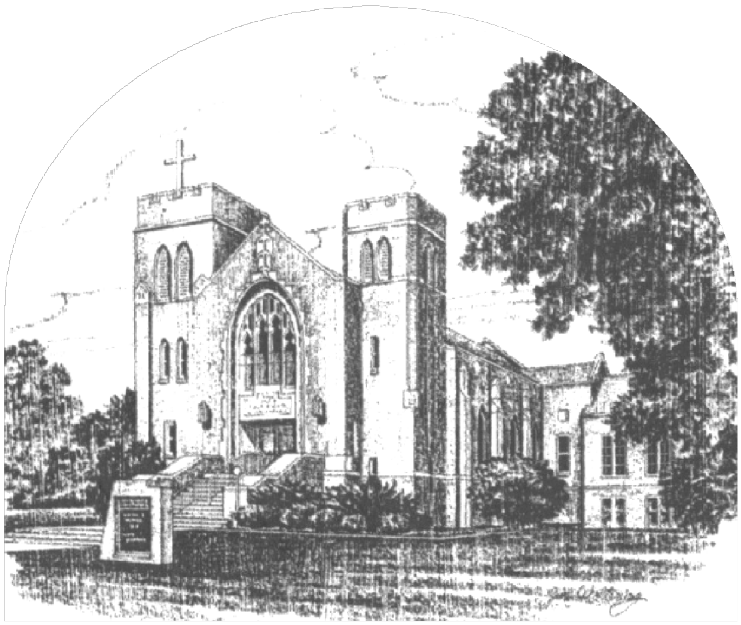
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Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
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Silent Prayer

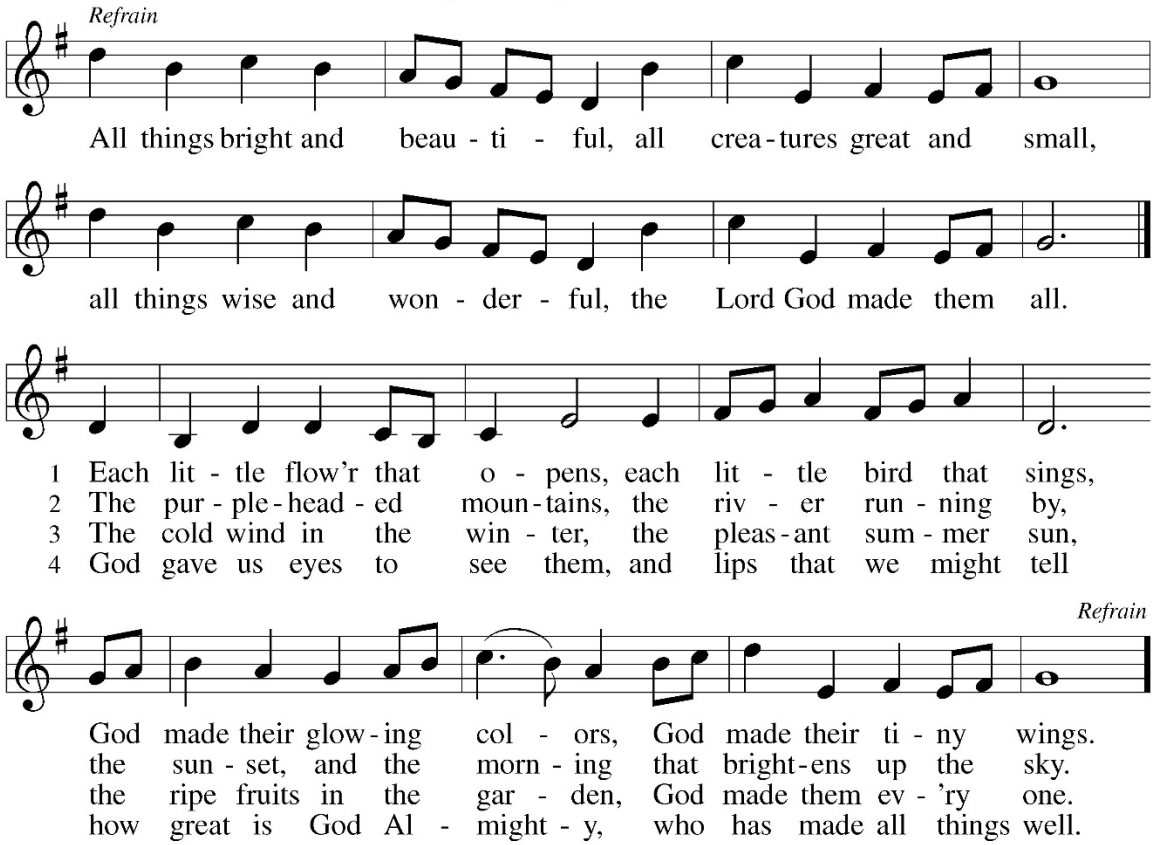
Shepherd us, O God. You who care about the lost and the least - seeking, finding, carrying them home - we cannot help but enter into your joy. You call us together. "*Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost*," you tell us. Forgive us when we hold back and grumble our way through your grace and mercy. Keep seeking and finding us! In your name we pray. 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** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **WOV #767**

All Things Bright and Beautiful



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

***<u>GREETING and DIALOGUE</u>**

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.

***<u>CONFESSION OF SIN</u>**

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.

***<u>PRAYER OF THE DAY</u>**

P: The Lord be with you.

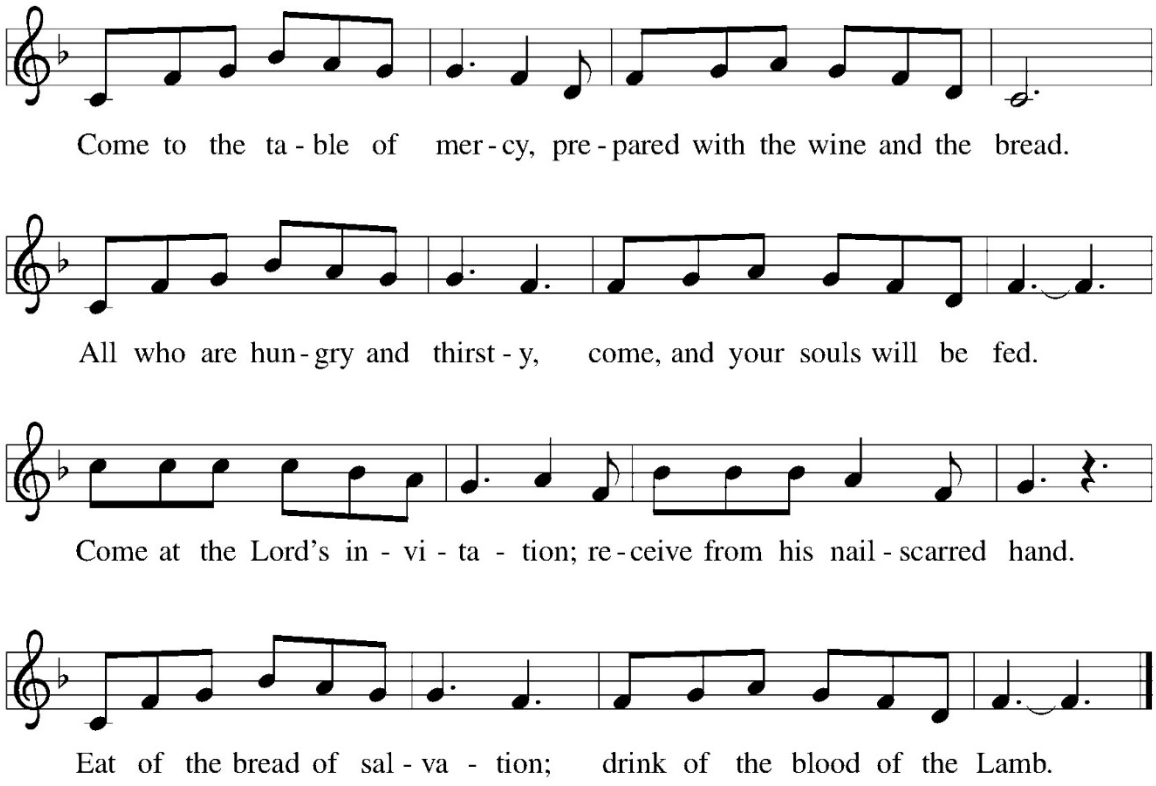
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God of light and life, through your most Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need, that all may know of your justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

<u>HYMN</u> "Come to the Table" (2x) **RW # 174**

Come to the Table



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Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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<u>FIRST LESSON</u>: Amos 5:18-24

Lector: A reading from _____.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 70

[1]Make haste, O God, to deliver 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 delight in my hurt!
[3]Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
[5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

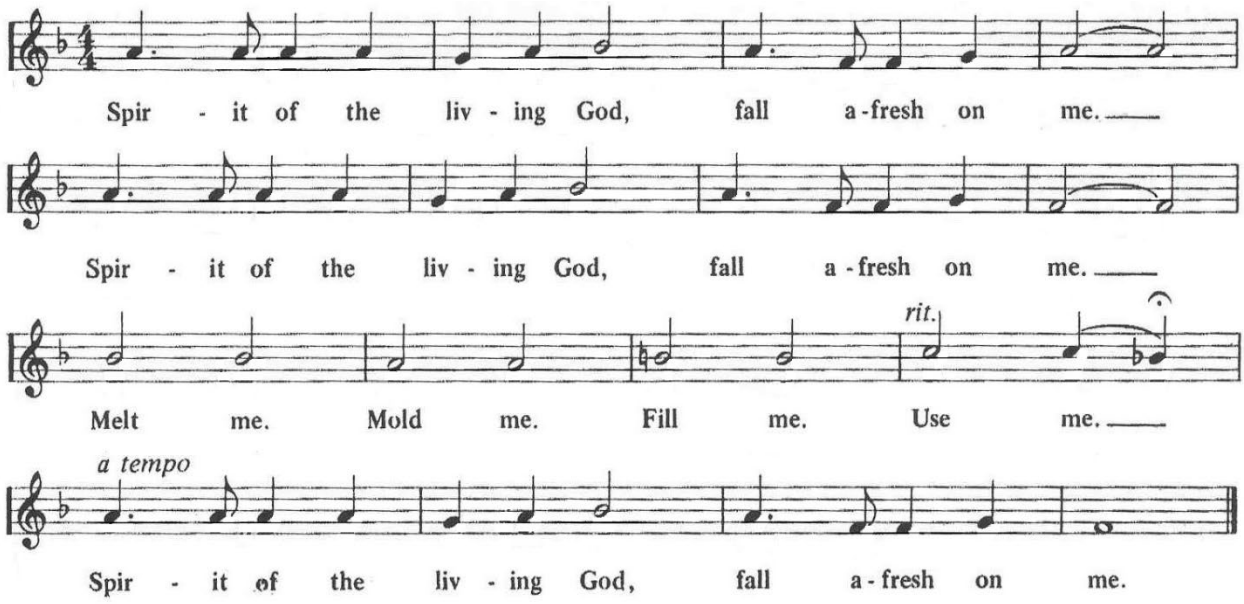
SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector: A reading from _____.

[13]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.

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

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



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***<u>GOSPEL:</u> Matthew 25:1-13**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]{Jesus said to the disciples,} "Then 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: The Gospel of the Lord.
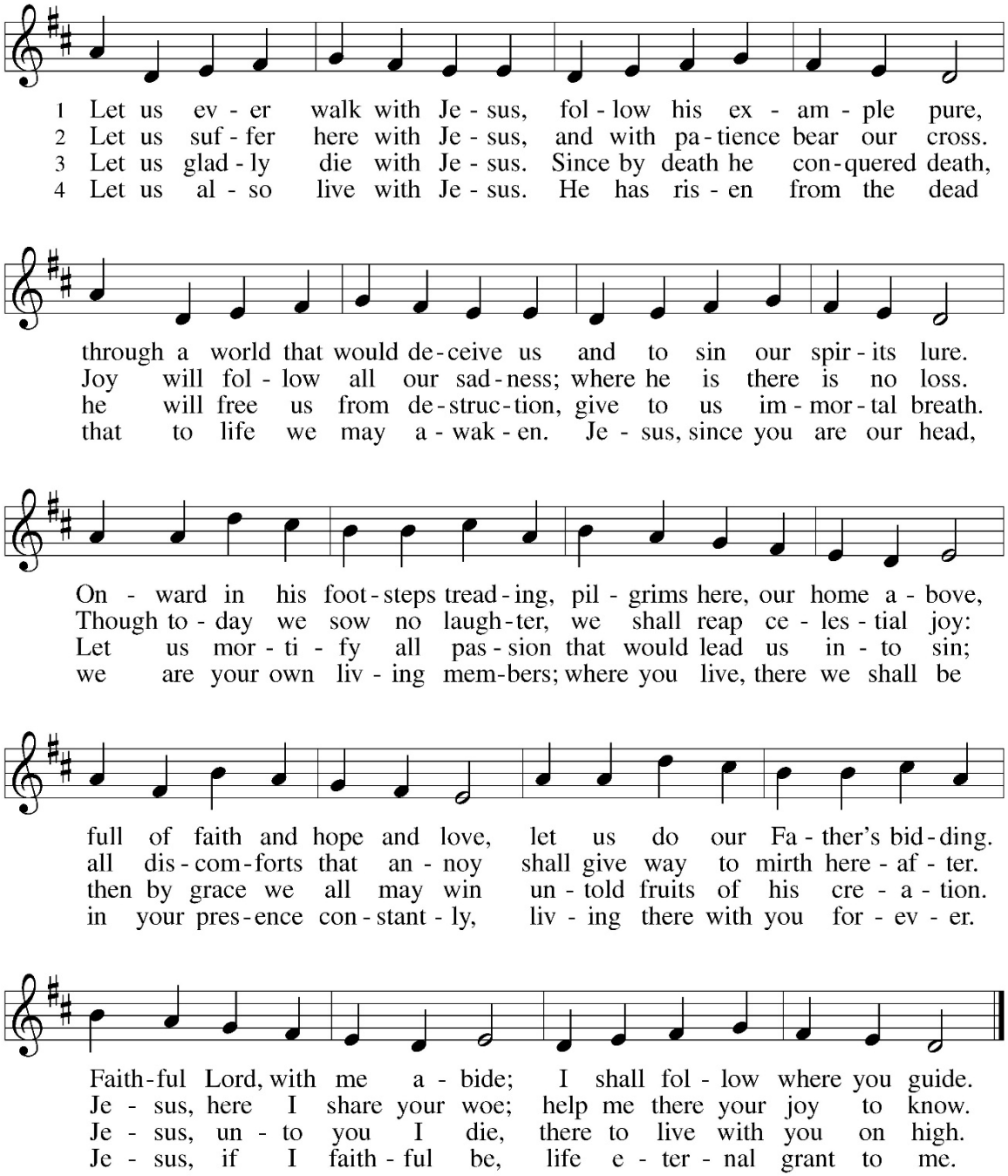
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</u>

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LBW # 487**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship,* 1978
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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.
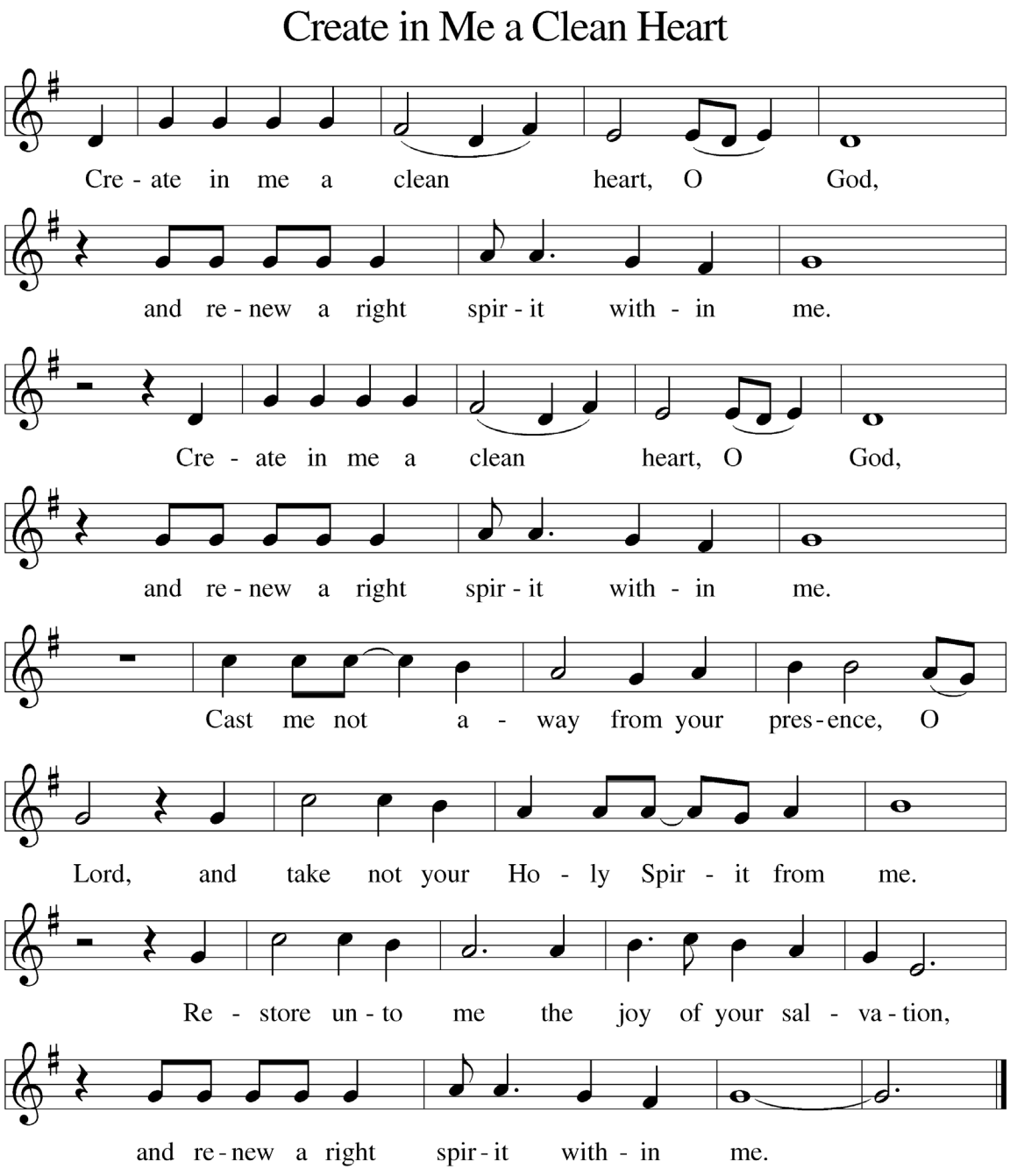
***PRAYERS**

P: … Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*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**

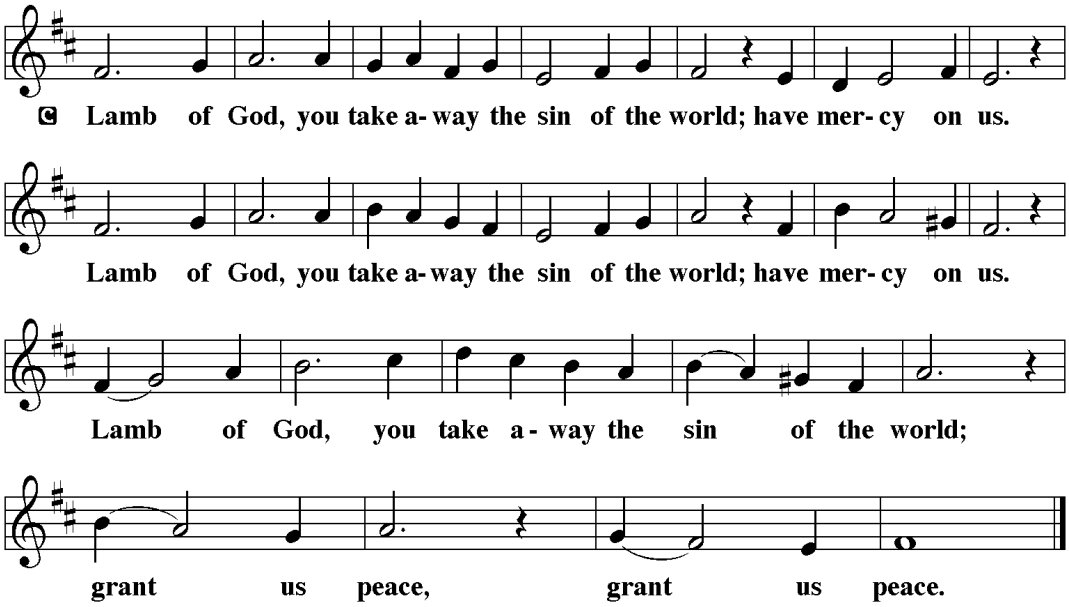
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.
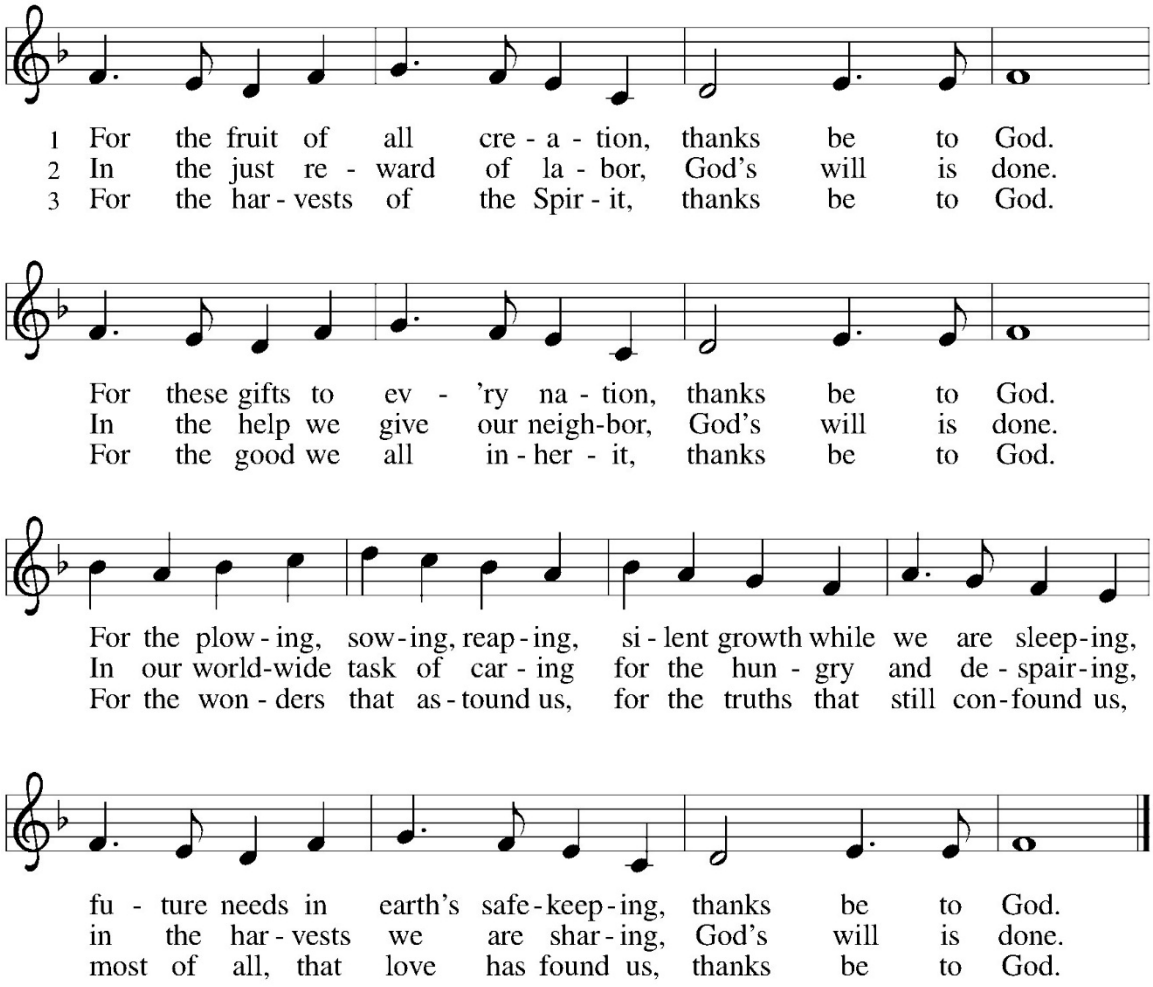
***BLESSING**

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** "For the Fruit of All Creation" **WOV # 760**

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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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
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

November 8, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Johnna Picard
Acolytes: Patrick Peyton & Madilynn Rippamonti
Musicians: Saturday: Rebecca Innocenti
Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer
Reader: Johanna Warwas
Children's Sermon: Terry
Sunday: Rebecca Innocenti

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

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

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.*

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

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (8th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	4:00 pm	**Community Thanksgiving Feast**
Tuesday (10th)	1:30 pm	Cradle Workshop
	5:30 pm	Worship Meeting
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday (11th)	9:15 am	TLG Chapel
	5:30 pm	Guitar Lesson
	6:00 pm	FFF
Saturday (14th)	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion – Sanctuary
Sunday (15th)	9:00 am	**Thankoffering Service**
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation
	11:30 am	Thankoffering Meal

****Pastor Tim will be on vacation November 2nd – 8th**

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED

We are seeking individuals who would like to serve as Scripture Readers during Sunday worship. If you are interested, please contact the church office and leave your name and preferred contact information. Your participation is greatly appreciated as we continue to enrich our worship together.

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
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST: The Community Thanksgiving Feast will be held Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 4:00 pm at Gruenau Hall. If you are planning on attending, please take a dessert and/or a vegetable dish when you go to have by there at 3:45 pm.

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