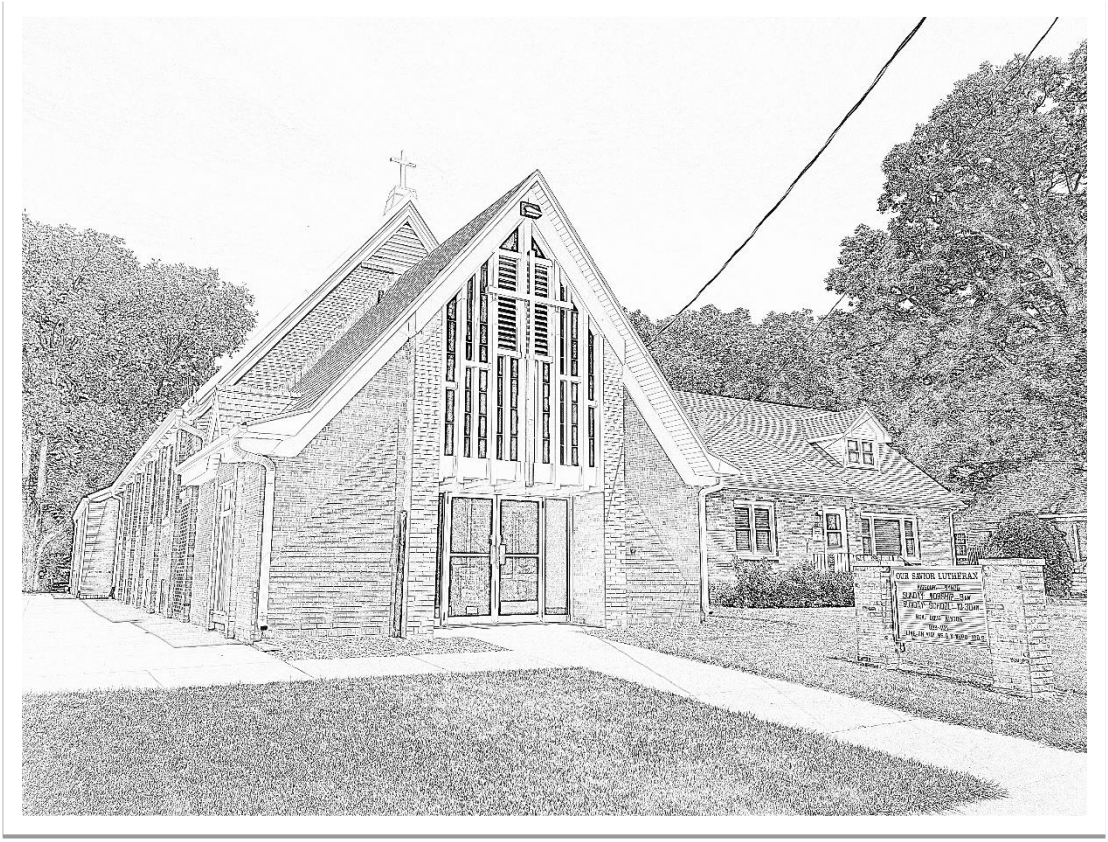
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three

Opening Hymn — "Son of God, Eternal 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.
I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
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.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But
you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For
you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of
the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and
be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are
drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For
God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we
might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another
up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went
away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with
them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents
made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug
in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master
of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,
'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'
21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have
been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master,
you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been
faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and
gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid
your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master
answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where
I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have
received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and
give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be
given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even
what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn — "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

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Sermon — "From Fear to Faithfulness"

Matthew 25:14-30

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Offertory



Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

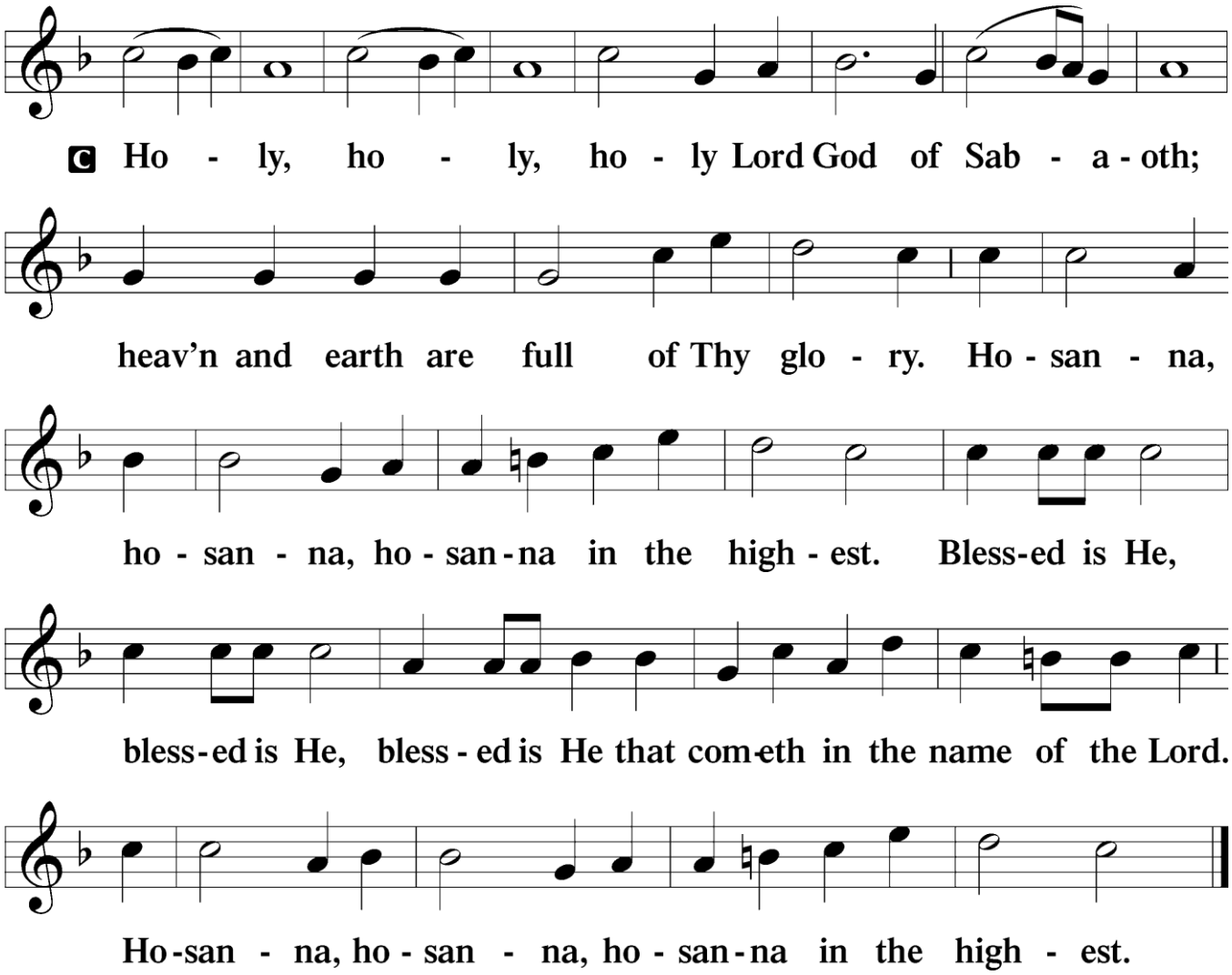
P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

℗ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

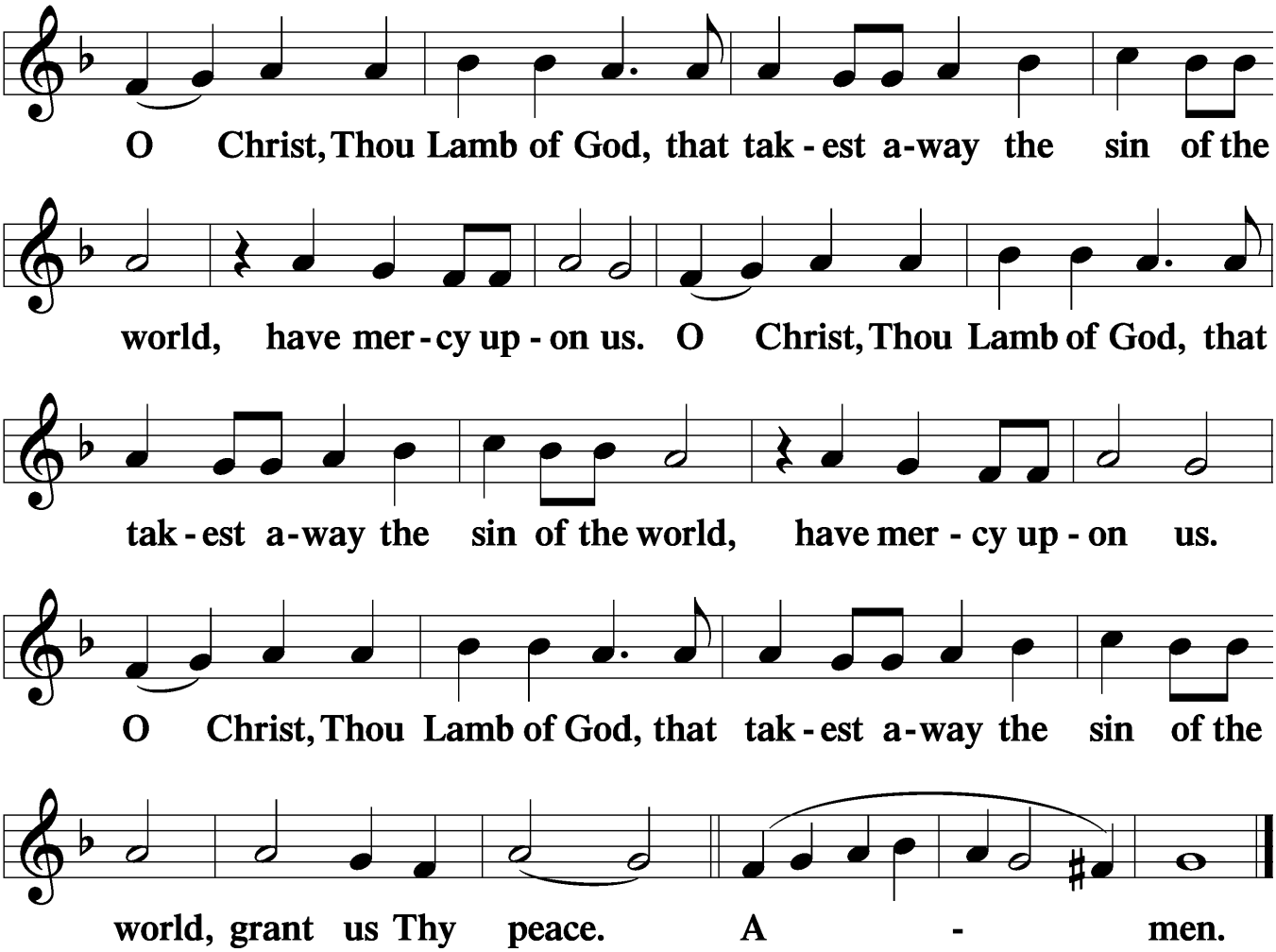
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

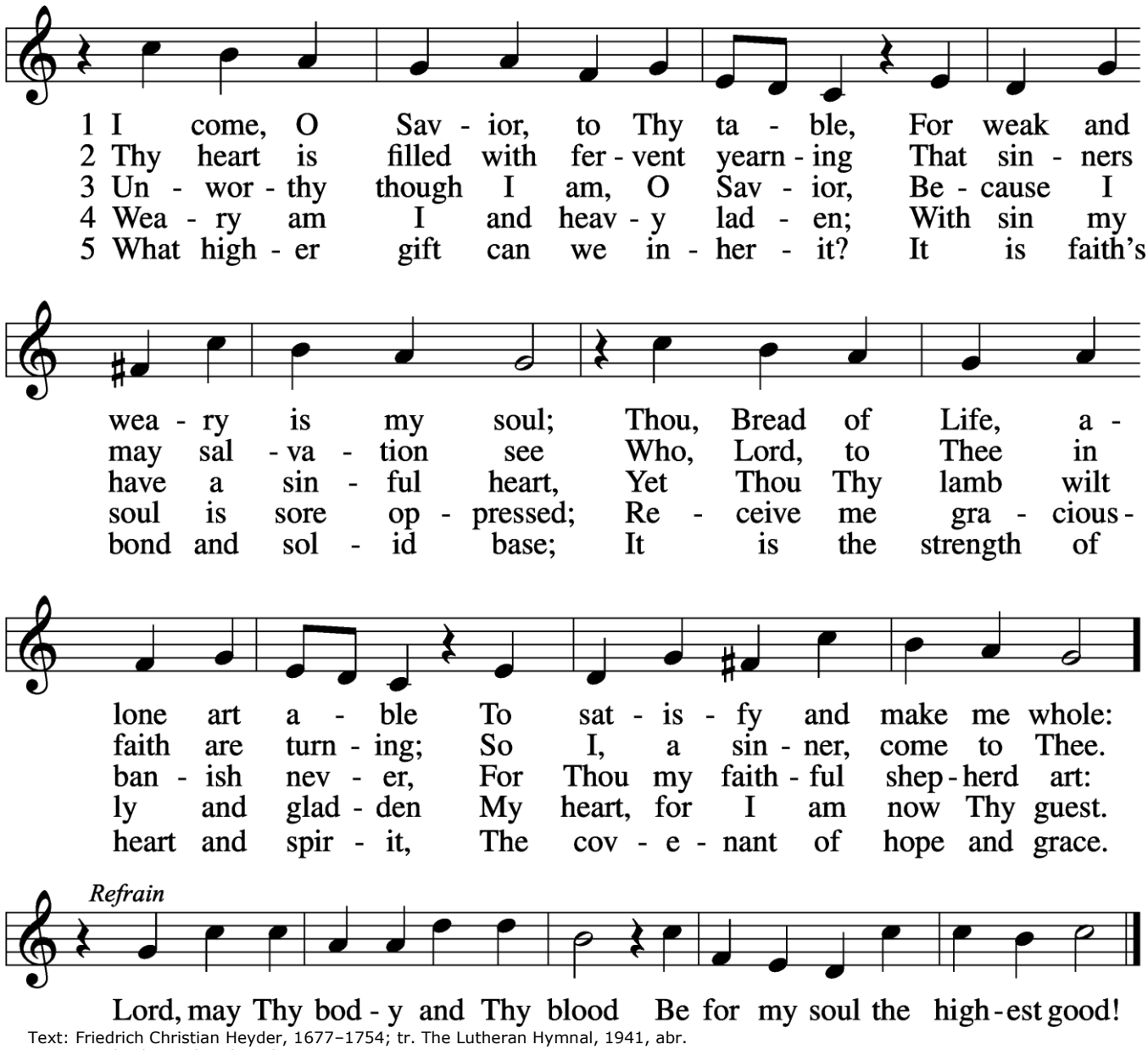


Statement on Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that our Savior Jesus Christ is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar. Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the confession of faith as taught by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a guest who has not been instructed concerning our church's teaching of the Lord's Supper, we invite you to first attend our instructional classes. If you would like a Christian blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Distribution Hymns

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *LSB 618*



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“O Living Bread From Heaven” *LSB 642*



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Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent

love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn — "Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on-ly for my King;
4 Take my sil-ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es from Thee.
Take my in-tel-lect and use Ev-'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: 9:00 AM, Divine Service 3
Today: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Christmas Program Practice
Wednesday: 3:15 PM, Jr. High Confirmation
Next Sunday: 9:00 AM, Divine Service 4
Next Sunday: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Christmas Program Practice

THOSE SERVING AT OSLC

	11/15/26	11/22/26
Elder	Jim Winder	Rich Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Benny Verswijver
Radio Monitors	Justin and Brenna Schroeder	Benny and Sarah Verswijver
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Patty Bruens
Greeters	Jon and Dianne Goldenstein	Doug Benner Kendra Morts
Acolyte	Avery Schroeder	Jaylin Lavicka
Usher	Dean Lingley	Dean Lingley
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Parry Bruens	Sheila Selk Parry Bruens

Weekly Offering Statistics – November 8, 2026
Attendance: 83
General Fund Offerings: $2,715.00
Missions Fund Offerings: $200.00
Missions Fund YTD: $9,796.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 29th. 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 29th, 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 COURTNEY: The 2027 Membership Directory is almost finished, with only a few formatting edits remaining. The President, Elders, and Pastor have reviewed and approved the new format. If you have any changes to your contact information, including your mailing address, email address, or phone number, please let me know by Friday, November 20th. I plan to have the new directories distributed to church mailboxes by December 6th.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: Iroquois County Lutheran Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, November 22nd, at 5:00 PM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Woodworth. All youth in 6th through 12th grade are welcome. Bring a card game or board game and join us for an evening of Christian fellowship and fun. For more information, please see Brenna or Jan.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: "Tragedies are a reminder that we do live in a fallen world, and we all need to repent. We thank God for the time He has given us in this life to repent. We recognize our sin. We confess our sin. We trust that Jesus did everything for our forgiveness. Out of thanks for God's gift of forgiveness, let's be living fig trees. Each day let's bear good fruit, showing our faith, and giving glory to God in everything we do." *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

November 16th Zane Trumann
November 20th Linda Brazel
November 21st Stacie Trumann

Those celebrating an anniversary:

November 18th Jeff & Becky Bridge (7 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

Those mourning the loss of a loved one:

The family and friends of Randall and Gloria Schleef upon the death and burial of their son, Brian.

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.

