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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026

Faithful in the Waiting

TWO CHURCHES · ONE FAITH · ONE FAMILY

Sunday: Nov 8, 2026 - The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild	Sharon Welton & Tracey Laaksonen
Assisting Minister	TJaye Brand
Lector	Ryan Glanville
Chalice Bearer	Cindy Swan & TBD
Acolyte	Jacqueline Carie
Ushers	Art & Mary Hoffman
Coffee Hour	Anna Anderson
Offering Counters	Jessica Wood & Bob Budreau

Sunday: Nov 15, 2026 - The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild	TJaye Brand & Mary Hoffman
Assisting Minister	Steve Wietrzykowski
Lector	Hjordis Rivet
Chalice Bearer	TJaye Brand & Anna Anderson
Acolyte	Kayleigh Shriver
Ushers	
Coffee Hour	Anna Anderson
Offering Counters	TJaye Brand & Mary Hoffman

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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27

November 8, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD - THE GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome—Online guests

Announcements: ***Pastor Mick Shriver***
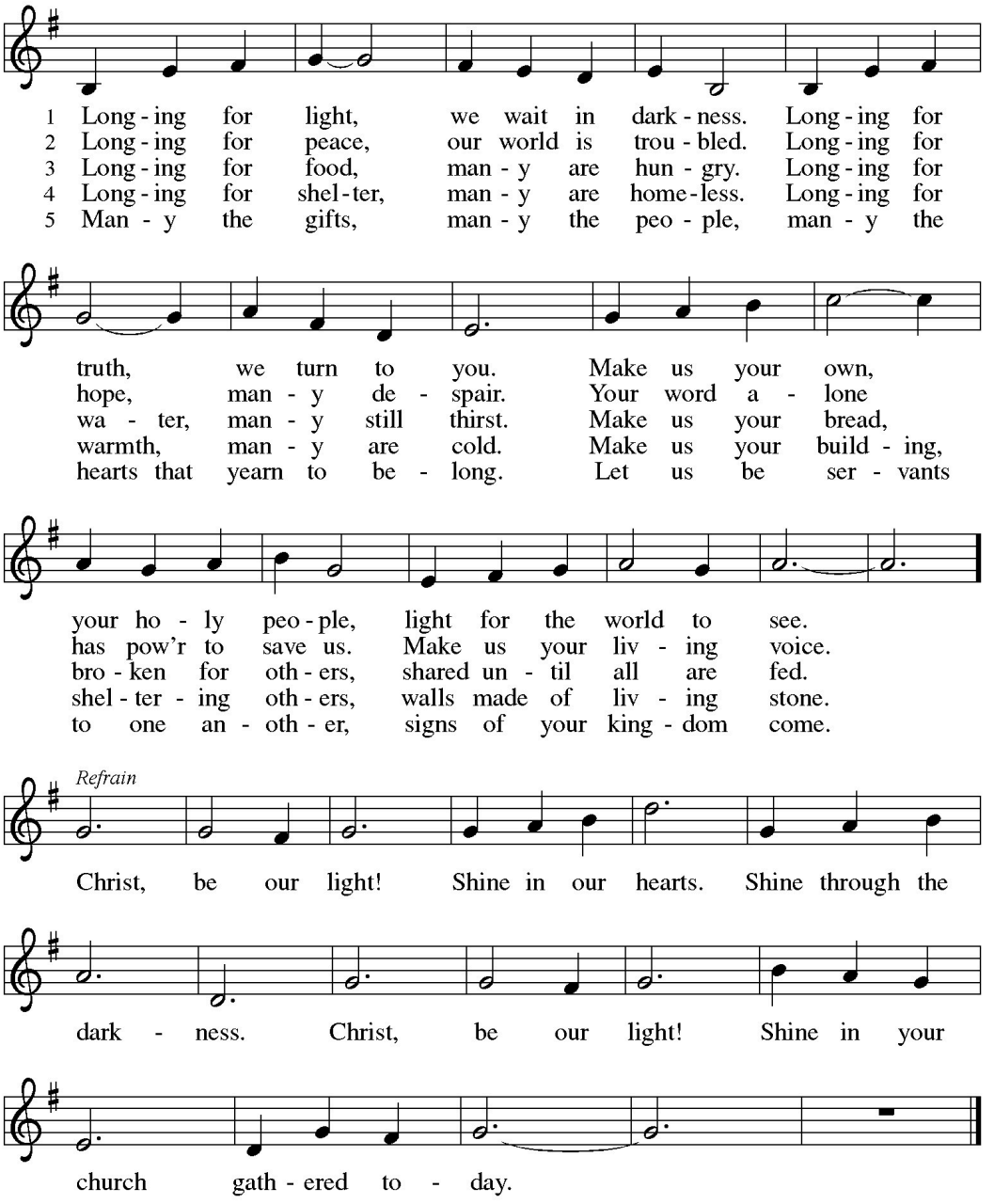
Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

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

Gathering Song

"Christ, Be Our Light" *(See Page 5)*

Christ, Be Our 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 O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 70 Prayed Responsively

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

A 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

C 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.

A 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

C 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

A 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.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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.
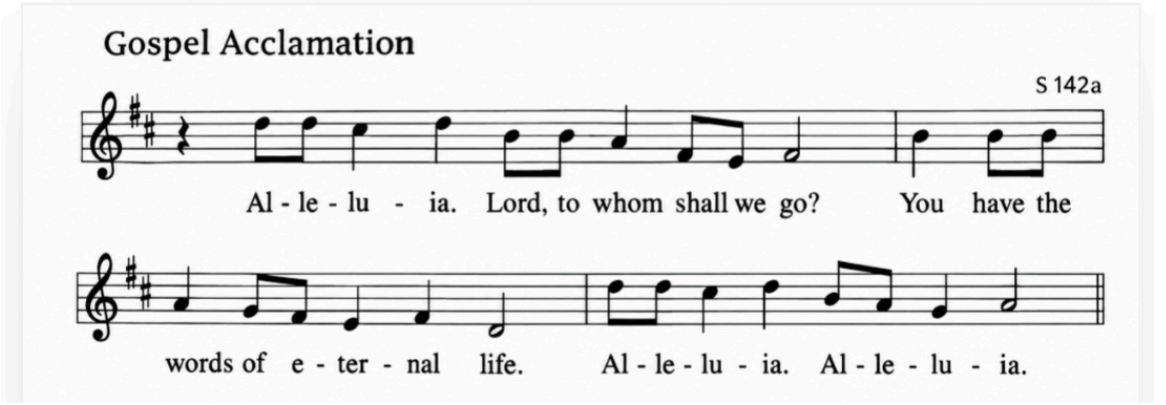
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15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with 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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation / Gradual**



***Holy Gospel** Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
C Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women 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 young women 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 young women 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."

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

Jesus and the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1–13



Keep Your Lamps Burning

A Reflection on Matthew 25:1–13

Faith is more than waiting. It is living each day with hearts prepared, lamps filled, and hope alive.

As we await Christ's coming, may we nurture our faith, share God's love, and keep the light of hope shining in our world.

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13 (NRSV)

THE NICENE CREED

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

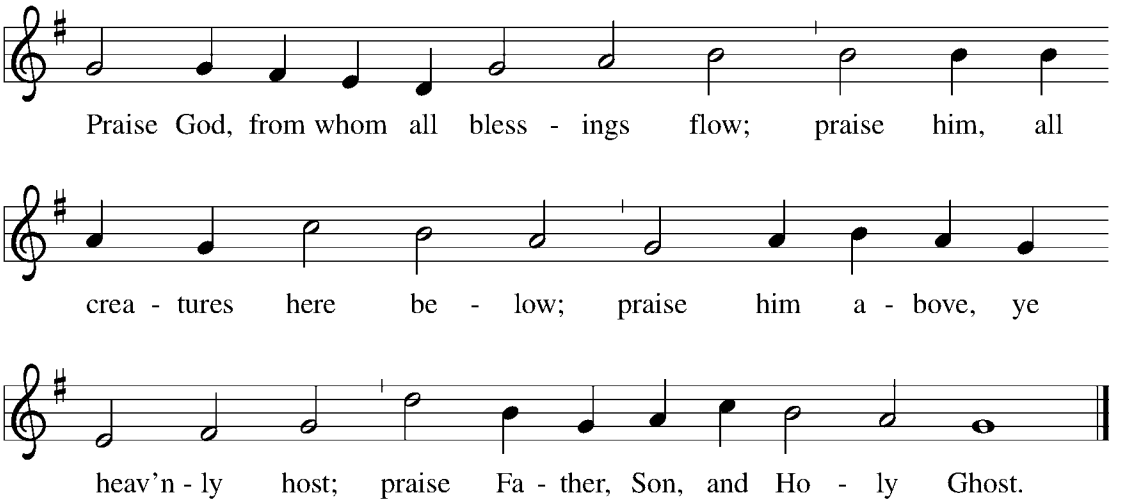
Offetory Sentence

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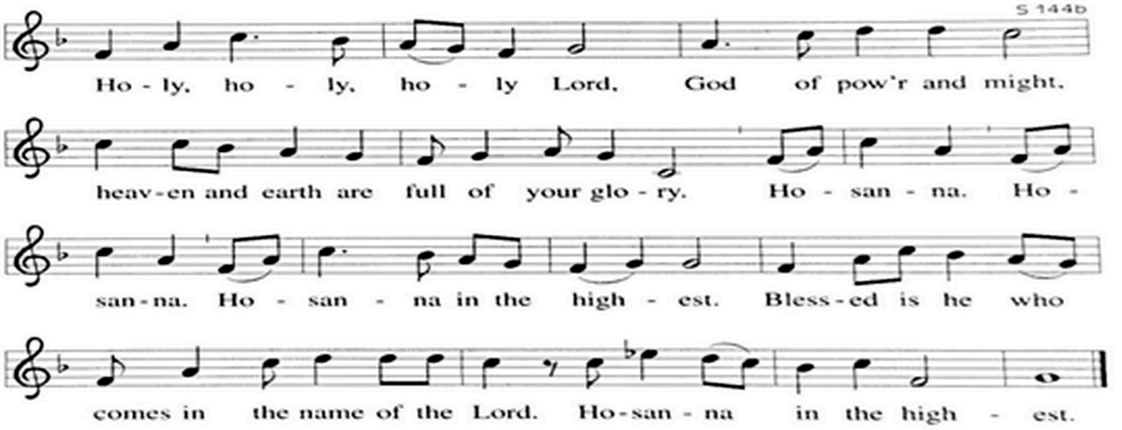
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 archangels, 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.

C Amen

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

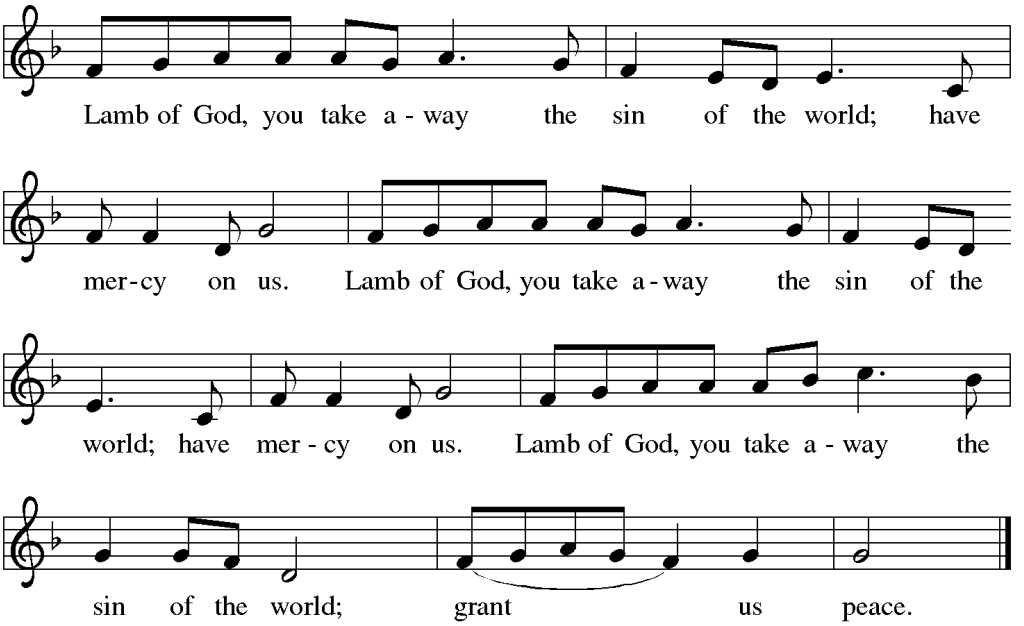


*Fraction

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

C Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lamb of God



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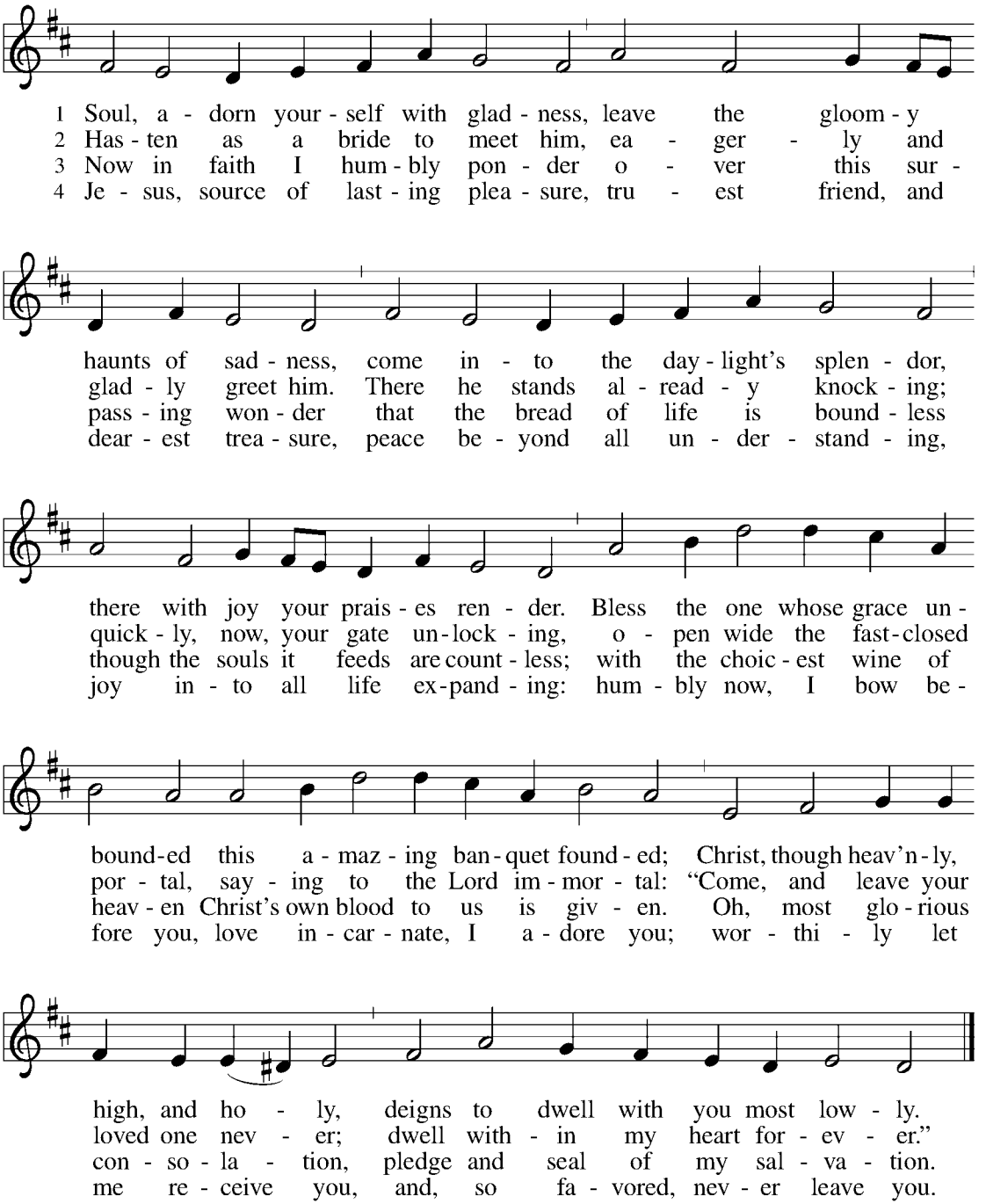
P At this time, God invites His children to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

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

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (See Page 20)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



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**

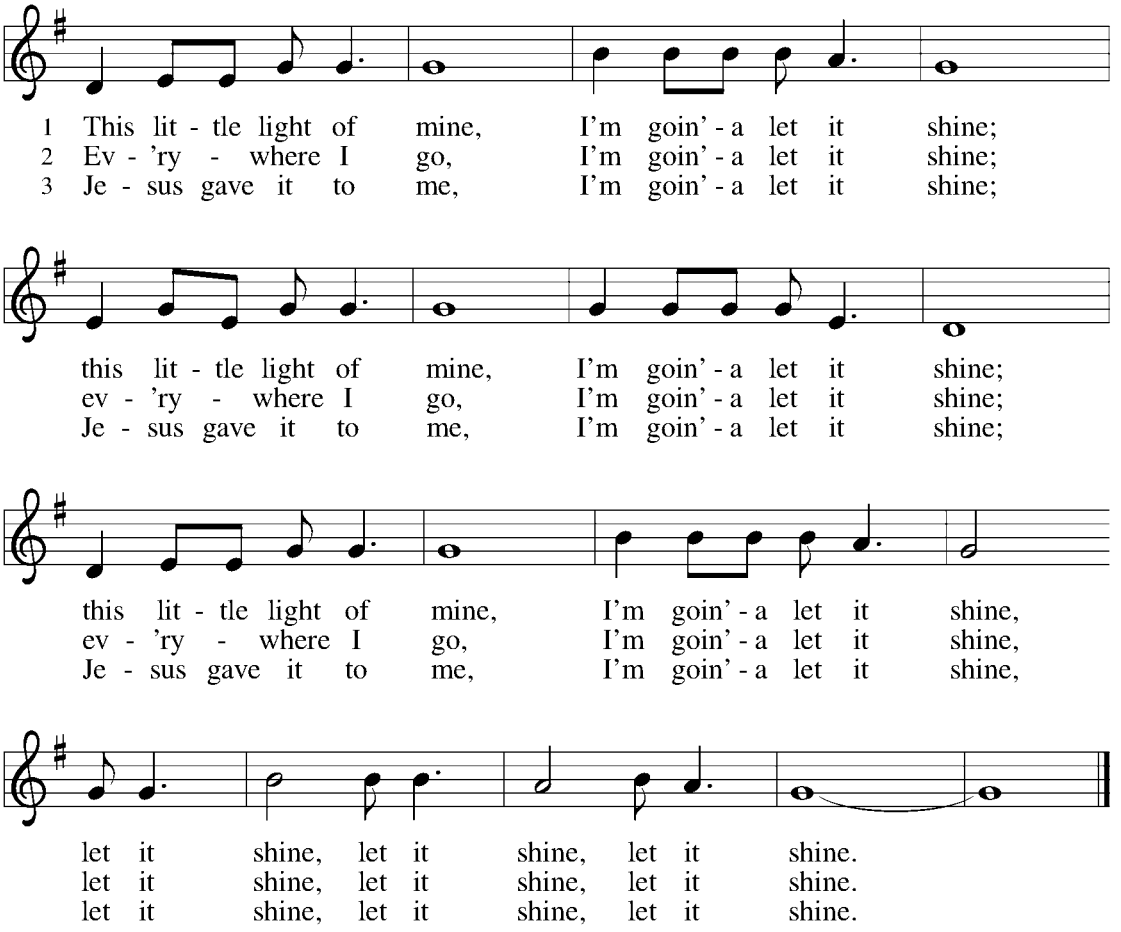
"This Little Light of Mine" (See Page 22)

***The Sending**

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

C Thanks be to God.

This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. We pray for all deacons in the Diocese - Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons at St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo and Mary Perrin, Rector. In the Synodical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City with Rev. Timothy Jahn.

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

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