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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2026

The Parable of the Talents

TWO CHURCHES · ONE FAITH · ONE FAMILY

Sunday: Nov 15, 2026 - The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild	TJaye Brand & Carole Vipond
Assisting Minister	Thom Hawley
Lector	Hjordis Rivet
Chalice Bearer	TJaye Brand & Anna Anderson
Acolyte	Kayleigh Shriver
Ushers	Remos & Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	Phil & Candy Breen
Offering Counters	TJaye Brand & Remos Lenio

Sunday: Nov 22, 2026 - Christ The King Sunday

Altar Guild	Carole Vipond & Debbie Meli
Assisting Minister	Anna Anderson
Lector	Bill Anderson
Chalice Bearer	TJaye Brand & Anna Anderson
Acolyte	Oliver Kolb
Ushers	Remos & Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	Jessica Wood & Kevin Iteen
Offering Counters	Cathy Iteen & Remos Lenio

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Two Churches, One Faith, One Family

Emauneul Lutheran (ELCA) and Grace Episcopal worship together in this beautiful, historic church. Together, we are a family of faith, committed to following Jesus Christ, serving our community, and caring for one another. We warmly welcome all who worship with us today!

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized in the Christian faith, regardless of denomination. If however, you are not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome and encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Please complete the attendance book located at the end of your pew. If you are in need of prayer, have questions, or are looking for a church home, simply let us know. I would be honored to reach out and connect with you.

As we look ahead to the Advent and Christmas season, there is so much to look forward to here at Emanuel and Grace! We are excited about the opportunities to gather in faith, fellowship, and celebration, and we hope you will join us.

One special event we're looking forward to is our Wednesday evening Advent series beginning in December, inspired by the beloved Christmas film *The Polar Express*. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, hope, wonder, and believing as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We hope you'll come along for the journey!

There is much more happening in the weeks ahead! Be sure to pick up this week's edition of The Gathering for church news, upcoming events, and community happenings. You can also stay connected by following Emanuel Lutheran and Grace Episcopal Churches Ludington MI on Facebook for announcements, updates, and reminders throughout the season.

We are grateful you are here and look forward to sharing this special season with you!

The Rev. Domingo (Mick) Shriver

Worship Key
* The assembly will please stand
P Pastor/Priest
C Congregation
A Assisting
L Lector

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28

November 15, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD - THE GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome—Online guests

Announcements: ***Pastor Mick Shriver***

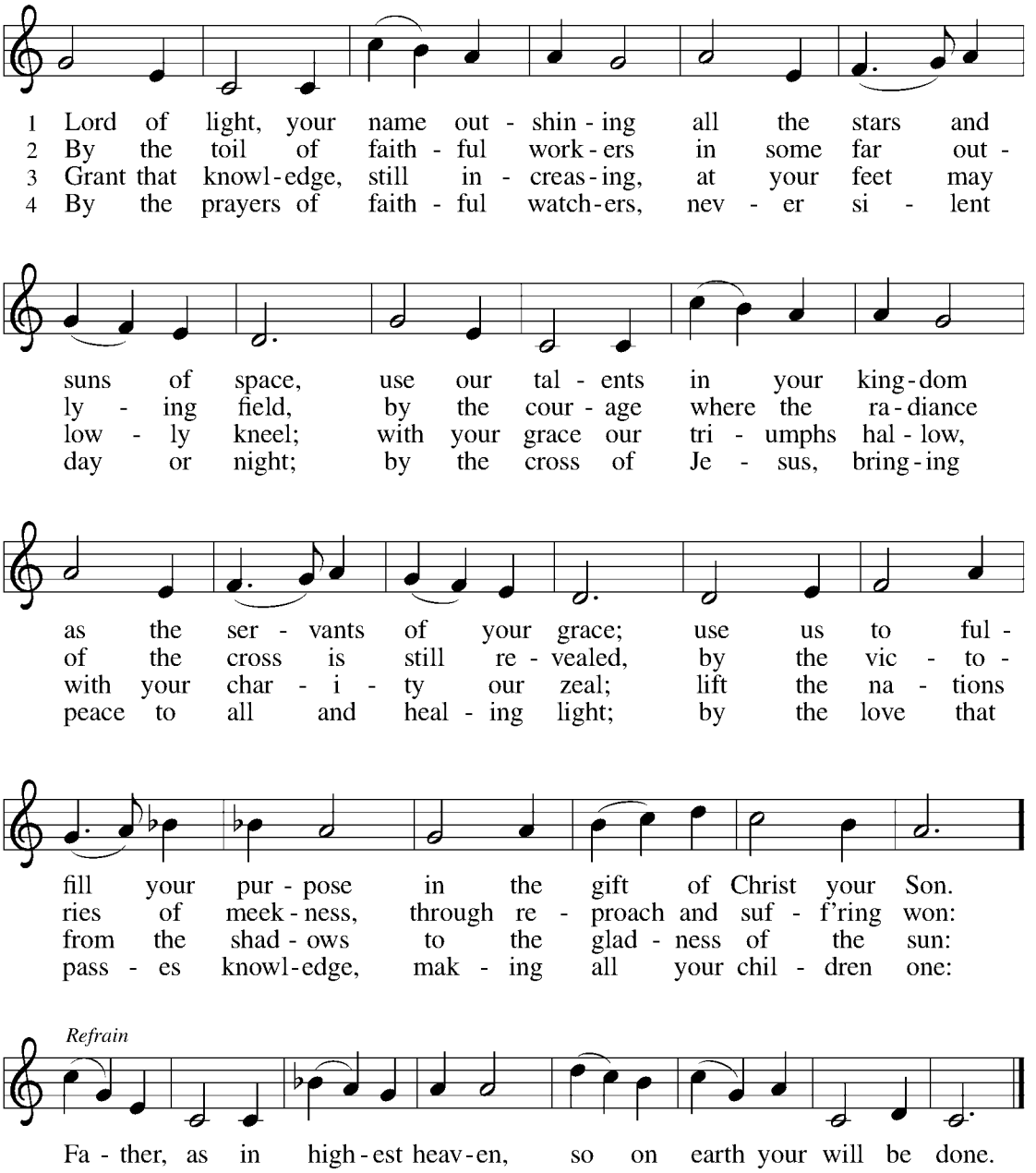
Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

"...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God's Holy Spirit."

Gathering Song

"Lord Of Light" *(See Page 5)*

Lord of Light



**Opening Prayer/Opening Acclamation*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

P 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.

C Amen.



C Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray…

**Prayer of the Day/Collect*

P Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

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.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
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.

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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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Prayed Responsively

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

A 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

A 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

C 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

A 5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**C 6 in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

A 7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

**C 8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

A 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C 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.

A 11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

C 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

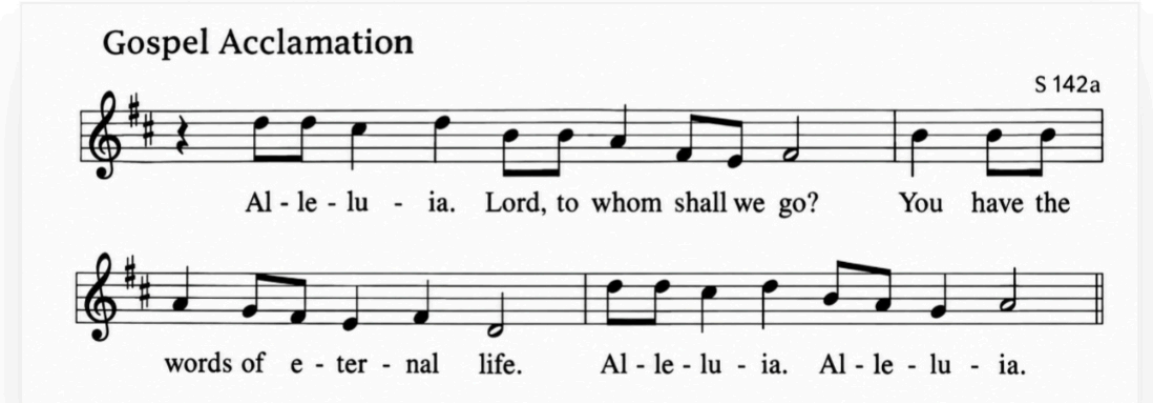
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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,
brothers and sisters, 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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation / Gradual**



***Holy Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[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,

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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.’ ”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel…

P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ

Homily The Reverend Mick Shriver



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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS

The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.

A With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to you, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Let us pray to you, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

P O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

*Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you

The assembly is seated following the peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST - HOLY COMMUNION

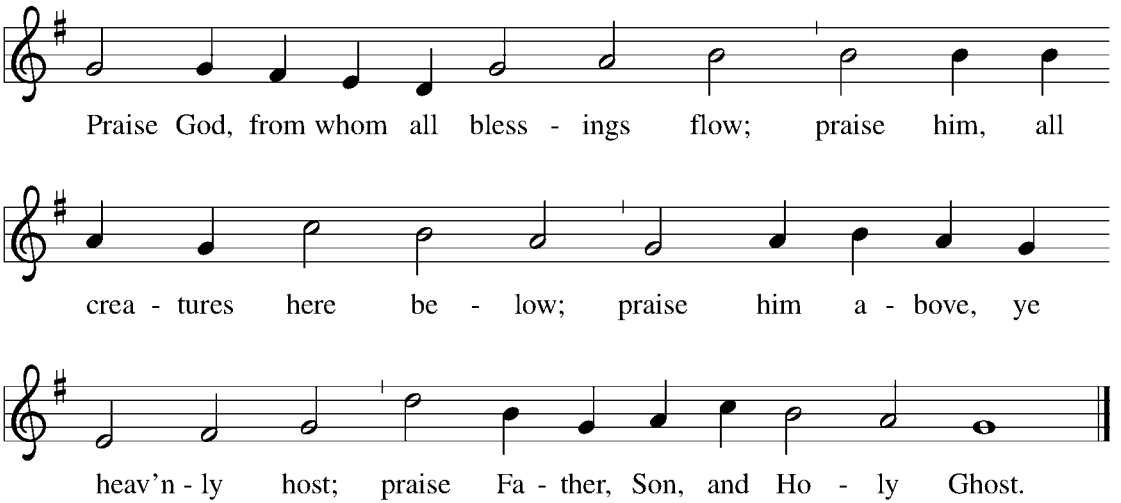
Offetory Sentence

P Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory / Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



****Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)***

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

PREFACE

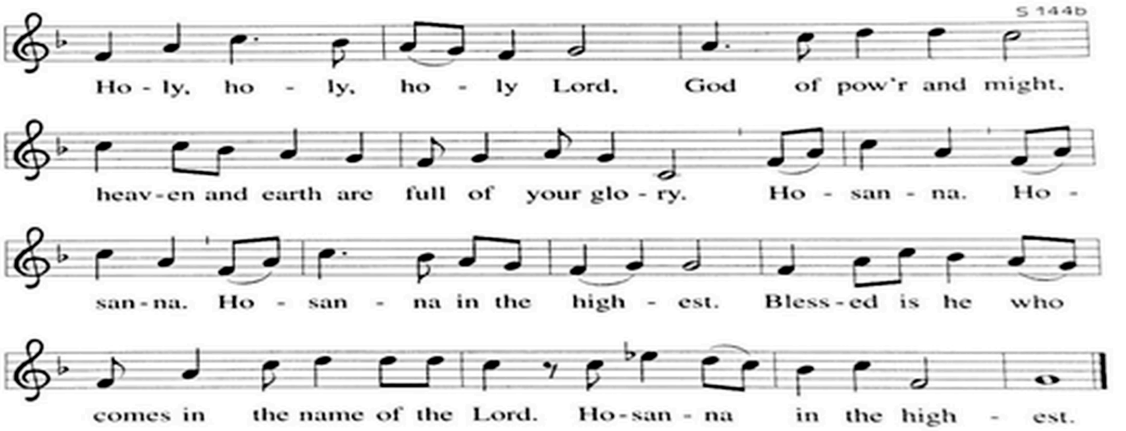
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archanges, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



*Eucharistic Prayer / Prayer of Consecration

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us Your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

P 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.

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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C **Amen**

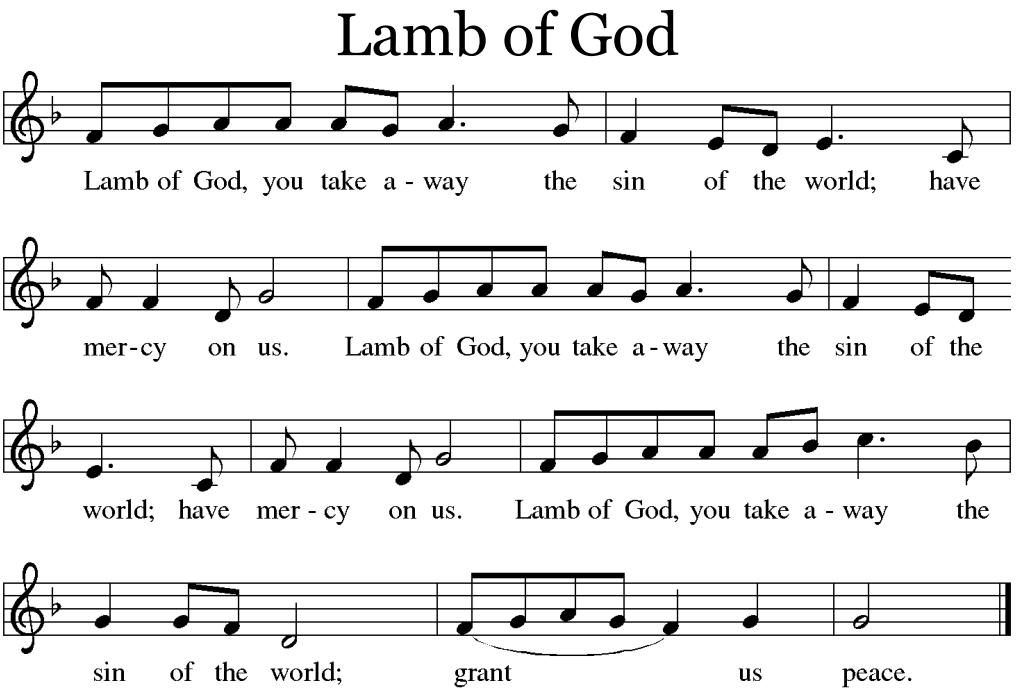
P And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,



*Fraction

P Alleluia, Alleluia! Risen Lord, Be Known to us in the breaking of the bread.

C **Alleluia, Alleluia!**



*Invitation to Communion

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

P Lord I am not Worthy to receive you

C But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

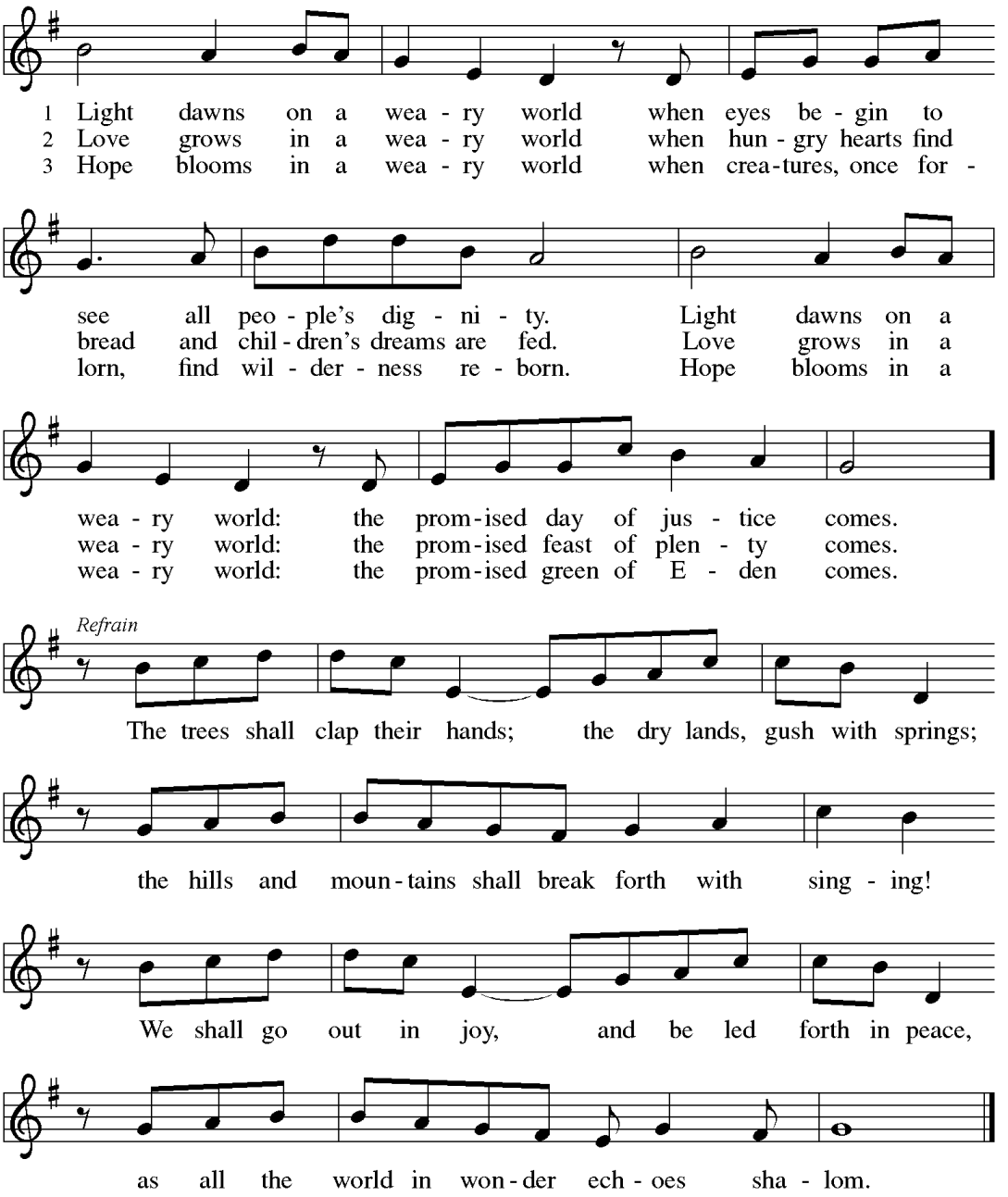
P At this time, God invites His children to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"Light Dawns on a Weary World" (See Page 20)

Light Dawns on a Weary World



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

P O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered by the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I can not receive you physically, I pray you come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in Your love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please Stand

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

***Blessing**

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 Hymn**

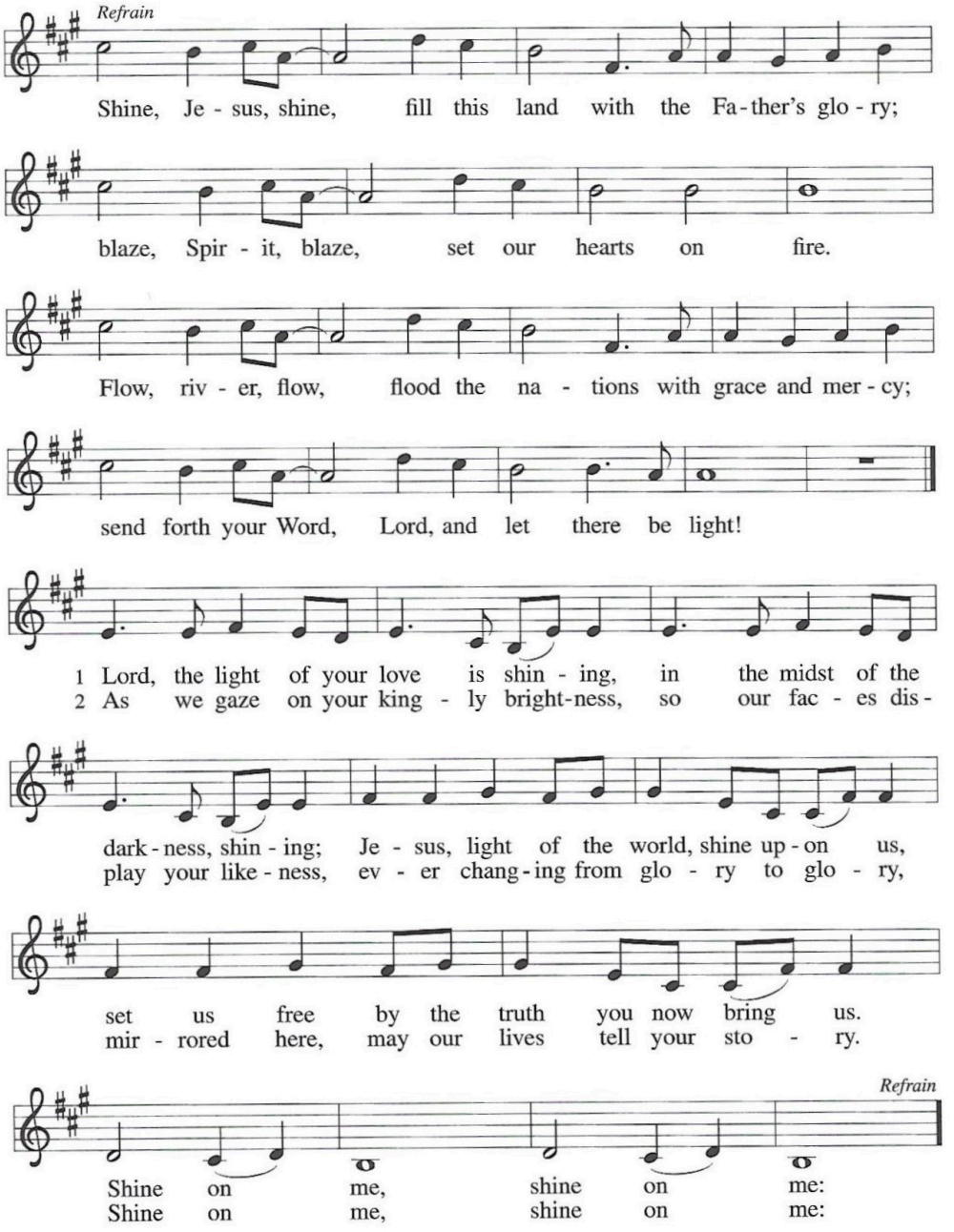
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (See Page 22)

***The Sending**

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Shine, Jesus, Shine 671



Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Todd Eastway, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Mary Hoffman, Kaydence Laaksonen, Tracey Laaksonen, Jonah Schmidt, Terry Speese, Pattie Tafelski, Carole Vipond, Athena Wilson, Rev Wayne Buskirk

Pray for our Friends: Tim Gillette, Brian Hamilton, Graeleigh Jensen, Will Knapp**,** Ken Kolb, Billy Lauderbach, Bob Martin, Jason McClellan, Leah Mitchell, Becket Northrup, Rev. Bill Huether, Dr. Brad Hubbard, Kay Hargett, Tricia Drollinger

Pray for those in care facilities: Barb Beaver, Florence Hamilton, Cathy Marrison, Carolyn Malkewitz, Stephanie Sundholm.

Pray for our Armed Forces: *Army* –Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* – Tad Reed; *Ezra Swan –Army Reserve*

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, We pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chili. We pray for all deacons in the Diocese - Trinity Marshall, Anne Bohl, Senior Warden and St. Gregory's Church in Norton Shores (Muskegon) - Kathy Conlon, Senior Warden.
In the Synodical Cycle of Prayer, we pray Immanuel Lutheran Church with their supply pastors, let us pray to you, O Lord.

PRAYER LIST

The names on the prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified otherwise.

The Pastor cannot assume that people want a personal visit, but is more than happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

We are a community of faith, worshiping together, seeking to follow Jesus, and serving our neighbors in God's love.

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