

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 33
November 15, 2026 Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Gathering

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

*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.
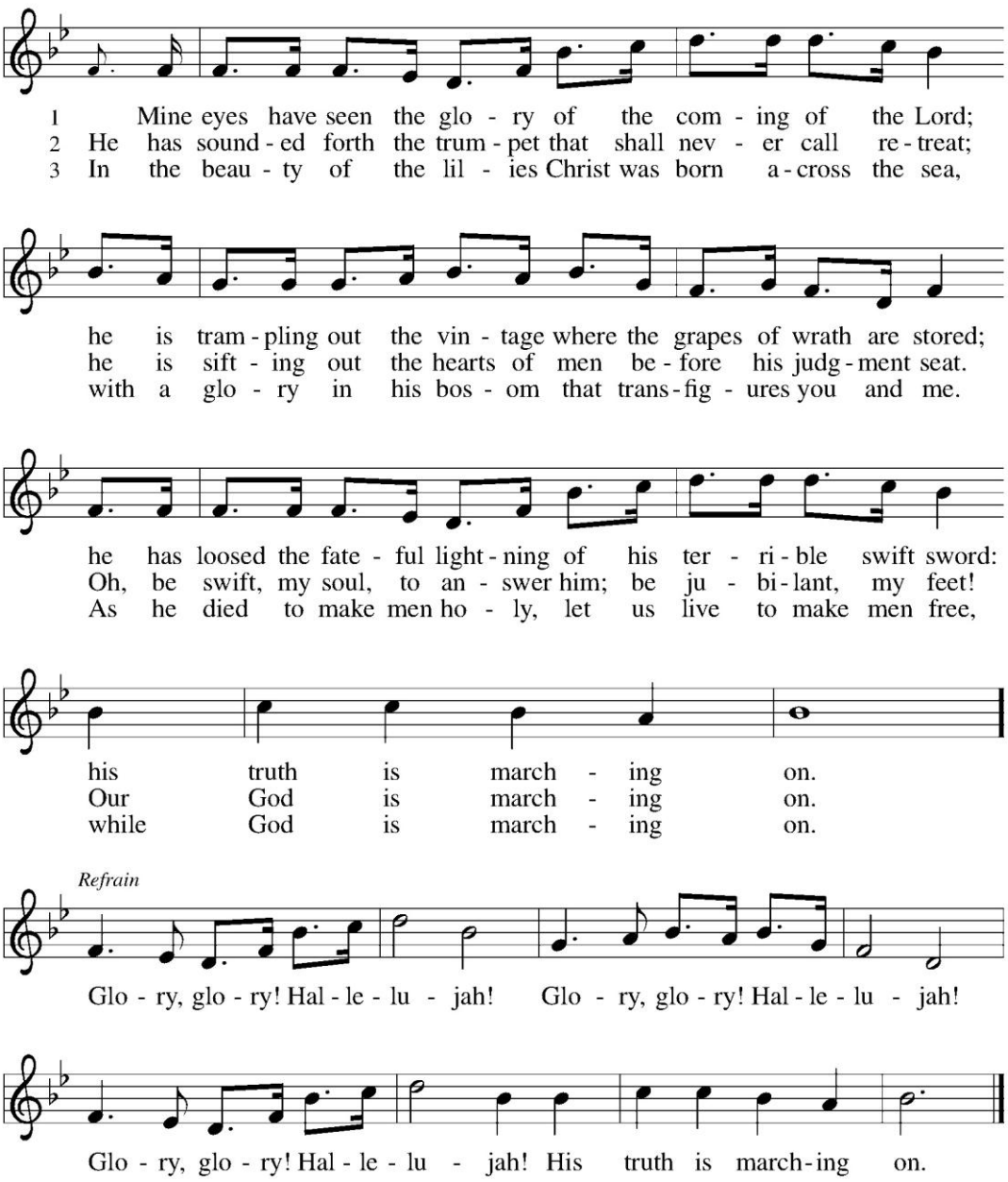
Silence for reflection

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 #890, MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY (NEXT PAGE)

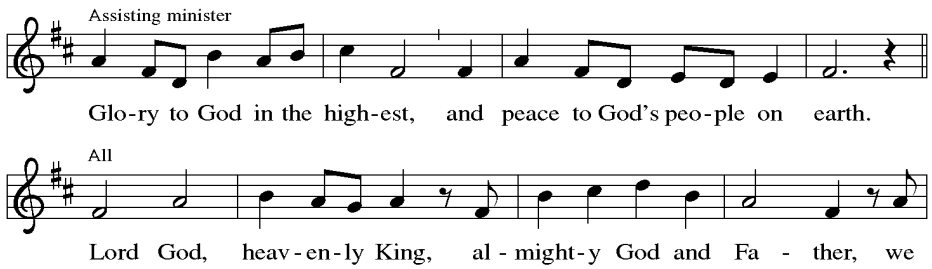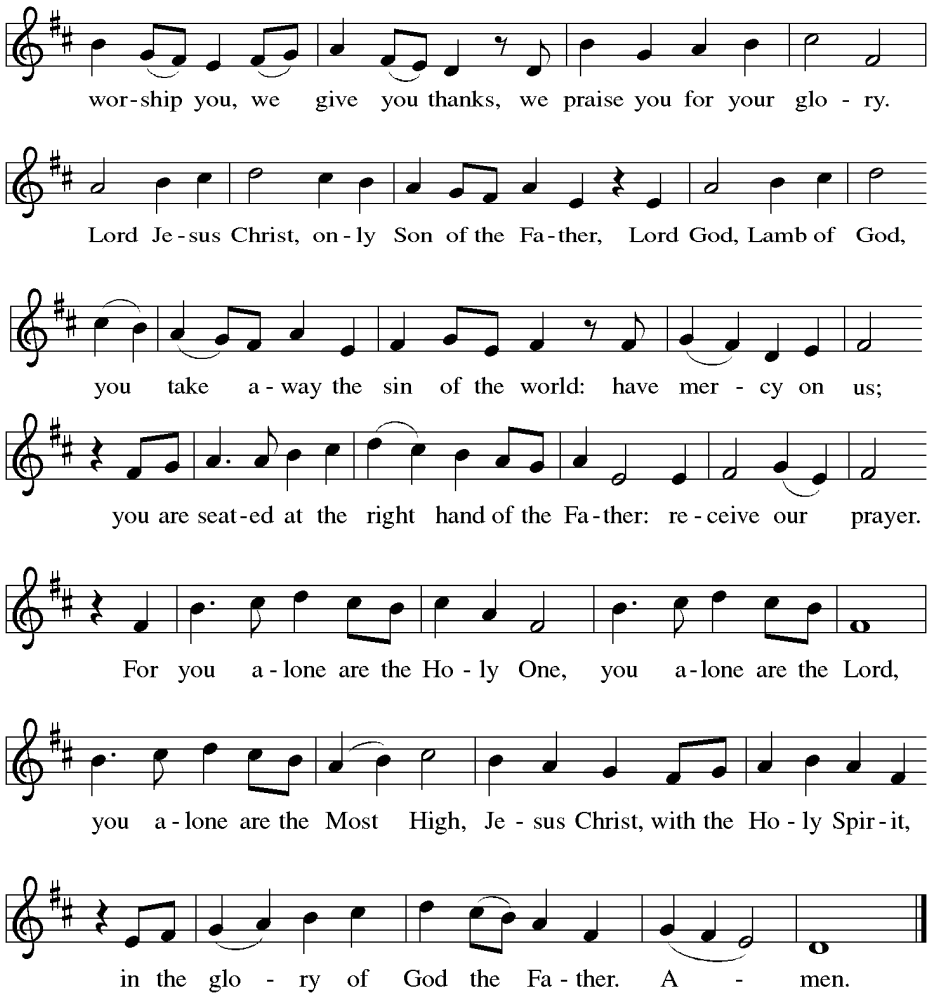


Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

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.*

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.

Word

THE FIRST LESSON is from Zephaniah, the first chapter. (Zeph. 1:7, 12-18)

7 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. 2 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 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.

14 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. 15 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, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 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. 18 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. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

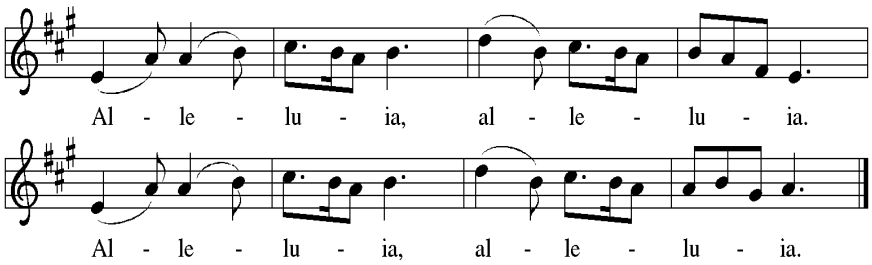
+ Silence +

PSALM 90 is read responsively.

[1]Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
[2]**Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
[3]You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
[4]**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
[5]you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6]**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
[7]For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8]**Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10]**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
[11]Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12]**So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING is from 1 Thessalonians, the 5th chapter. (1 Thess 5:1-11)
[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174, *CELTIC ALLELUIA*
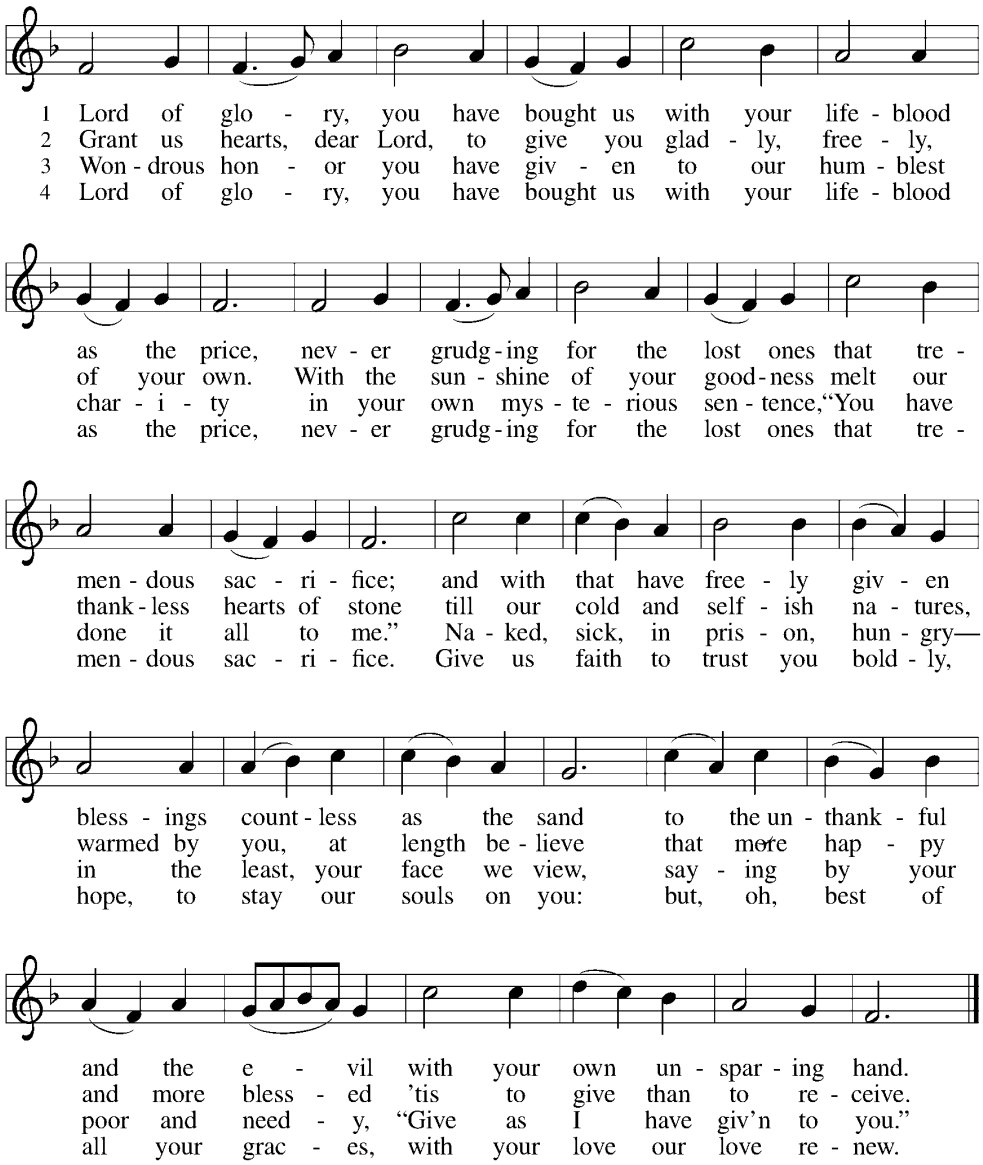


THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew, the 25th chapter. (Matthew 25:14-30)
Glory to you, O Lord!
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] 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.' [21] 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.'

[22] 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.’ [23] 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.’ [24] 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, [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 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? [27] 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. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] 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. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Alleluia Repeats. Following, please be seated.

TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #707, LORD OF GLORY



THE CREED *We confess our faith.*

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 THE CHURCH
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 petitions may change in light of events or new requests.*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders, especially the newly elected, and those who continue in office. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you those people and concerns that lay upon our hearts – hear us as we bring them before you aloud or in silence. People of God,for what else shall we pray? *Silence* Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our congregations, lifting before you our presiding ELCA Bishop Yaheil and our Congregation Council. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith. Be with all who mourn, comfort the dying and give hope to those who wait with them. Holy One, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

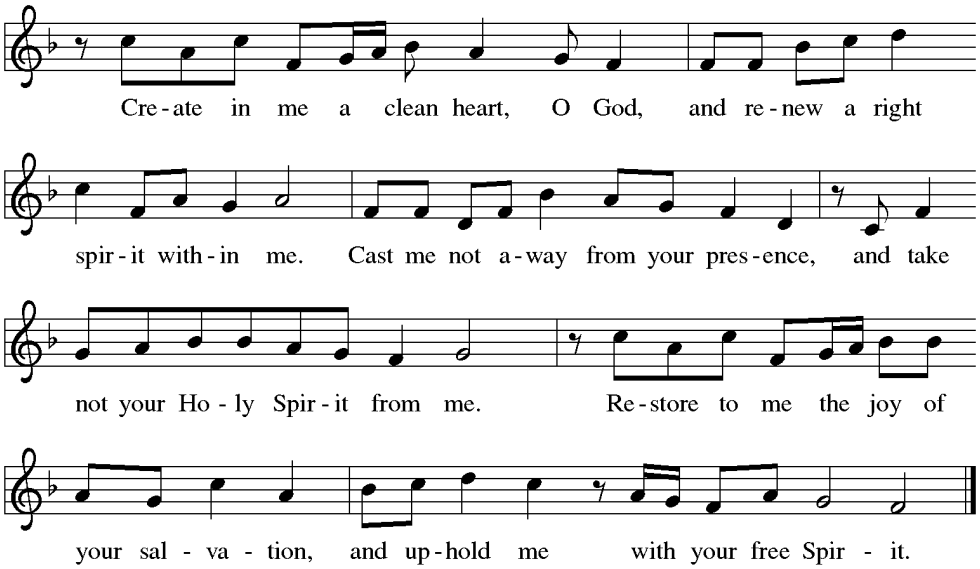
We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.
Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.

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.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.



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…

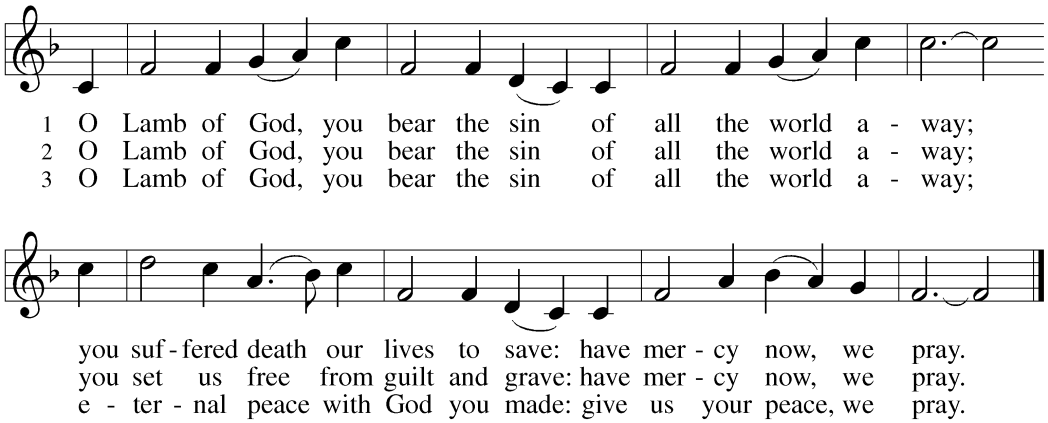
Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:

…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

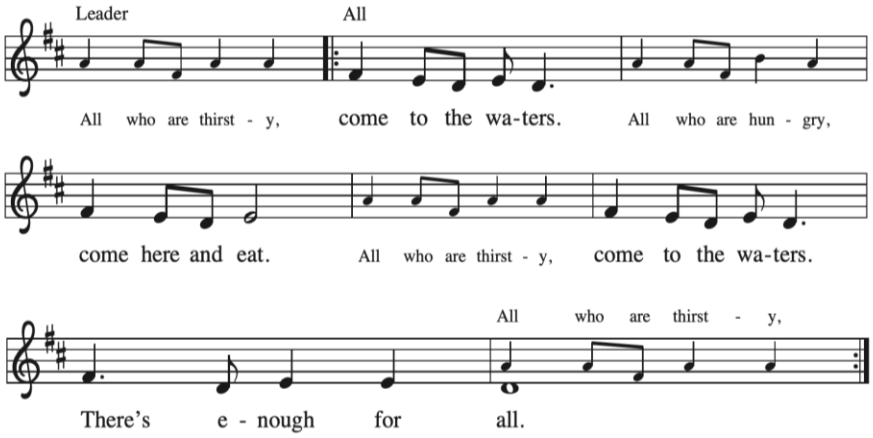
These are the gifts of God for the people of God - come to the Table,
for all is now ready. **We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

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.



Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979
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.

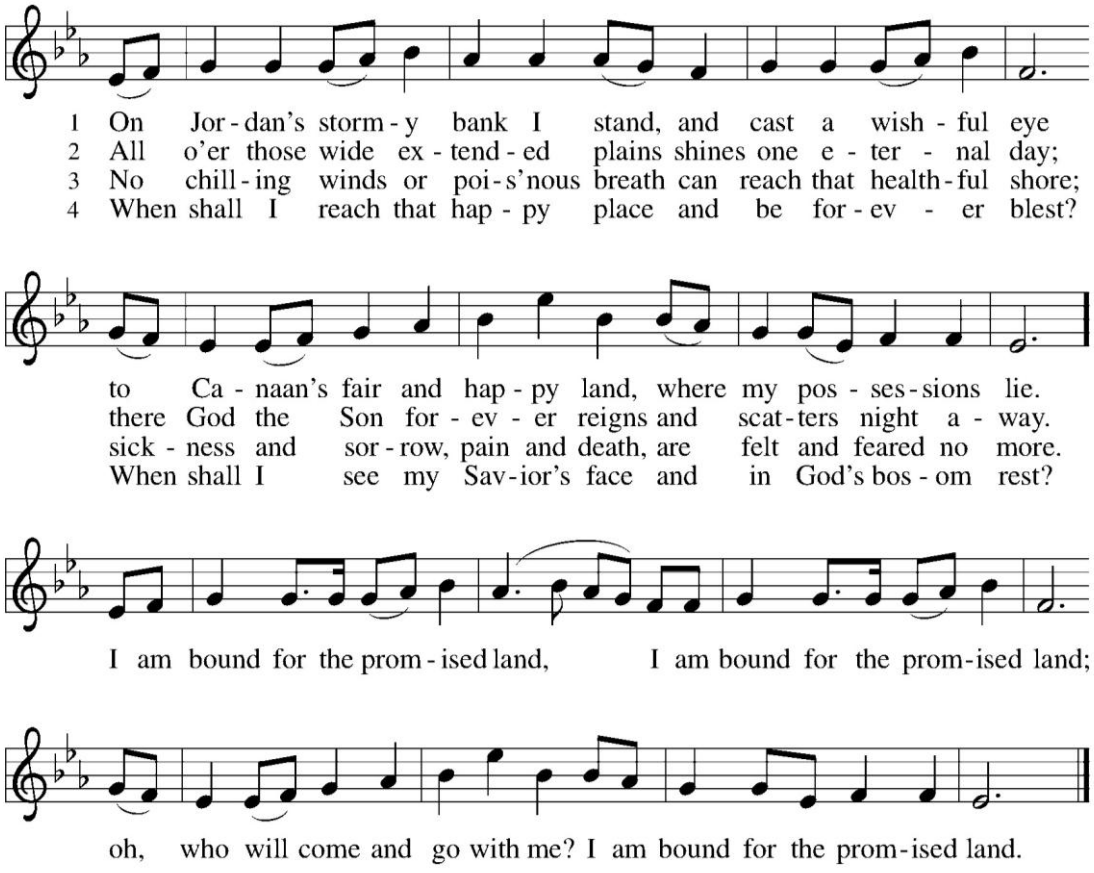
Sending

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 #437, ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANK



Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

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: Jim Henry
LECTOR:
FELLOWSHIP: Rick and Genya Hopf

WE WELCOME Rich Spotts as our organist this morning and thank him for his 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 Rita (H), Giovanni T (H,St,R), Jeni S (H,St,R), Jill H (H,R) and the family and friends of Michael Fargnoli as they mourn his death. 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.

TABOR SERVICES COLLECTION: Today is the last day a basket will be 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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING is scheduled for next 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.

POINSETTIAS/SPECIAL DONATIONS: If you would like to help decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons by purchasing poinsettias for the worship area display, order forms are located on the table with the bulletins or you may contact the church office. The cost is $8.00 each and the deadline for placing your order is December 1st. You may also make a donation to one of the special church funds. Checks should be made payable to *Christ Lutheran Church*.

ANNUAL ADOPT-A-CHILD/FAMILY for Christmas: We are once again collecting gift cards rather than adopting a specific person. We are collecting gift cards from any place and amount of your choosing (i.e. Wal-Mart, Target, Giant, Weis) to be donated to the Adopt-A-Child program to be used where needed and diapers for the children/families of Tabor Services. Gift cards should be placed in a marked envelope and put in the offering plate, Kim Szymanowski's mailbox or dropped off at the church office. All gift cards are needed by December 6th so that they may be delivered to Tabor in time for Christmas.

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.

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. Today is the deadline for making a donation. There will be a short ceremony at the cemetery on December 19th at 2 p.m.

BRACELET SALE by Allie Cron - $3.00 to $4.00 each and 25% of proceeds to Christ Lutheran for Project Linus, our 2027 Lenten recipient. These make great gifts for anyone. Favorite colors and team colors can be custom made! Please contact Sandra Cron at 215-262-3735 or email sancron42@gmail.com with questions.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board…see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

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.

DID YOU KNOW…Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received $1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and $1,890.00 to date in 2026.

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.

TABOR HOME SUPPORT – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn, but sizes 4, 5 & 6 are preferred) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

The Week of November 15th at a Glance

Sun. 11/15 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period
Tues. 11/17 Happy Birthday, Ashley Swope!
Wed. 11/18 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
Thur. 11/19 7:00AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study
Fri. 11/20 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, Carl Swope!
Sat. 11/21 Happy Birthday, Ava Cron!
Sun. 11/22 Christ the King Sunday
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Congregational Budget Meeting followed by Fellowship Period
11:00AM (Budget meeting by Zoom in the event of bad weather)