TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rooted in God's Word, we serve in God's world.

✠ Lectionary 32 Pentecost 24 ✠

November 8, 2026



Inspired by Christ, we are called to be
an inclusive community
of worship, love and service.



We thank you for celebrating the love of Christ with us this week,
and we invite you back again for prayer and worship.
May God's grace guide and strengthen you in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

P: Pastor	Rick Green
A: Assistant	George Timmerman
L: Lectors	Kathy Murray, Ruth Rakoff
Ushers	Malinda & Jeramiah Dyer
Minister of Worship & Music	Marco Antonio Jimenez
Camera/Sound	Richard Rakoff, Tim Dougherty
Altar Guild	Judi Roster
Children's Chapel	Brandy Dyer, Dyer Family
Greeters	Linda & Dennis Schwartz

All are welcome at our service,
including toddlers and squirmy children.

2026 Congregational Council Elected Officers & Members

Carl Johnson – President
Stewardship

Joe Dearing – Secretary
Finance

Don Sexauer – Treasurer
Building & Grounds

Dave Foster – Vice President
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Emilie Dyer
Youth

Linda Schwartz
Technology

Pat Flores
God's Work Our Hands

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

All please stand in body or spirit

GATHERING SONG *"Blessed Assurance"* **ELW 638**



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



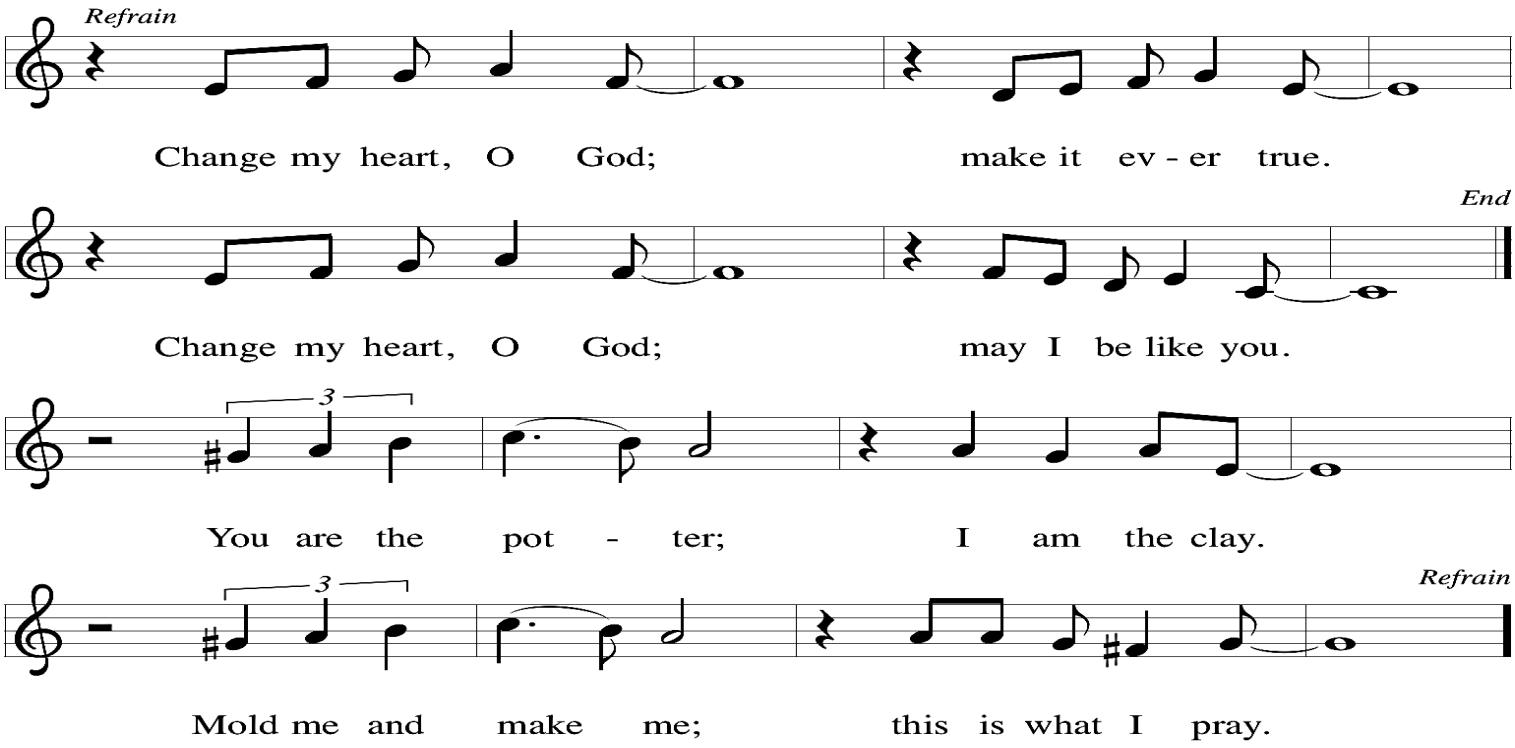
this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Change My Heart, O God"* **Sing 2X ELW 801**



Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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✠ GATHERING ✠

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: 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. 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.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: 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.

KYRIE

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie, eleison…

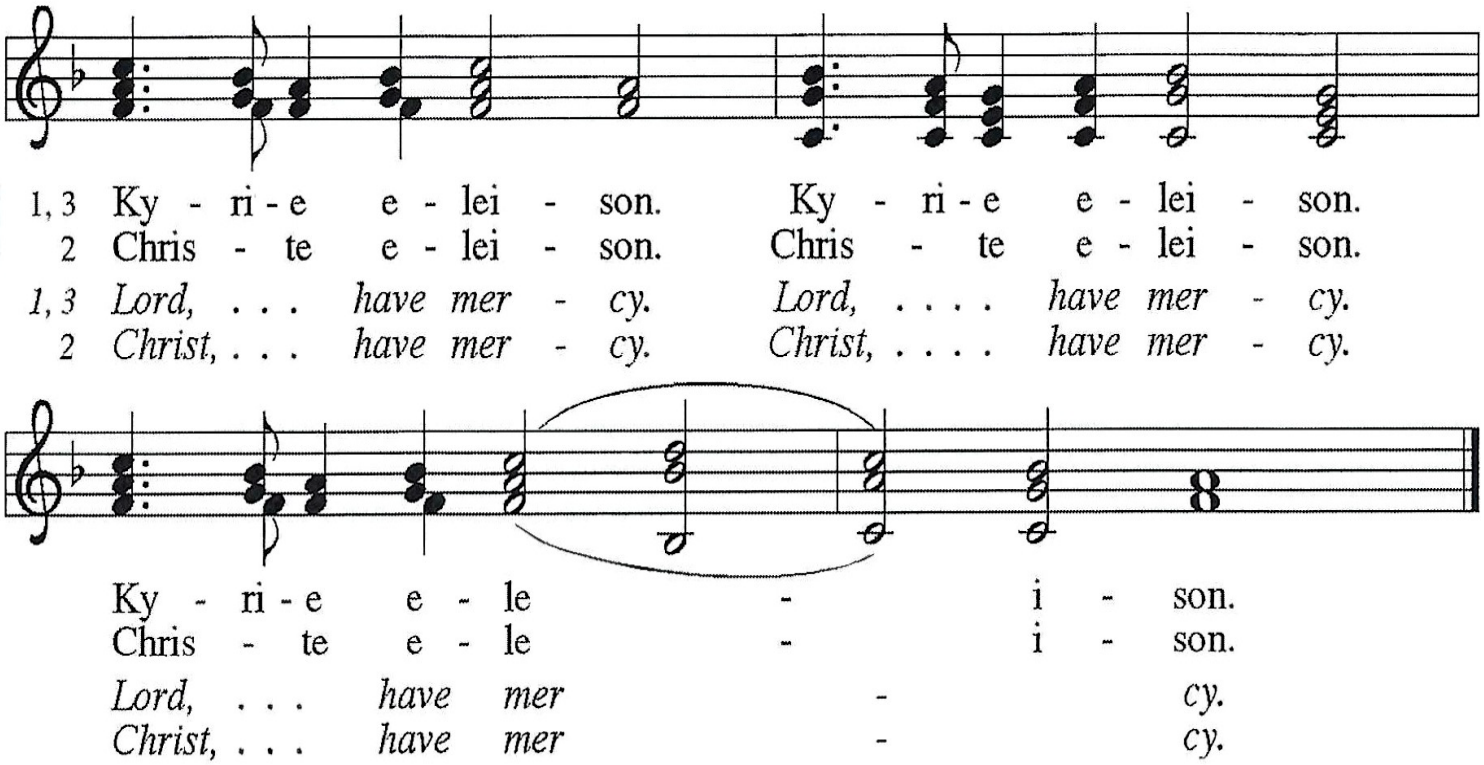
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christe, eleison…

A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise and for the strength to live in your world, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie, eleison…

KYRIE REFRAIN **ELW155**



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior"* **WOV 614**



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: 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 for the Readings.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

L: A reading from Amos.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

C: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

L: Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

L: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

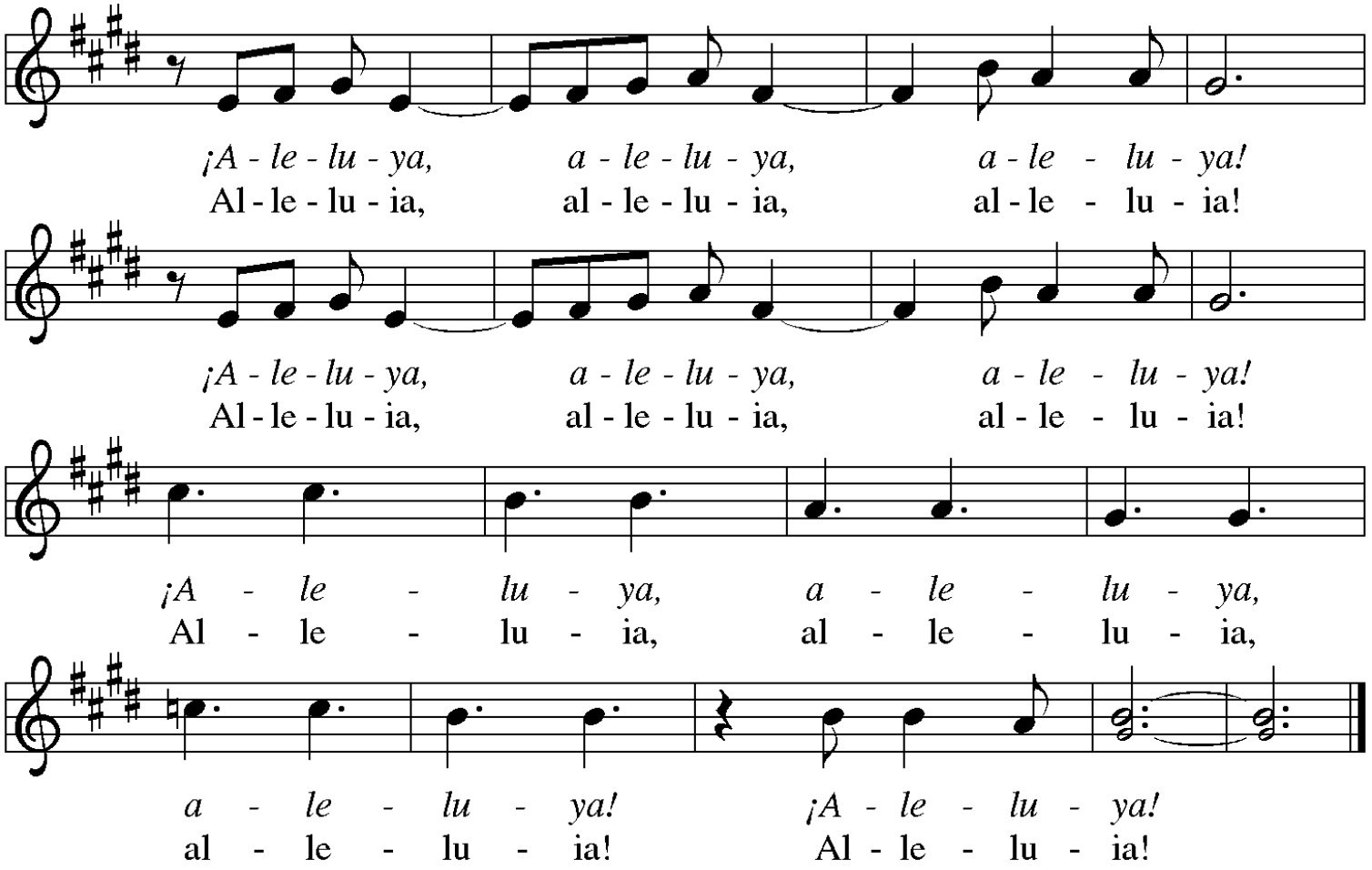
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

All please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Alleluia"* **S179a**



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Rick Green

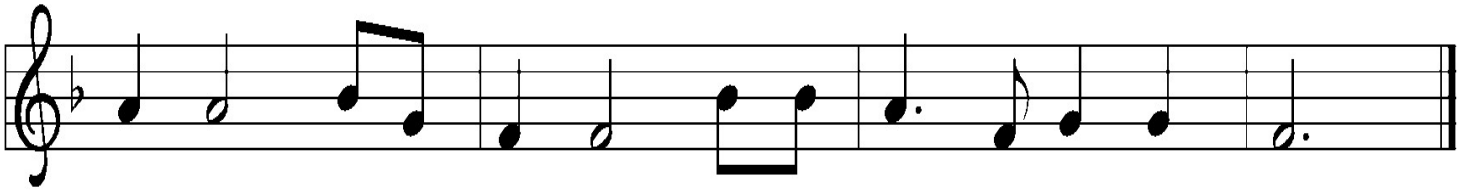


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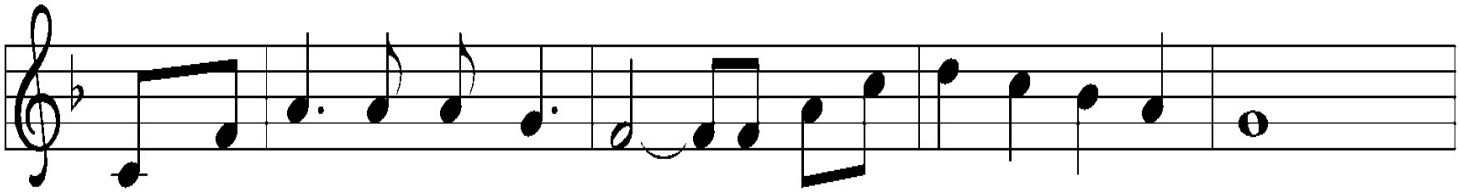
HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Lord, What a Morning"* **ELW 438**



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: 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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for Dale, Freda, Jeff, Jim, Karen, Kathy, Lee, Linda, Marlene, Pat, Roger, Tim, Vicki, and for those we now name silently or aloud… God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

COMFORTING WORDS

P: Hear the word of God to all who truly listen.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

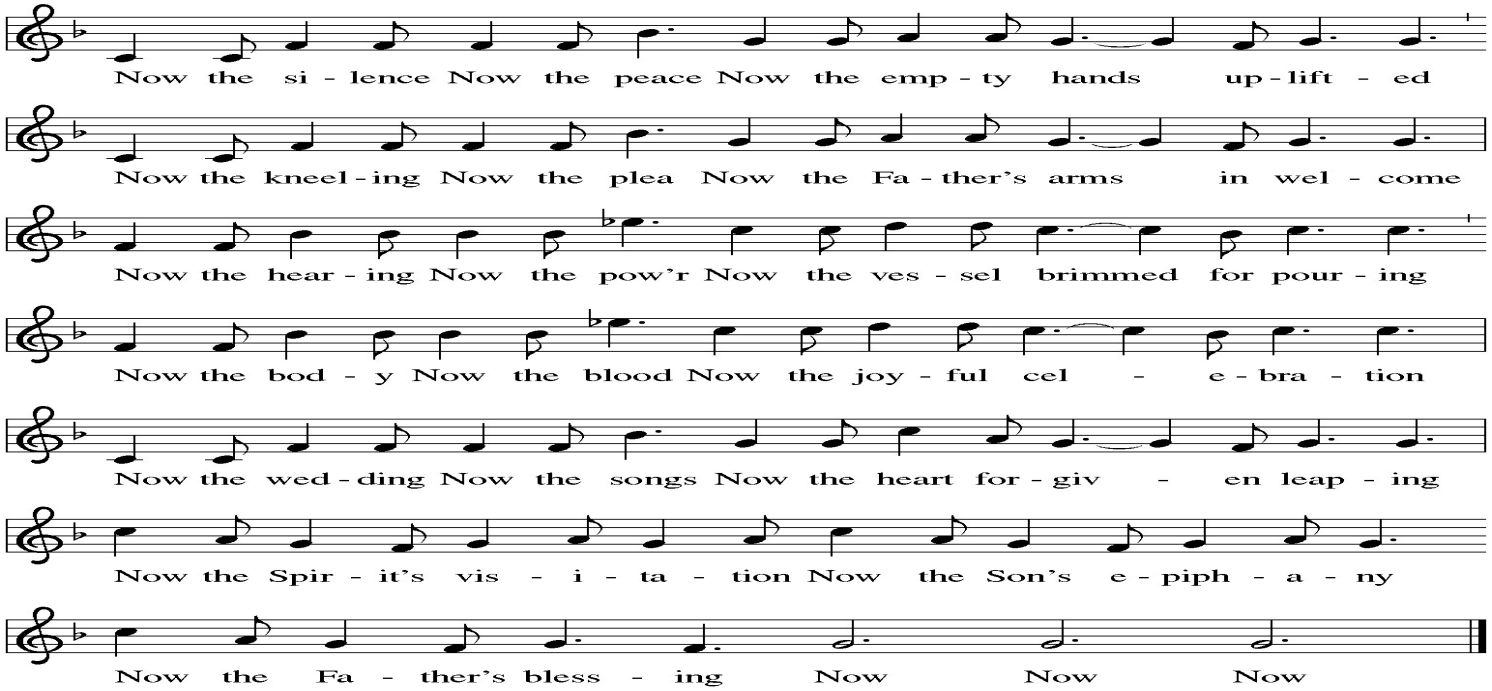
C: And also with you.

We extend God's peace to one another.
and to those worshipping with us on the internet

✠Offering ✠

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OFFERING SONG: **"***Now the Silence"* **ELW 460**



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Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

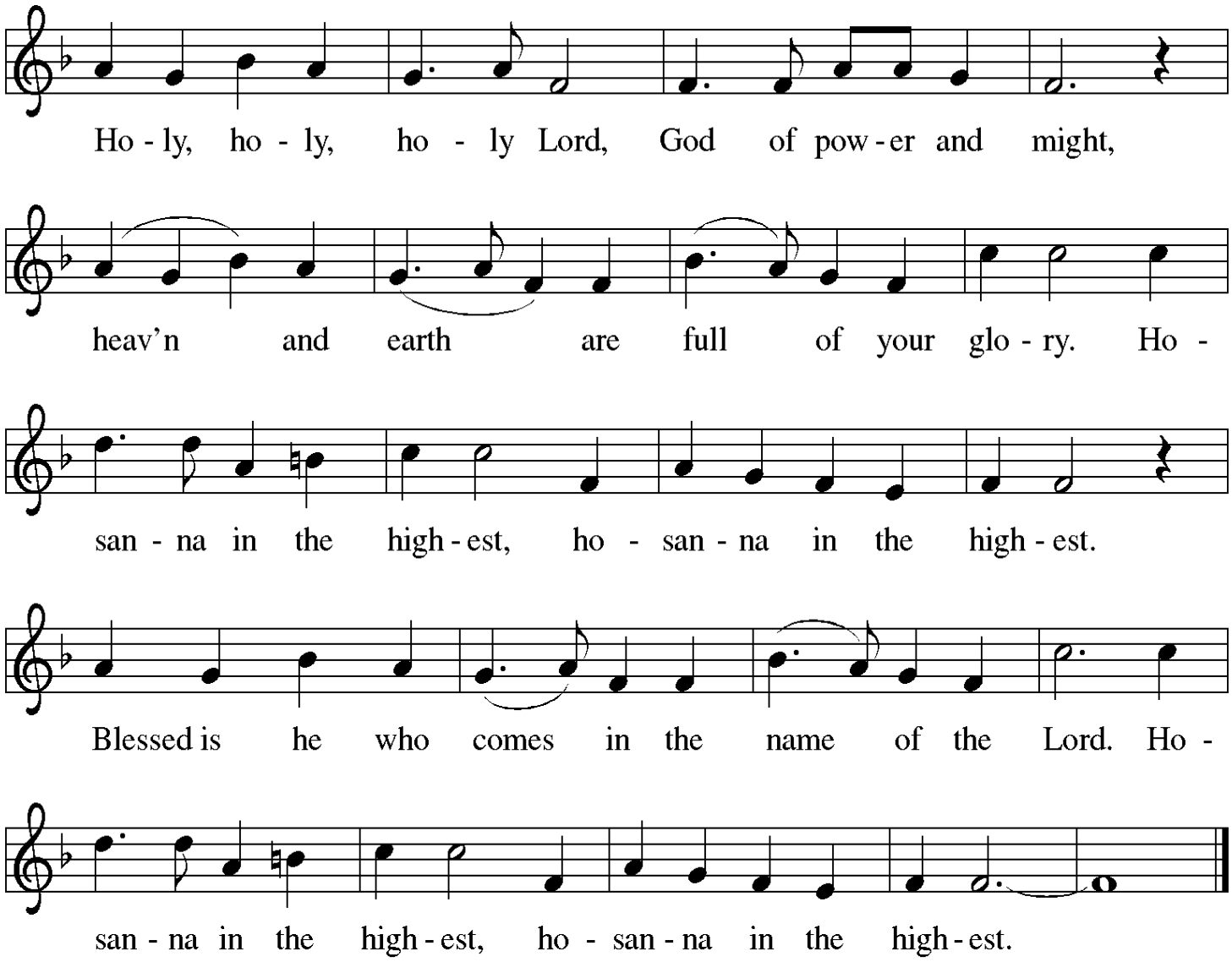
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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; in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on Pentecost to teach us and to lead us into all truth. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy **ELW 192**



Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

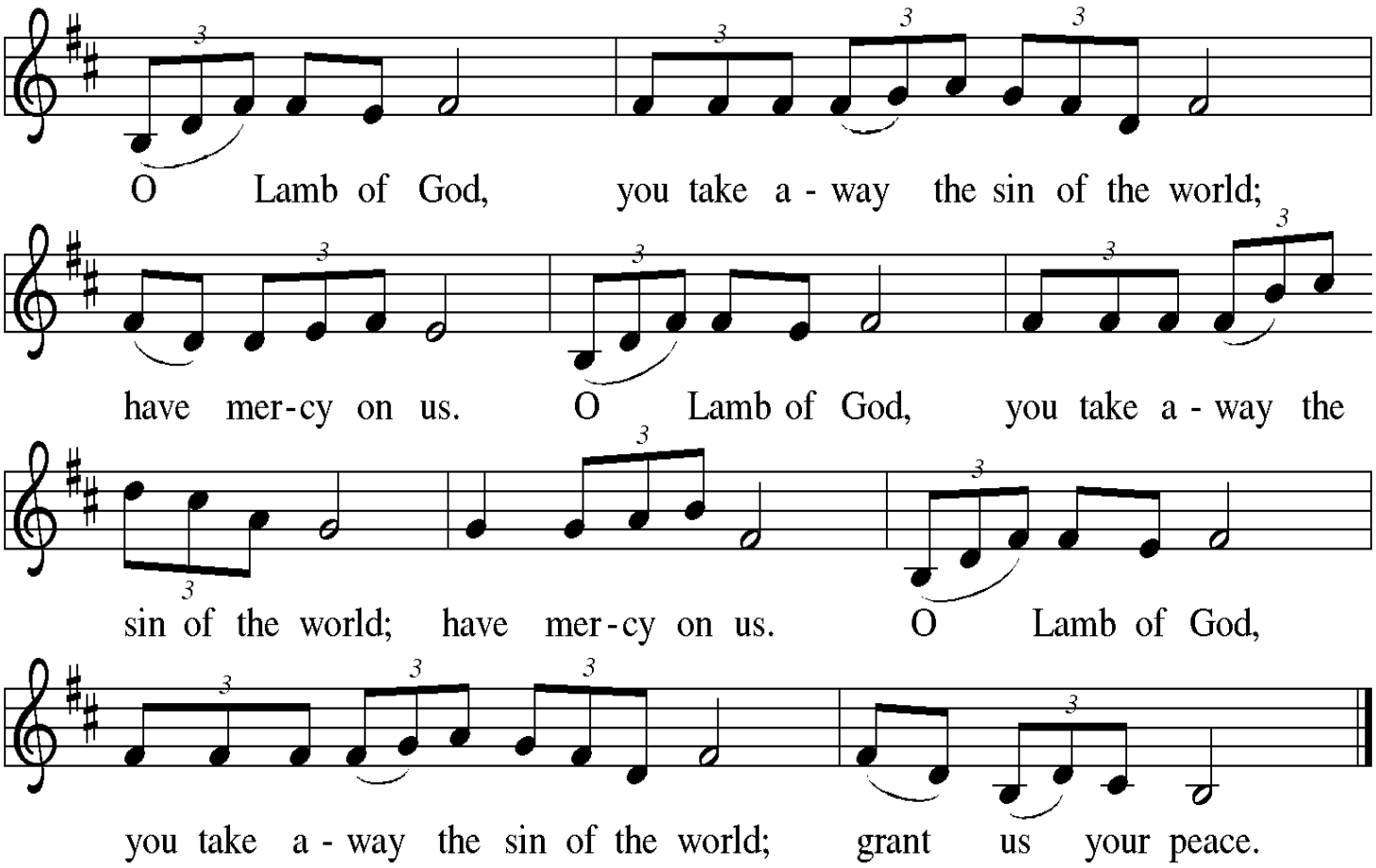
P: Christ invites you to this table.

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.

P: All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD **ELW 198**



Music: Mabel Wu
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P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's Table, not our own.
Everyone is welcomed at the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers available on request

Communion is by intinction from the center aisle

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

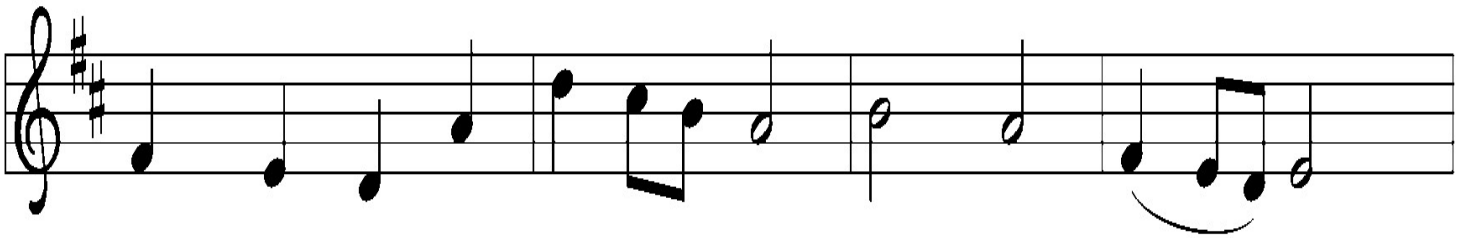
COMMUNION HYMN: *"Bread of Life from Heaven"* **ELW 474**



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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COMMUNION HYMN: *"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"* **ELW 464**



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever
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POST COMMINUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: 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 ✠

SENDING OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

All stand in body or spirit.

P: The God of Love draw you into full accord and one mind in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the spirit.

C: Amen

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever

C: Amen

SENDING SONG: *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* **ELW 631**



Text: Doris Akers, 1922–1995
Music: Doris Akers
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

DISMISSAL

A: With great joy go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Following the postlude, you are invited to
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

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Secretary Lori Yeager & Aundrea Narvaez 575-523-4232	Tues-Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00pm office@trinitylutheranlc.org

Calendar of Events

11/10	Pack Bags for Food Pantry Distribution	9:00 AM
11/10	Bridge	11:00 AM
11/11	Food Pantry Distribution	8:30 AM
11/11	Bible Study	10:00 AM
11/15	Choir Practice	9:00 AM



Flowers given by Lynn Parker in honor of her nephew Dave & Heather's Anniversary.



Please Join us on December 22nd in decorating for the Advent (or our tree might look like this…).



The Sunday school class is doing its annual clothing drive for the schools.

We are collecting girls' leggings, boys sweat pants, and underwear for both boys and girls in elementary and middle schools especially sizes 8, 10 and 12

The donation box is in the Narthex and we will be collecting clothes until November 29th.



BIRTHDAYS

11/8	Gray Lucero
11/9	Roger Meyer
11/10	Tama Garski
11/14	Kris Hanson
11/14	Catherine Lemons

ANNIVERSARYS

11/8	Ed & Althea Haworth

November 2026

	Operating Funds	Attendance
11/1	$6,800	57

Next Week's Worship Team
November 15th

Assistant:	Carl Johnson
Lectors	Judy Dougherty Joe Dearing
Ushers	Ruth Rakoff Richard Rakoff
Altar Guild	Lynn Parker
Sound Tech	Richard Lemons Judi Roster
Greeters	Linda Schwartz Dennis Schwartz
Readings	Zeph 1:7, 12-18 Ps 90:1-12 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:31-46

Please keep these church members in your prayers.

Lee Beatty, Freda Cheek, Jim Cheek, Vicki Dannhaus, Tim Dougherty, Linda Eib, Pat Flores, Roger Meyer, Kathy Murray, Marlene Nunez, Linda Schwartz, Dale Skattum, Karen Walls, Judy Young, and Jeff Zabel

MEMBER FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY

Many of our members have friends and family in need of prayer as well.

Erica De Angelo (Wagoner's friend
Rachael Dupre (Maria's cousin)
Michael Ford (Wagoner's friend)
Gary Garski (Ron's brother)
Barb Liberto (Don Sexauer's sister)
Nancy Montoya (Leonor's sister-in-law)
Danny Nunez (Marlene's son)
Po Pozun (Marlene's friend)
Arlene Schmidt (Karen's sister)
Ed Sexauer (Don's brother)
Tony Mead-Smith (Rose Brandenburg's friend)
Fr. John Sullivan (Pastor Catherine's friend)
David Taylor (Pastor Catherine's friend)
Joel Thompson (Tama Garski's brother)
Ruby Trost (Leonor's sister)
Robert Watkins (Sid's friend)

Columbia and Jornada schools
Gospel Rescue Mission
Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

Please help us keep this list up to date.
On 12.1.26, names will be removed unless the office is notified that they should remain



If you would like to watch the Service live at 10:00 AM, please go to Trinity Lutheran's Website: https://trinitylutheranlc.org/ or visit Trinity Lutheran's Facebook page and you can watch the service anytime: https://www.facebook.com/TLCLasCruces