

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 32

November 8, 2026 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

We welcome you, whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by ***bold*** *type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book and are numbered at the top of each hymn. We will celebrate Holy Communion today – all are welcome, and directions are included after the invitation to the Table. If you have trouble coming forward, or need gluten free bread and wine, there are element cups near the door for you to use. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.

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WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS / THE PRELUDE

Please stand in body or spirit.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

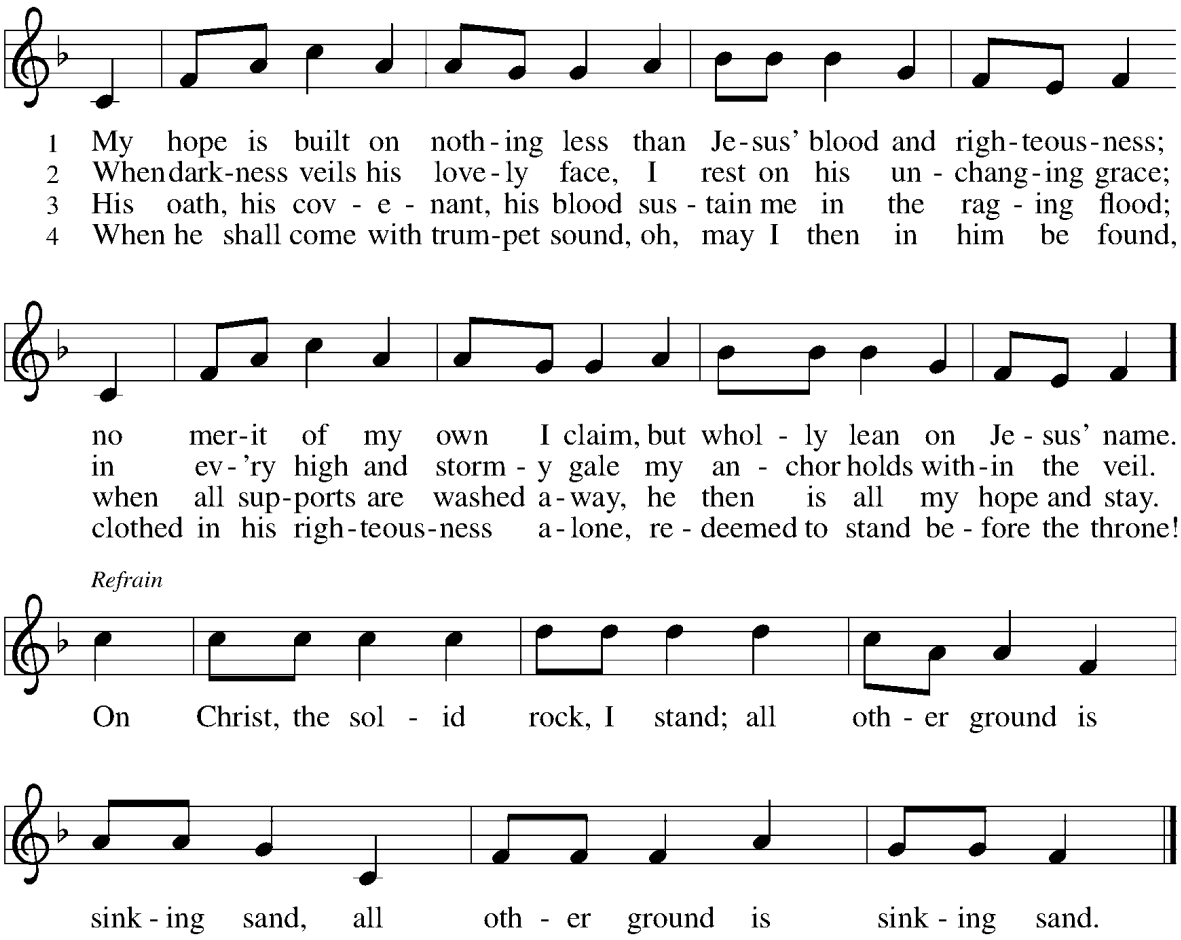
Silence for reflection

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #596, MY HOPE IS BUILT

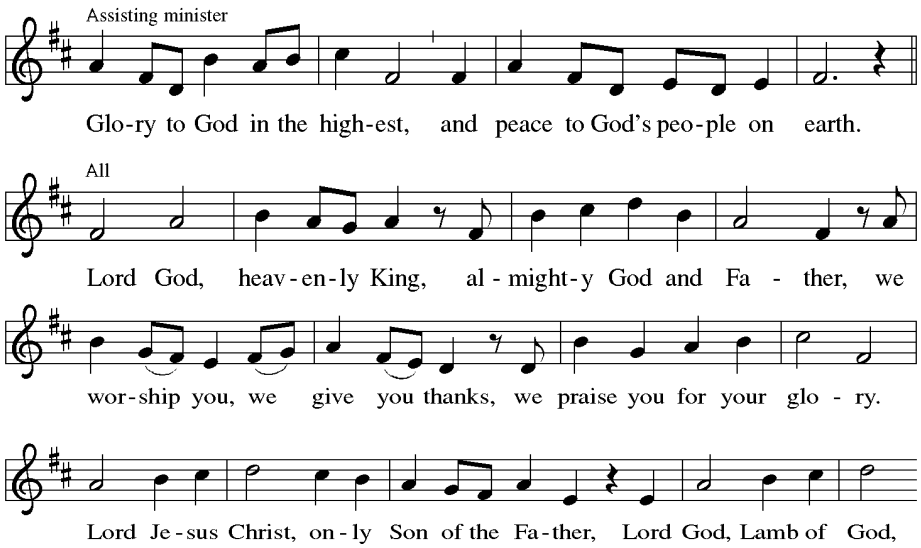


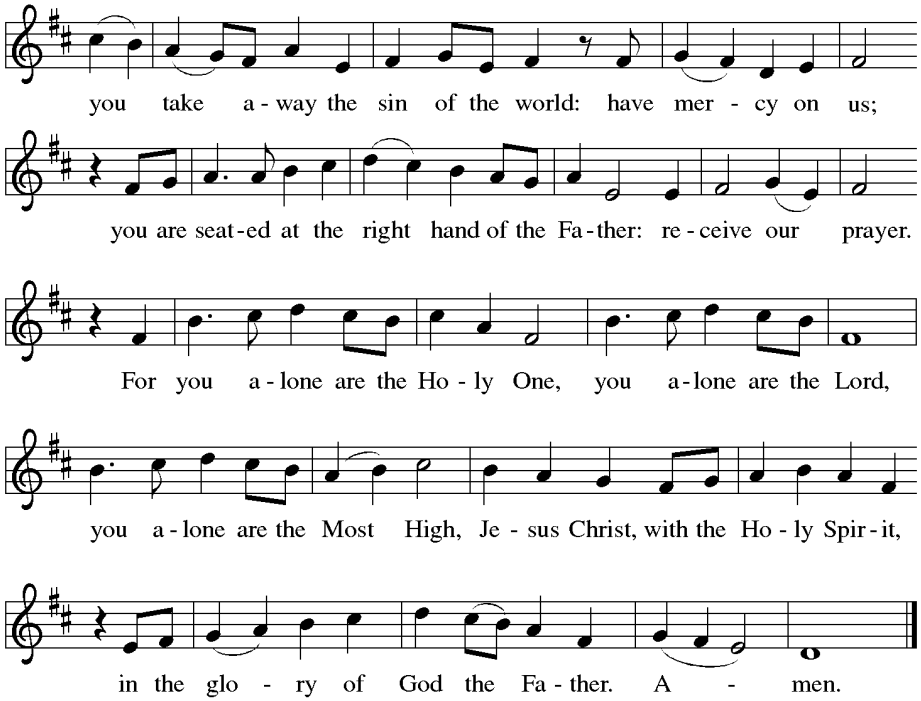
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Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW P.148





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered as we join in our hearts*.

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.

Word

THE FIRST LESSON is from Amos, the 5th chapter. (Amos 5:18-24)

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 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.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
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 offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Silence +

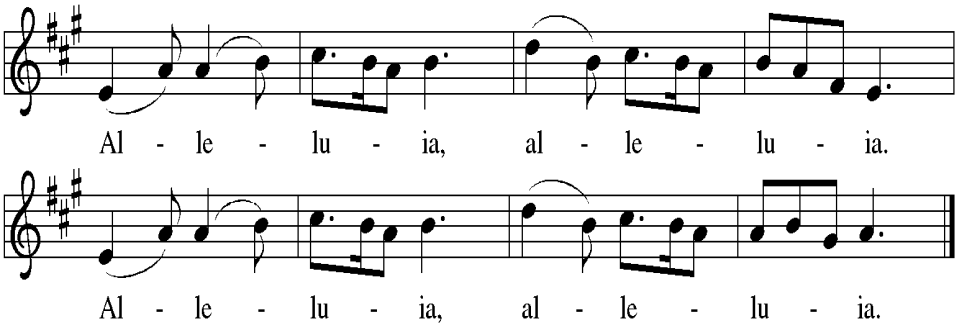
PSALM 70 is read responsively.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **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.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

[5]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.
Amen.

THE SECOND READING is from 1 Thessalonians, the 4th chapter. (1 Thess 4:13-18)
[13]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. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]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. [16]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. [17]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. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174, *CELTIC ALLELUIA*



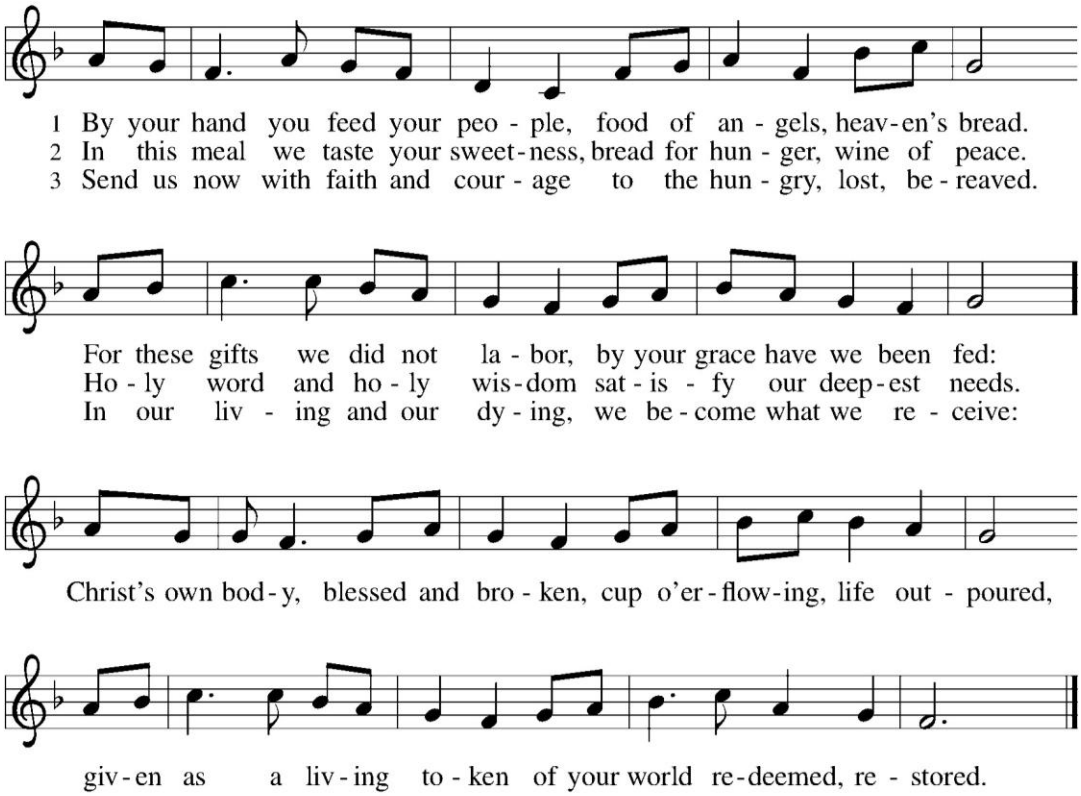
THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!** (Matthew 25:1-13)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]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, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]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.' [10]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. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia Repeats. Following, please be seated.
The children are dismissed to learning time.

TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #469, BY YOUR HAND (ON THE NEXT PAGE)



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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence. We offer our prayers for the church, our community, neighbors and nation. Each petition concludes: '...in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer'.*** *A time to offer our own petitions aloud or in silence follows the invitation '...for what else shall we pray'.*

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Meal

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

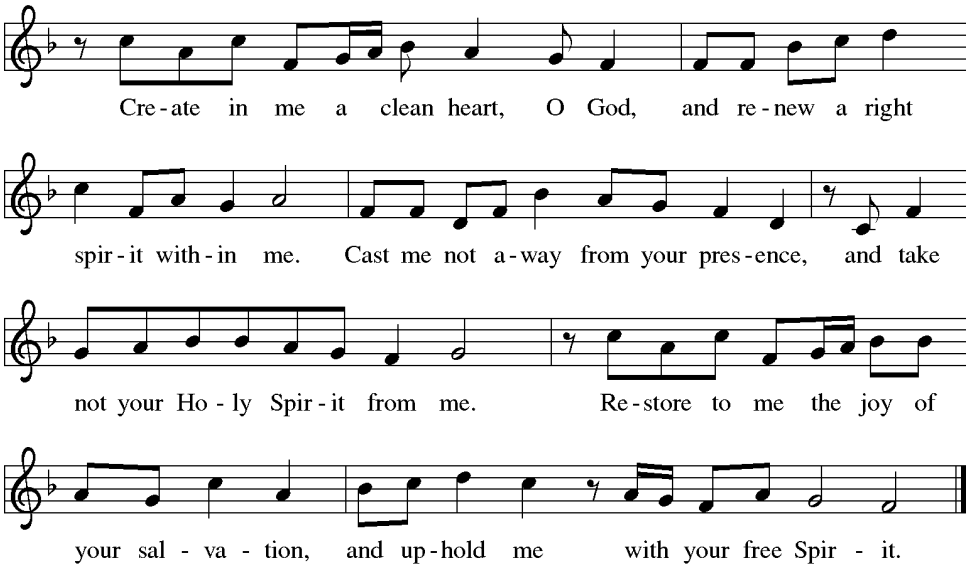
We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.
Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.

WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE CREATE IN ME ELW P. 186 (HILLERT) (ON NEXT PAGE)



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creating God: **The fields and forest, sea and sky are the work of your hands**
and we are blessed by their bounty.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.**

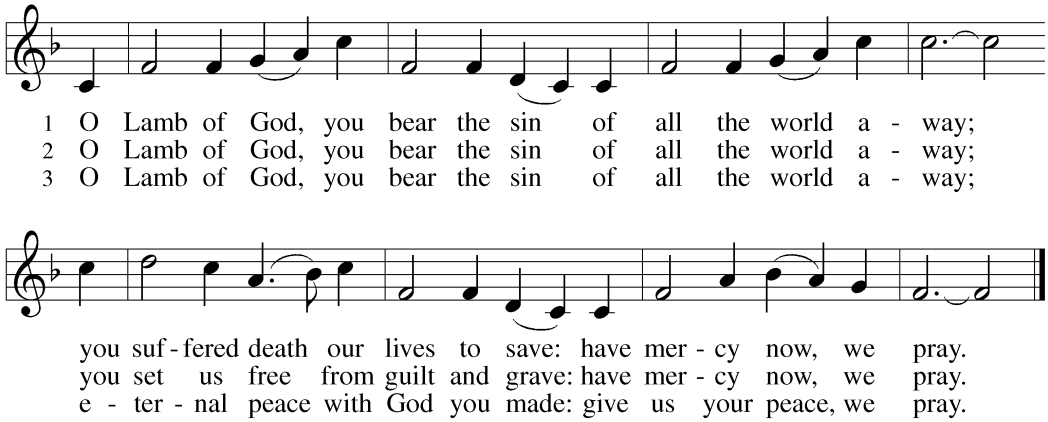
It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God…

Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:

…as Jesus taught us:

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.

AGNUS DEI: O LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

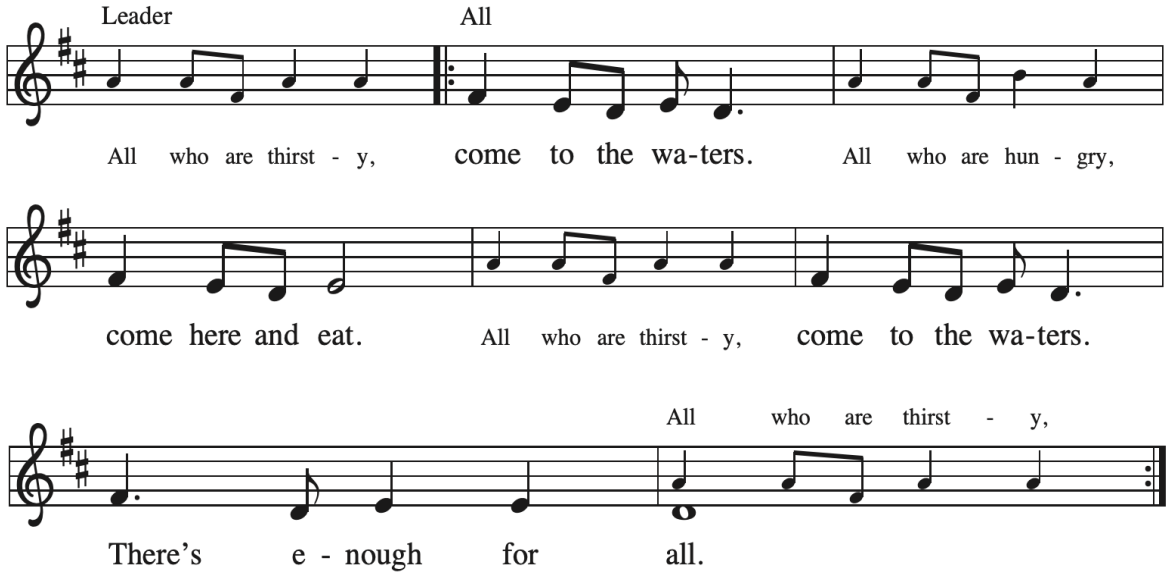
These are the gifts of God for the people of God - come to the Table,
for all is now ready. **We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

Please be seated.

*We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: 'The Body of Christ given for you" and "The Blood of Christ shed for you". The recipient may respond "**Amen**".*

Those online are communed, then the musicians. The congregation follows by the organ side, then the pulpit side. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Host from Pastor. Then move towards the side aisle to receive the Wine by intinction, dipping the Host into the cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisle. Take your time – be in prayer, sing, pray as you come to the Table.

The hymn during communion is ACS 981, All Who are Thirsty.



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Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel
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When all have communed, the Table is cleared. Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. a *brief silence*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for Mission & Ministry Announcements.

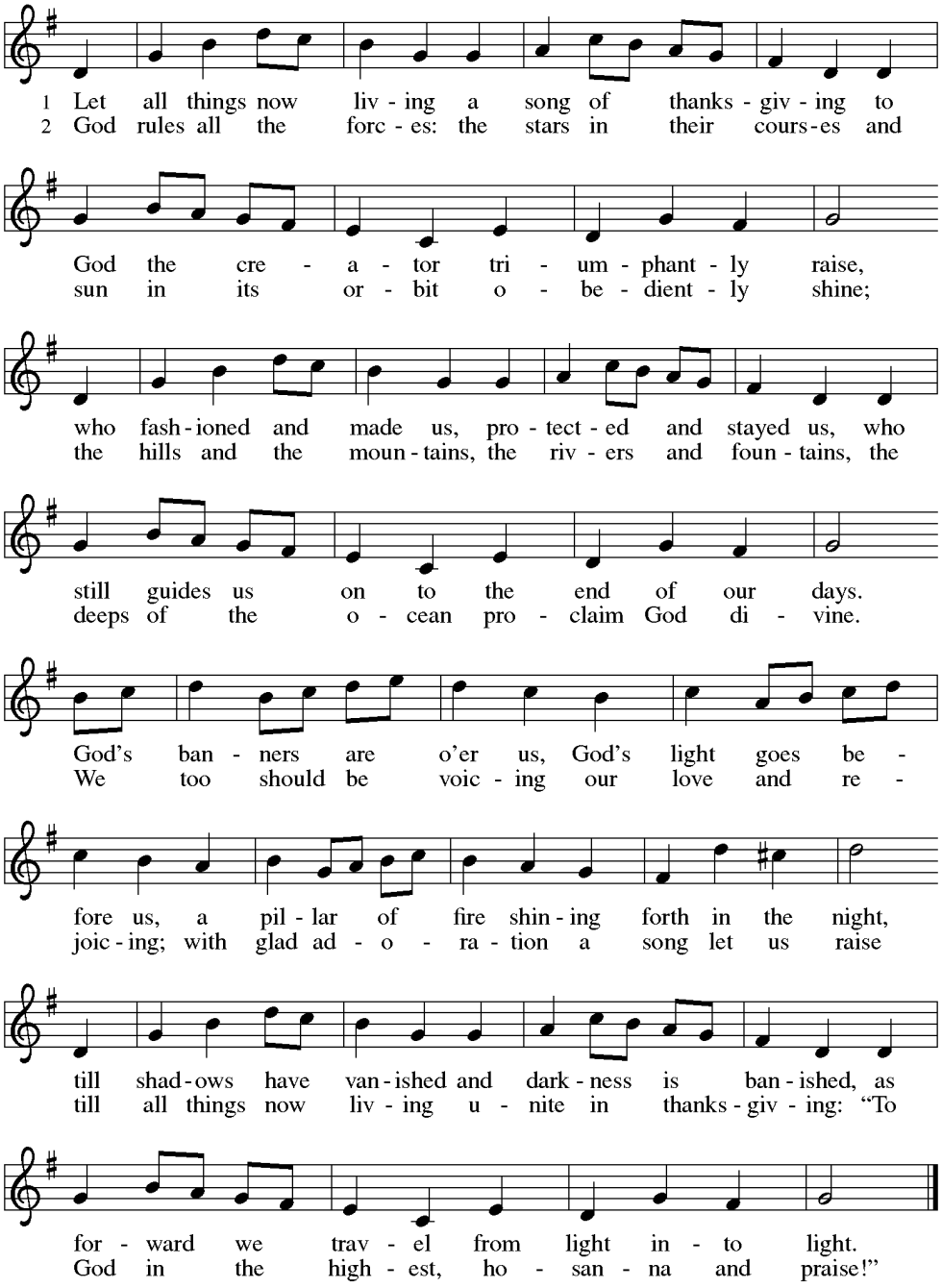
Sending

Please stand in body or spirit at Pastor's invitation.

THE BENEDICTION

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

OUR SENDING SONG is hymn ELW #881, LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE NOVEMBER WEB SITE AND BULLETINS are sponsored by Jeff and Sandra Cron in loving honor of our daughter, Ava Grace. She is a gift to us and those around her.

GREETER: Diane Allison
LECTOR: Diane Allison
FELLOWSHIP: Delana Woodward

WE WELCOME Louise Gerdelmann as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Jill H (H,R). Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet today and are held the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month through May. Teachers are still needed throughout the year. See the sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Lessons are provided in advance and you can sign up for one or more Sundays. Share your faith with our youth!

TABOR SERVICES COLLECTION: Today and next Sunday a basket is available on the table by the sanctuary doors for anyone wishing to make a contribution for Thanksgiving food baskets for the children and families assisted by Tabor Services.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the December/January edition of Christ's Call is TODAY. Please place all news items in Cindy's mailbox or email them to the church office.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd immediately following worship. In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be held by Zoom at 11 a.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available on the table by the sanctuary doors for you to review prior to the meeting.

GREETERS: We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a week that's convenient for you.

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

THANK YOU!!! Thanks to everyone that participated in our pet food collection for the Lord's Pantry. With the grant from Thrivent and your generous donations we delivered 181 pounds of food consisting of 95 items. The pantry very much appreciated the donation as I am sure pet owners that utilize the pantry will. Thank you again for your generosity and for making this such a success!! - Diane Allison

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Sponsors are needed for our participation in the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 19th to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at our Lower Tinicum Union Cemetery. Wreaths are $17 each. Please see Steve Gruver to be a sponsor. All donations need to be in by Nov. 15th. There will be a short ceremony at the cemetery on December 19th at 2 p.m.

LECTORS: Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS: You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is $20/week for the bulletin and $25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in $5, $10, $25, $50 & $100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. *(Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.)* Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised $2,600 in 2025 and $2,400 to date in 2026.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of November we are collecting canned vegetables and paper towels, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (pasta & sauces, juices, tuna, cereal, soup, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

The Week of November 8th at a Glance

Sun. 11/08 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School
10:30AM Fellowship Period
December/January Newsletter Deadline
Mon. 11/09 Happy Birthday, Sandy Brown!
Wed. 11/11 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
Thur. 11/12 7:00AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study
Fri. 11/13 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, Emeline Trauger!
Sun. 11/15 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period