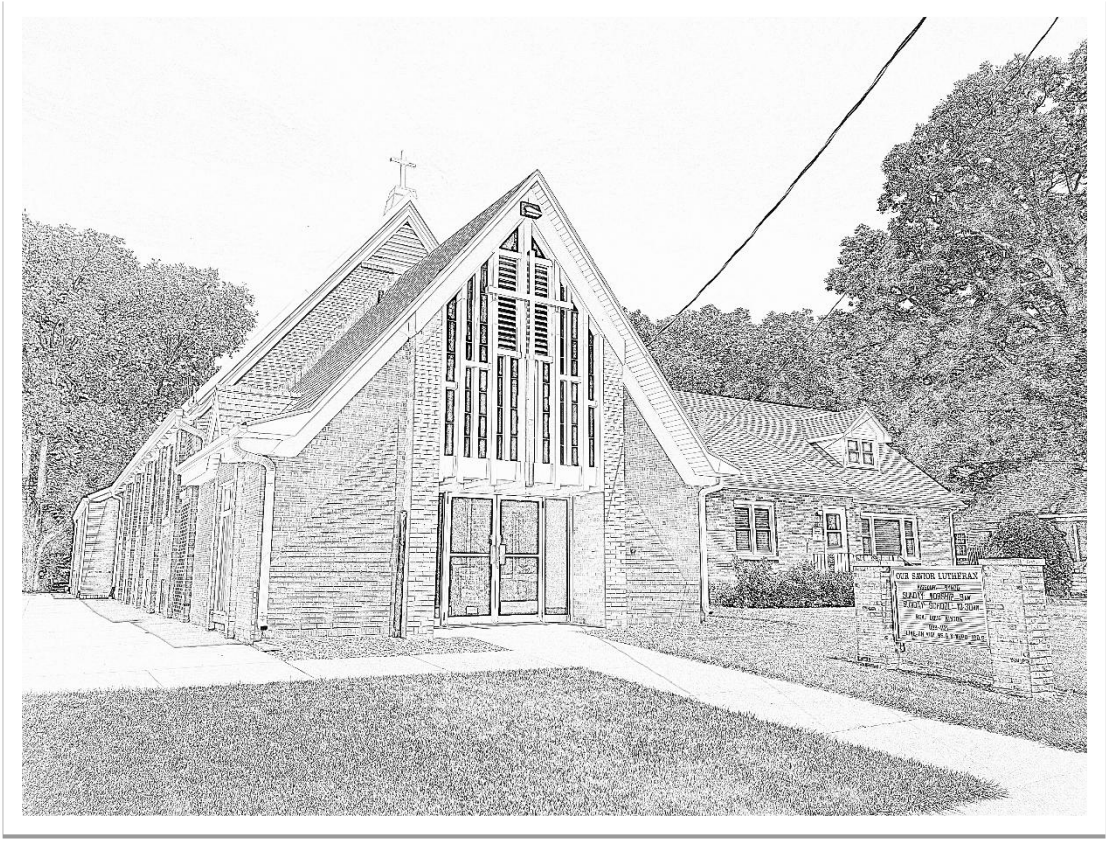
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

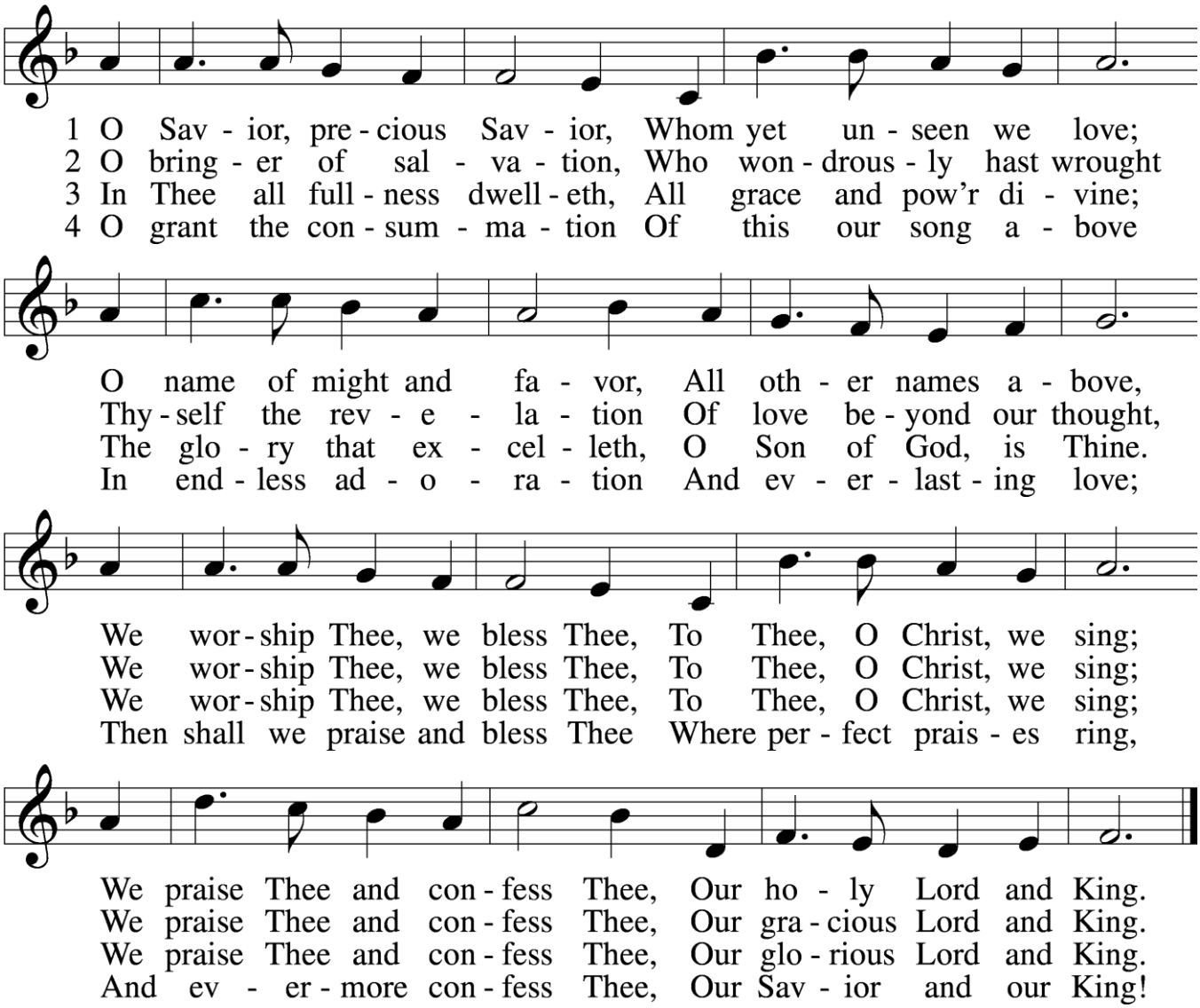
November 8, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One

Special Music Children

Opening Hymn — "O Savior, Precious Savior"

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

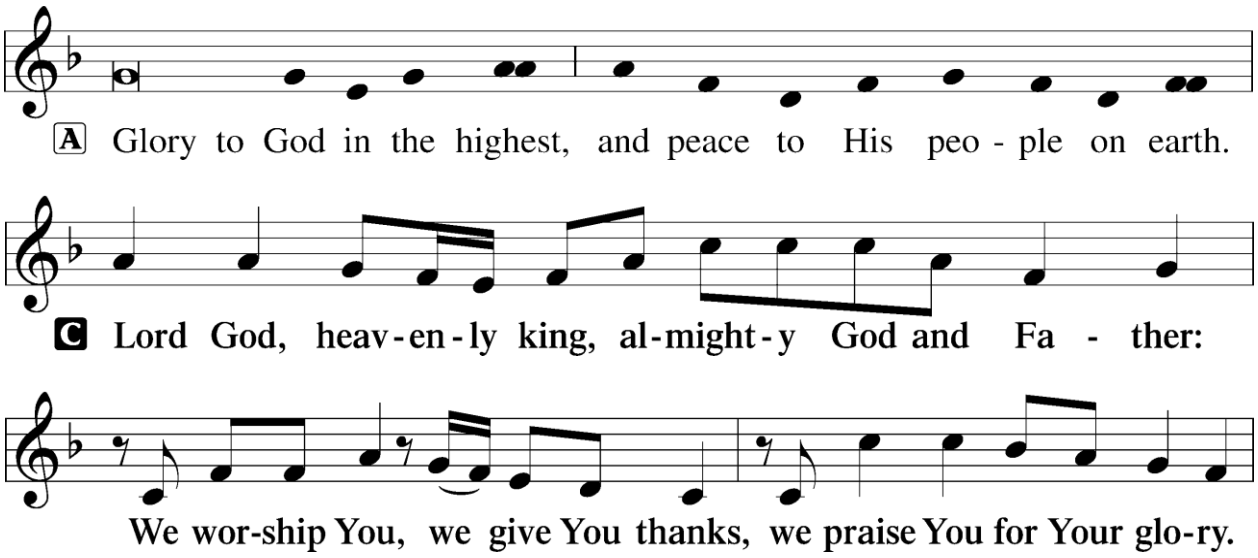
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
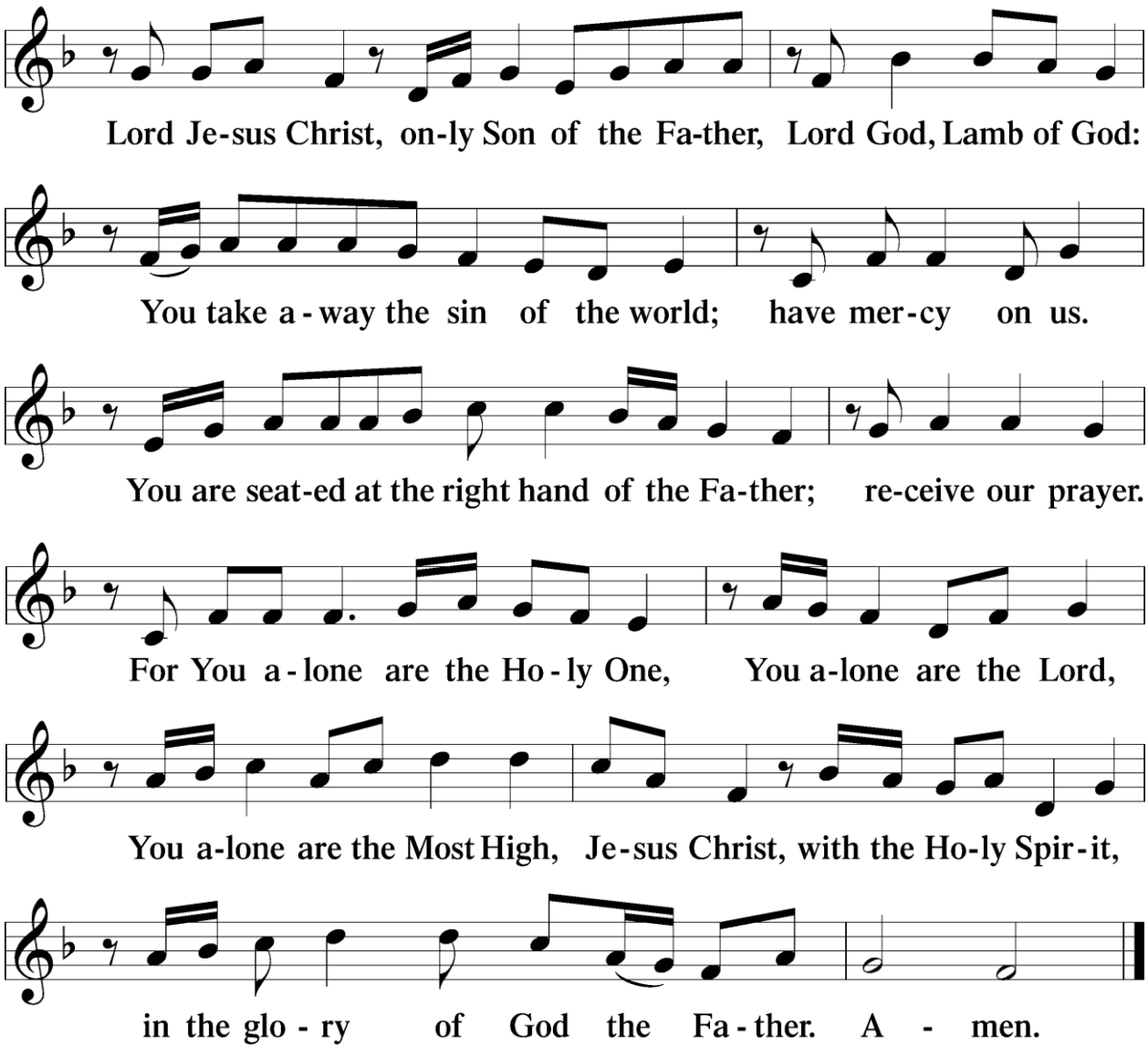
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Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
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 **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

[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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

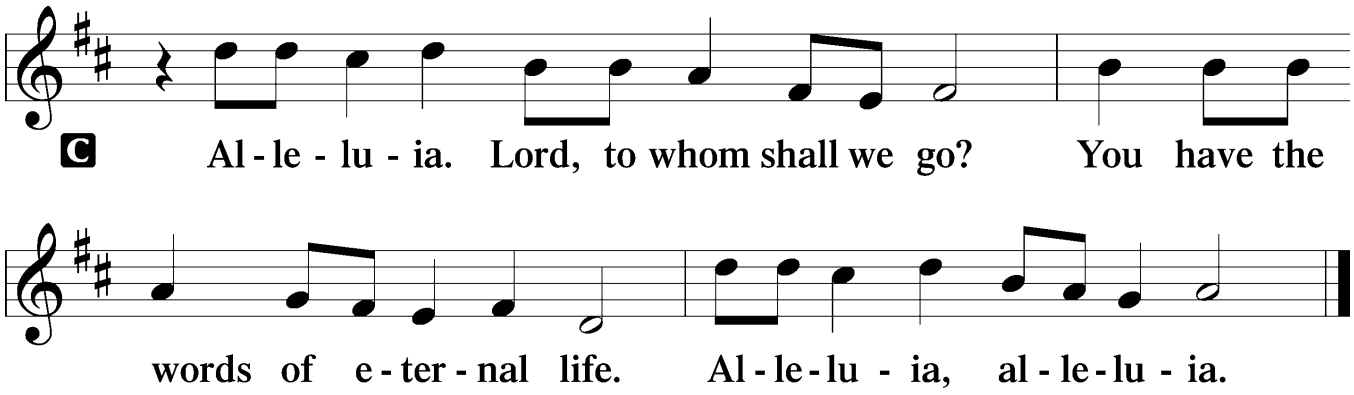
Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

[13]But 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] "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."
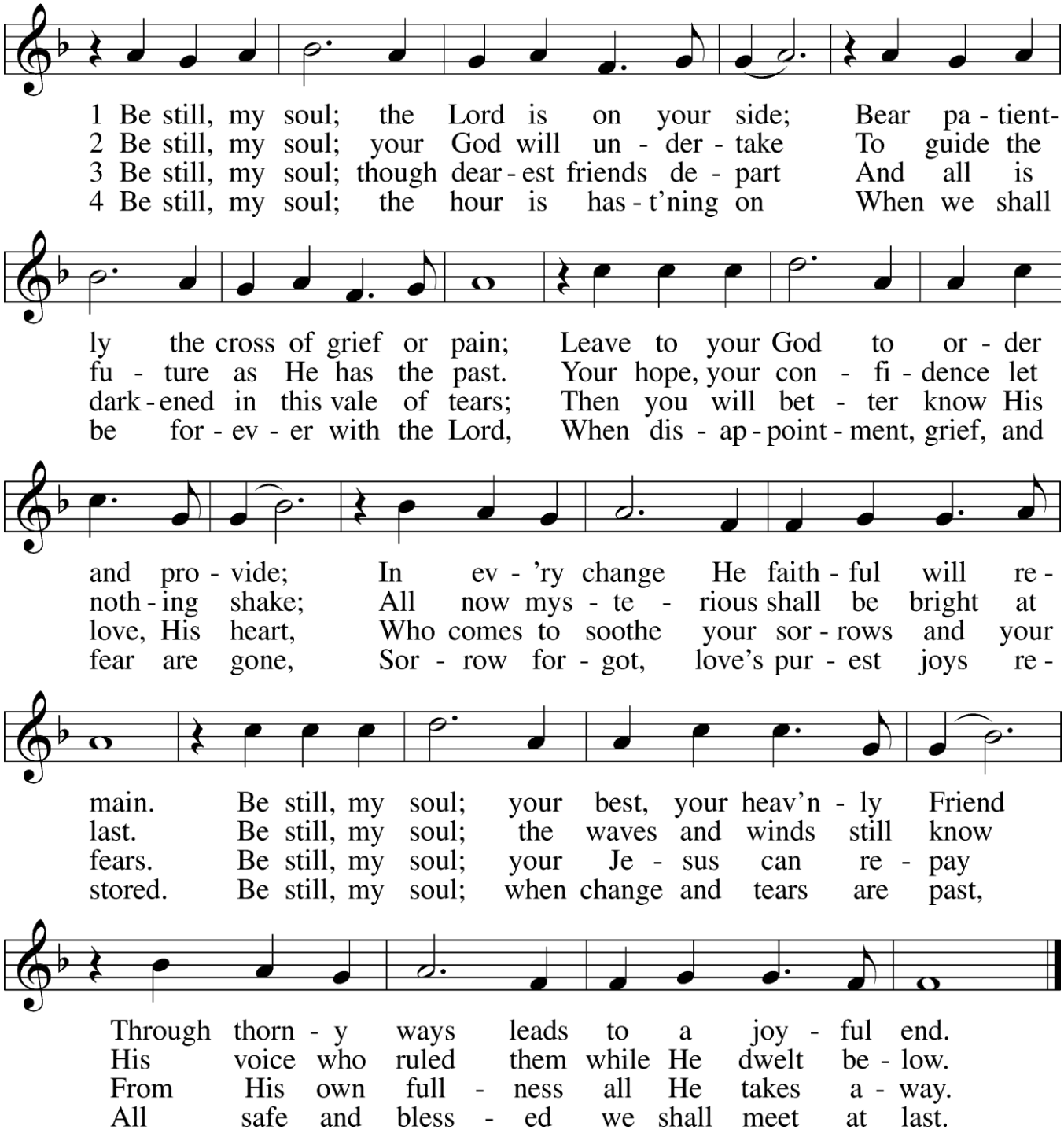
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day — "Be Still, My Soul"

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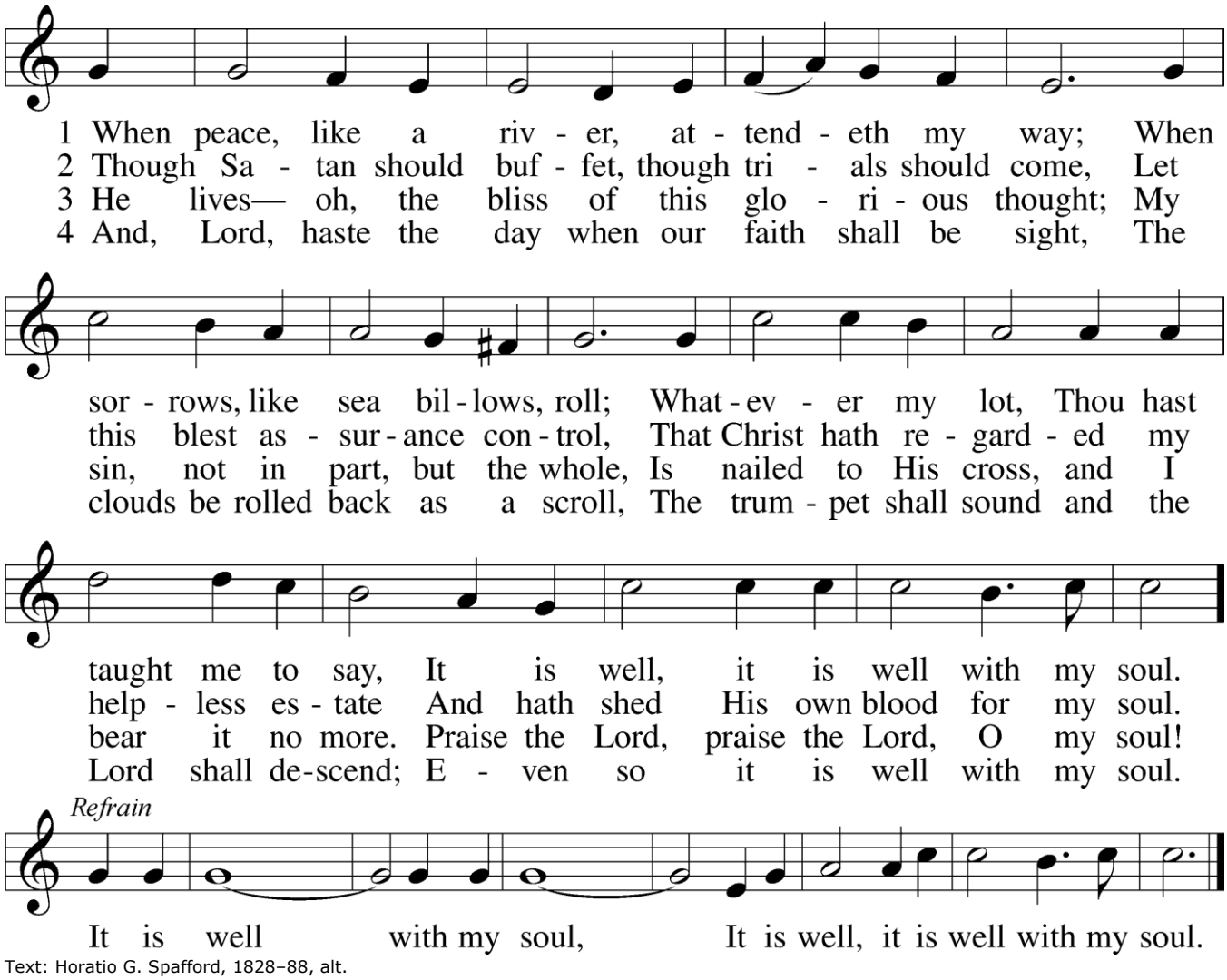
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Sermon — "Grief with Hope"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon Hymn — "When Peace Like a River"

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.
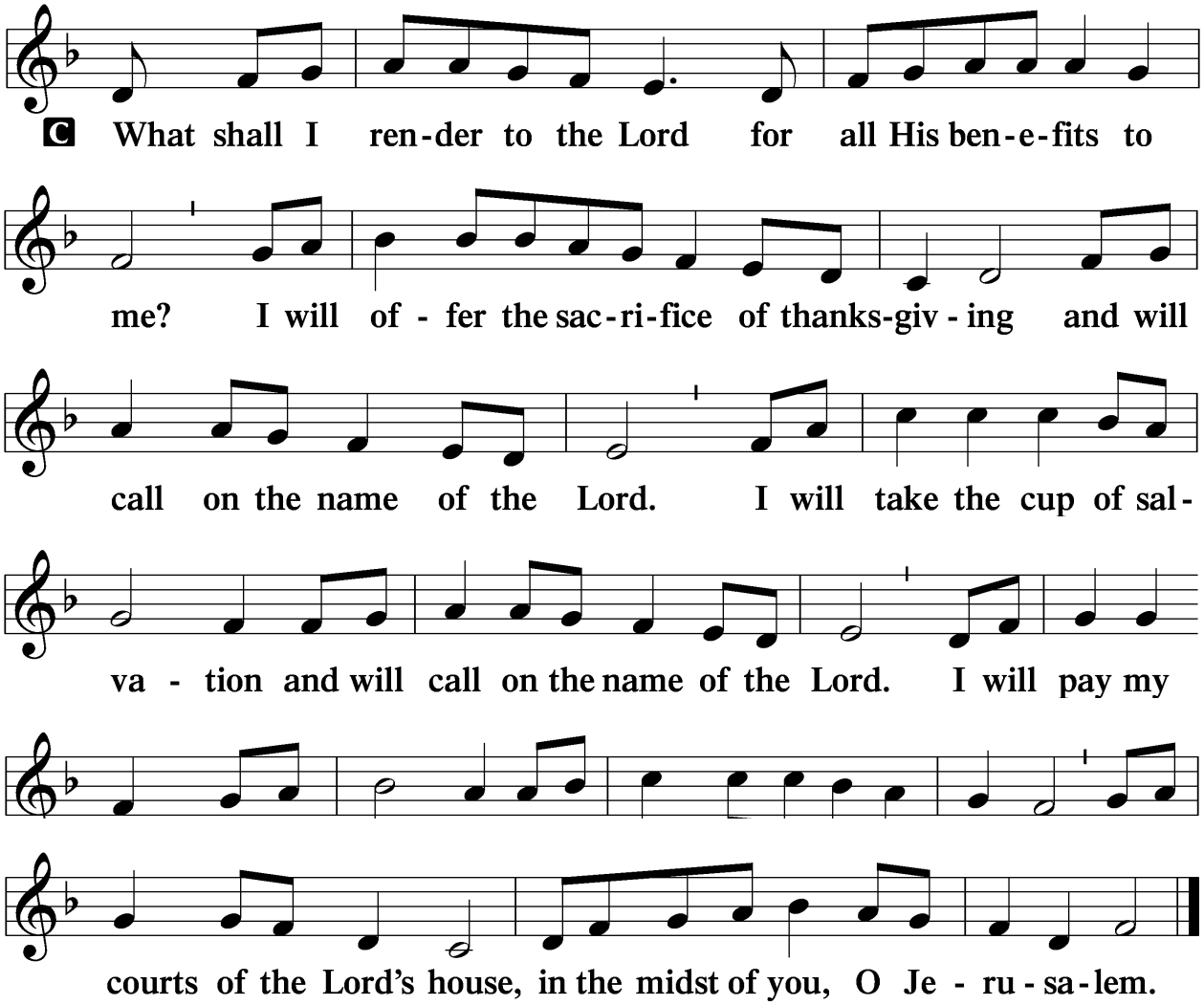
Prayer of the Church

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Offering

Offertory



Lord's Prayer

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.

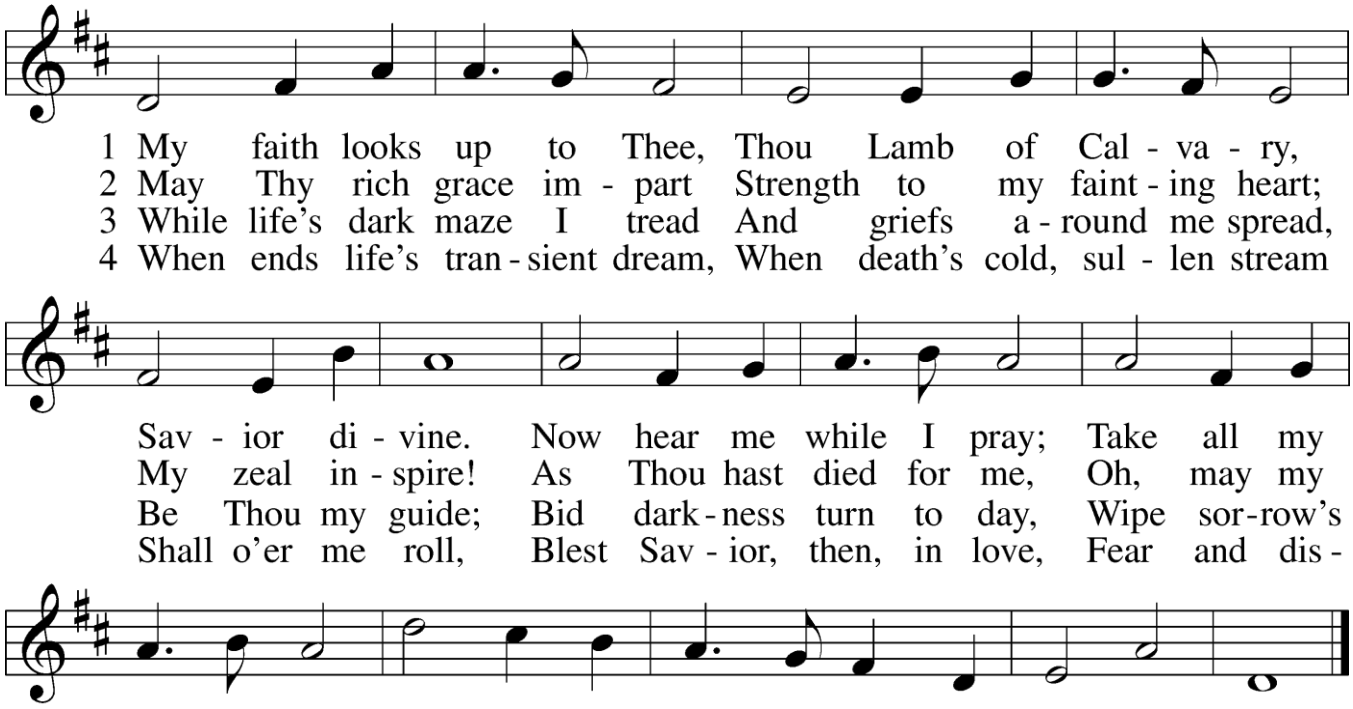
Benediction

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 — "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: 9:00 AM, Devine Service 1
Today: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Wednesday: 3:15 PM, Jr. High Confirmation
Next Sunday: 9:00 AM, Devine Service 3
Next Sunday: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

THOSE SERVING AT OSLC

	11/08/26	11/15/26
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Jim Winder
Organist	Linda Kellerhalls	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Sound Board	Dean Lingley	Patrick Teig
Greeters	Patty Bruens Jean Lauterbach	Jon and Diane Goldenstein
Acolyte	Ben Harms	Avery Schroeder
Usher	Dean Lingley	Dean Lingley
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

Weekly Offering Statistics – November 1, 2026
Attendance: 84
General Fund Offerings: $1,850.00
Missions Fund Offerings: $0.00
Missions Fund YTD: $9,596.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR: Thank you to Linda Kellerhals and family for sponsoring the radio broadcast this morning in memory of Al Kellerhals.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR: Our Children's Christmas Eve Program will take place on Sunday, December 20th at 9:00 AM, with practices beginning Sunday, November 15th. All children from pre-school through 8th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Program. If your child **won't** be able to participate, please let Sarah Verswijver know **today** so we can finalize parts.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: Our next Bible Study group will meet on November 17th, beginning at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please see Patty Bruens.

ADVENT MEALS: Advent meals will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM. Charlene Rieches is working on a menu that will be shared as we approach this date. Meals will be served on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. A freewill offering will be collected each week, and the proceeds will be used to help provide these weekly meals. If you have any questions, please see Charlene Rieches or Patty Bruens.

A MESSAGE FROM COURTNEY: If you would like to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary as we prepare for Christmas, please complete the order form and return it, along with payment, to Courtney or place it in the Secretary's mailbox in the narthex by Sunday, November 29, 2026. Poinsettias are $16.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND ELDER WIVES: Please join us on Sunday, November 29, immediately following the service, to help decorate and beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season. Enjoy a snack downstairs, then come back upstairs, roll up your sleeves, and join us as we prepare our sanctuary this special time of year.

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE LUCHT: The October 18, 2026, Voter's Meeting recording is now available on our website. Contact Dave Lucht to get the link.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: "And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

November 9th Brady Moore
November 9th Corey Moore
November 11th Phil Raddatz

Those celebrating an anniversary:

November 13th Dave & Ethel Lucht (61 yrs)

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter-in-law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother-in-law of Dennis and Sheila Selk
Sally Parmenter, friend of Olivia Harms
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Marc Avila, cousin of Patty Bruens, Alzheimer's progression

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Mary Kamin
Joann Sloan
Julie Towers

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces:
Eric Barrie - brother-in-law of Natalee Dart, serving in the U.S. Navy
Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement:
Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Those studying at the Seminary:
Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Sem, Ft Wayne, IN
Vicar Zachary Stuckwisch, Trinty Lutheran, Auburn, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:
Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

