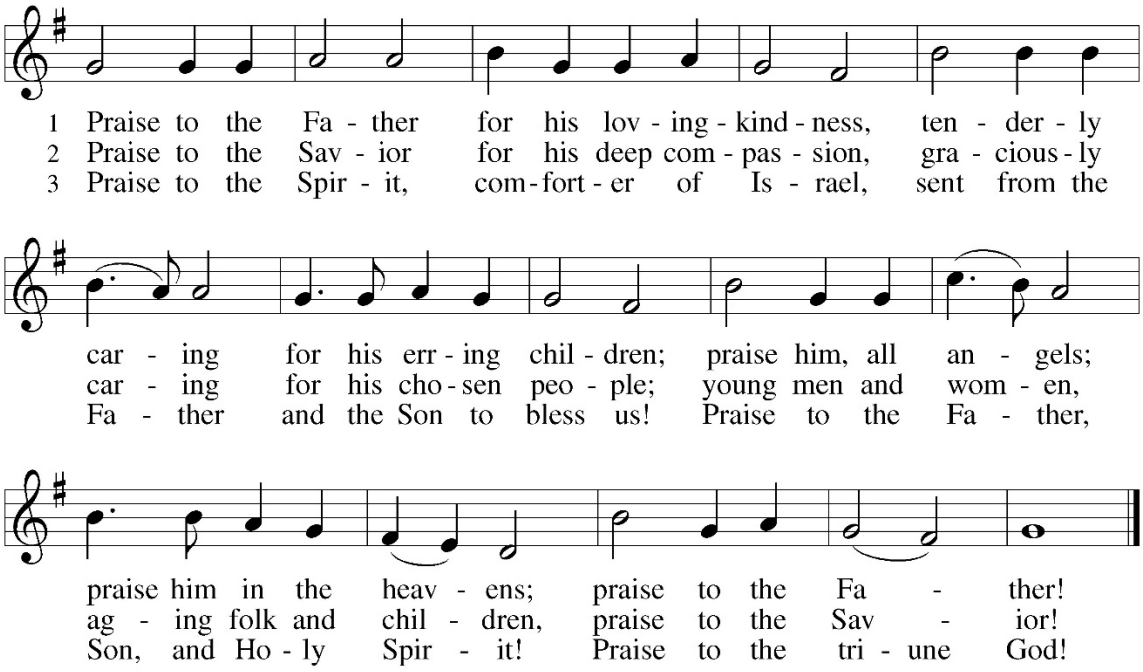
Welcome, Lord Jesus. You are the reason we are gathered here. As you entered Jerusalem long ago, come into the temple of our hearts and minds just now. If need be, turn a few tables upside down to bring us right-side up. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** ***Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance.*** *(*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***GATHERING HYMN** "Praise to the Father" **LBW # 517**

## Praise to the Father




Text: Elizabeth R. Charles, 1828–1896
Music: FLEMMING, Friedrich F. Flemming, 1778–1813

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.

**C: He was, He is, and He is to come.**

L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

**C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.**

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

**C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**

L: By His blood He purchased for God

**C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

L: Christ made of them a kingdom

**C: and priest to serve our God.**

L: And they shall reign on earth forever.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C**: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**
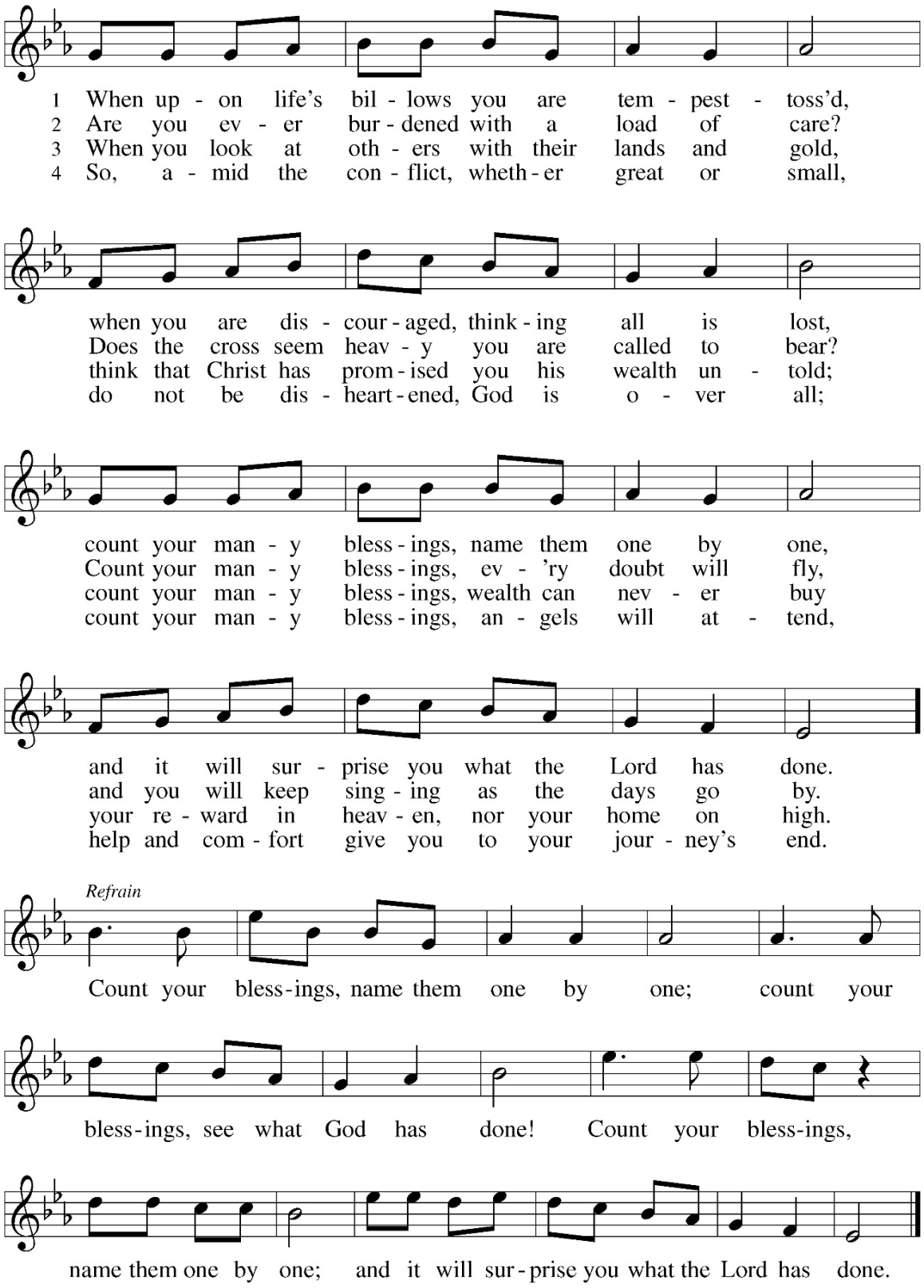
P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of immeasurable, eternal worth — faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life, walking wet daily and responding with abandon to your gracious gifts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Count Your Blessings" **RW # 231**

# When Upon Life's Billows

## *Count Your Blessings*




Text: Johnson Oatman Jr., 1856–1922
Music: BLESSINGS, Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921

**<u>FIRST LESSON</u>: Zephaniah 1:7-16**

Lector: A reading from _____.

[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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 90:1-12**

[1]LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
**[2]Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
[3]You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
**[4]For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**
[5]You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
**[6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
[7]For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
**[8]You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
[9]For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
**[10]The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
[11]Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
**[12]So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

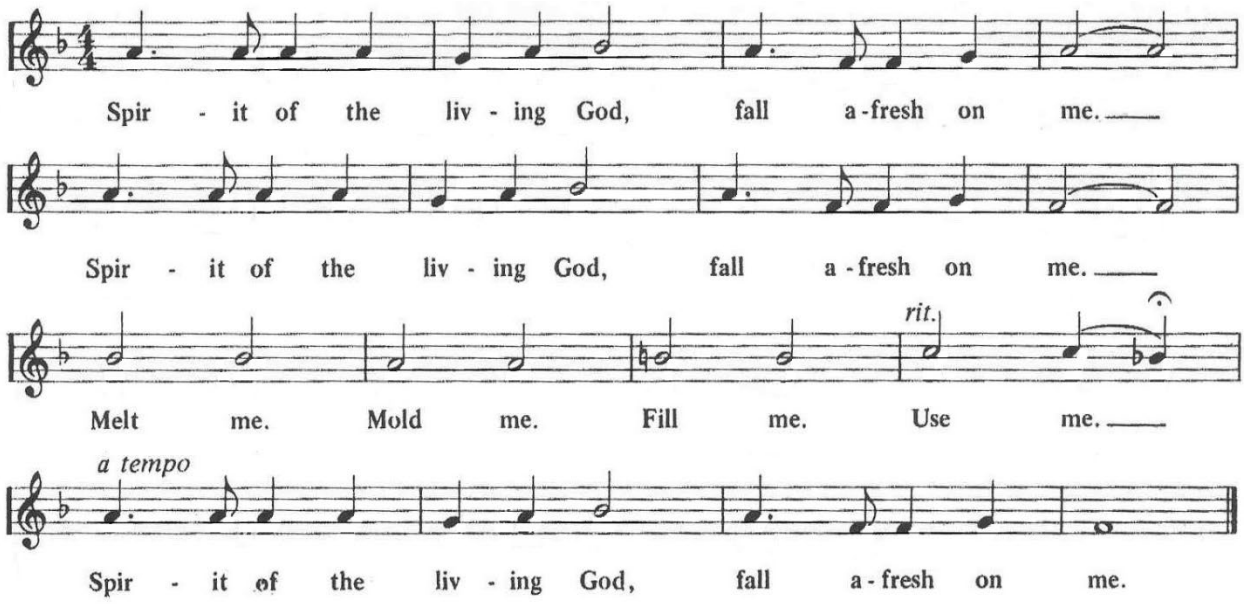
**SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Lector: A reading from _____.

[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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## *<u>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</u>




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## *<u>GOSPEL:</u> Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____ , the ____ chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**.

[14]{Jesus said to the disciples,} "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And 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.' [21]His 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.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' [23]His 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 sown 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.’”
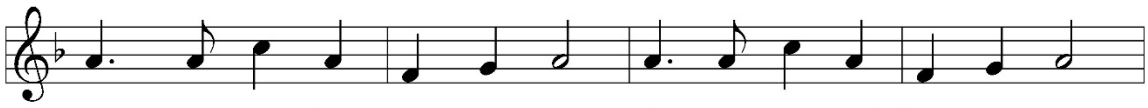
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**
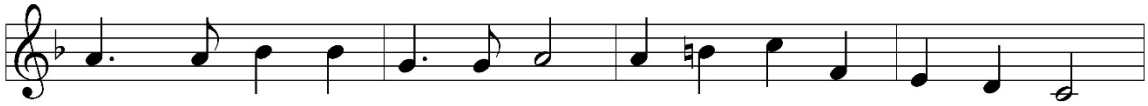
**SERMON**

**HYMN of the DAY** “Come, You Thankful People Come” **LBW # 407**
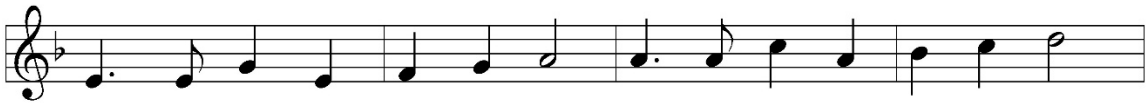
# Come, You Thankful People, Come
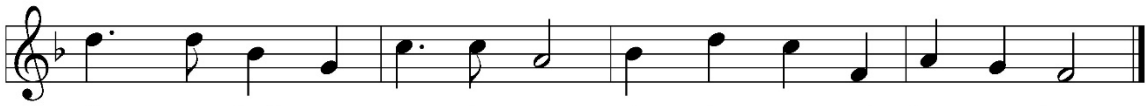


1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***<u>CONFESSION OF FAITH</u>**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**
**eternally begotten of the Father,**
**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**
**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**
**Through Him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;**
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**
**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**
**He suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**
**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**
**and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
**With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.**
**He has spoken through the prophets.**
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**
**We look for the resurrection + of the dead,**
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**
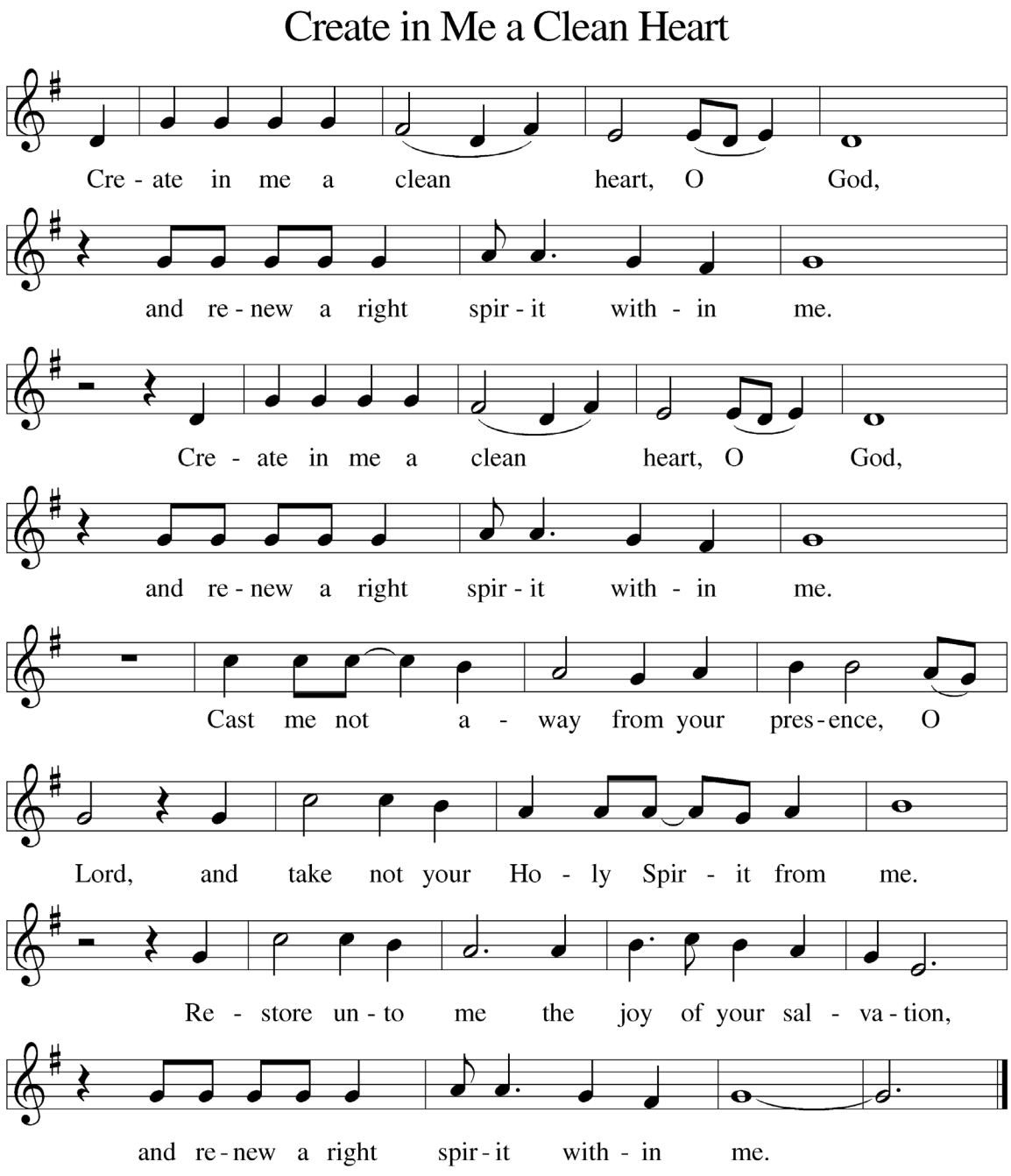
***<u>PRAYERS</u>**

P: … Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**<u>OFFERING</u>**

## *OFFERTORY




Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

## *OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

**C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

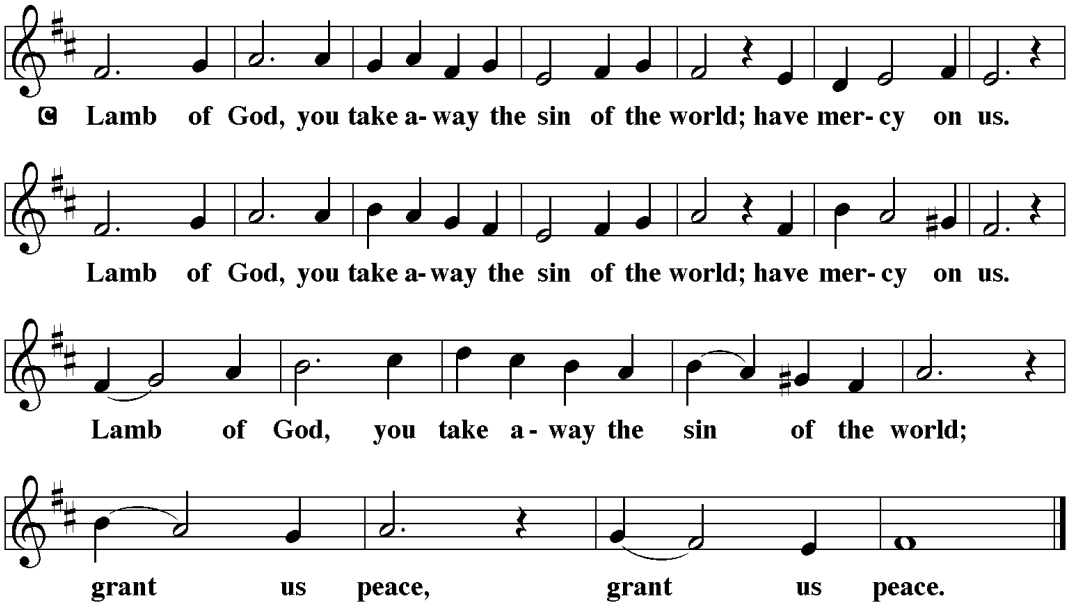
***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS**

*All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMN***: "Lamb of God"*




**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**
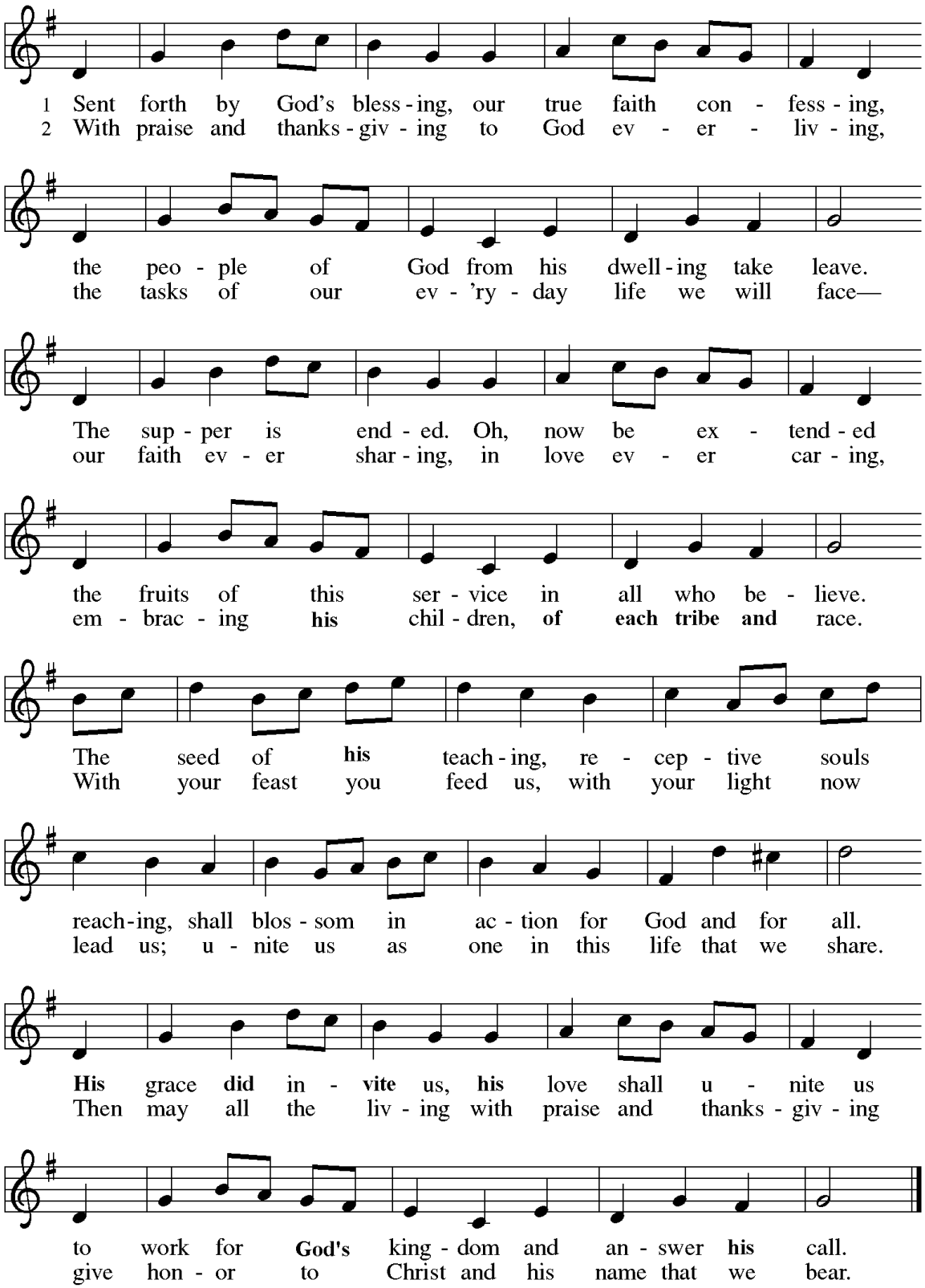
***BLESSING**

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.

**C: Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **LBW # 221**

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing




Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN
## 25th Sunday after Pentecost – Thankoffering Service
## Sunday, November 15, 2026

**HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**November 15, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**
**25th Sunday after Pentecost – Thankoffering Service**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W. Muehlbrad
**Reader:** Johanna Warwas
**Acolytes:** Abigail & Bailey Gaus
**Children's Sermon:** Karen Dueser
**Musicians: Saturday:** Luellen Smiley
**Sunday**: Luellen Smiley
**Saturday Altar Guild:** Luellen Smiley

**November 22, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**
**Christ the King**

**Presiding Minister:** Tim W. Muehlbrad
**Reader:** Johanna Warwas
**Acolytes:** Gwen & Hannah Kneese
**Children's Sermon:** Karen Dueser
**Musicians: Saturday:** Beverly Bruns
**Sunday**: Beverly Bruns
**Saturday Altar Guild:** Laura Kaiser

**Helping with Worship during the month of November:**
**Head Usher:** Jay Heil
**Ushers:** Jason Bloch, Wryston Fischer, Chris Gohmert, Allen Machost
**Saturday Usher**: Albert Metting
**Sunday Altar Guild:** Penny Sievers & Miranda Rohan

**KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:**
Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE** Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

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| Grant, Madison & Holland Austin | Kathryn Gloor | Kurt Norrell |
| Joe Barnes | Nancy Guidry | Leticia Pena |
| Carlton Bolting | Rosa Horton | Mallie Stanchos |
| Wade Bolting | Keith Ibrom | Travis & Natalie Thamm |
| Margie Bolting | Joanna Ivy | Gary Turner |
| David Brucker | Kate Janis | Linda Turner |
| Virgina Buesing | Clinton Kaiser | Sherry Weatherred |
| Hank Bush | Elaine Malina | Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen |
| Lesley & Audrey Coleman | Lin Migura | Sydney Williams |
| Jeff Constable | Carole Mueller | Chandler Vaclavik |

**ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

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| **Sunday (15th)** | 9:00 am | **Thankoffering Service** |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 am | Confirmation |
| | 11:30 am | Thankoffering Meal |
| **Monday (16th)** | | **Newsletter Deadline** |
| **Tuesday (17th)** | 9:30 am | Do-Day |
| **Wednesday (18th)** | 9:15 am | TLG Chapel |
| | 5:30 pm | Guitar Lessons |
| | **6:00 – 8:00 pm** | **Family Movie Night** |
| **Saturday (20th)** | 5:00 pm | Worship with Holy Communion – Sanctuary |
| **Sunday (22nd)** | 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |

****Terry & Alison will be on vacation November 22nd – 27th**

**SYMPATHY** - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Gerald Allison. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to his family and friends as Gerald joins the Church Triumphant.

**PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE** Help us fill our classroom with holiday cheer! Our Preschool students would love to receive holiday cards from near & far. Please send holiday cards to: The Learning Garden, Attn: Preschool Classroom, 234 N. Gohmert St. Suite B, Yorktown, TX 78164

**STRONG AND COURAGEOUS BOOK** If you received a Study Book for the WOC "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study and haven't paid for it, please do so soon. **The cost is $10.00 per book.**

**IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA!** Deadline to order Poinsettias is Sunday, November 22, 2026. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and Educational Building.

**THANKOFFERING**:
The Women of the Church will celebrate our annual Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 15, 2026. This year, a third of our Thankoffering will go to each of the following: NALC Disaster Response, Yorktown EMS and YAM. Please prayerfully give what you can to support these ministries. We will accept your offering until December 6, 2026. You may use a pew envelope or designate your check with Thankoffering. Please give generously.

**THANKOFFERING MEAL:**
November 15, 2026, Christian Life will prepare a turkey and sweet potato casserole. We ask that the congregation please bring a dessert to go with the turkey casserole. Serving will begin after Sunday School at 11:15.

**YOUTH SPORTS COURT:**
We have reached our goal to fund the youth sport court by generous donations and youth fund raising projects, but we are still receiving donations to install lighting and sport equipment. If you would like to donate, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**:
The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill the elected positions in our congregation. There are two council positions to be filled (Treasurer and Outreach Committee chair), five positions for Nominating Committee, two positions for the Scholarship Committee, three positions for the Endowment Committee, one position for the Audit Committee, and three Convocation delegates. Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions; however, if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members (Boyd Weise, Pam Hoefling, Jay Heil, Luellen Smiley, Don Wieland, and Allen Leist).

**Upcoming Christian Life Events:**
November 15, 2026 – Thankoffering Service
December 13, 2026 – Christmas Feast

**Upcoming Youth and Family Events:**
November 18, 2026 – Outdoor Family Movie Night
December 13, 2026 – Children's Christmas Program

**AREA EVENTS**

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