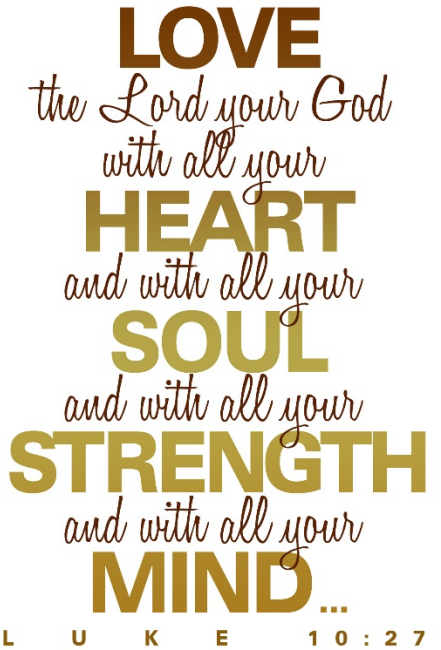
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2026



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INTRODUCTION

Stewardship is not possession or control, but faithful belonging—living one's life, seeking community, and sharing gifts in full response to God's love and grace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
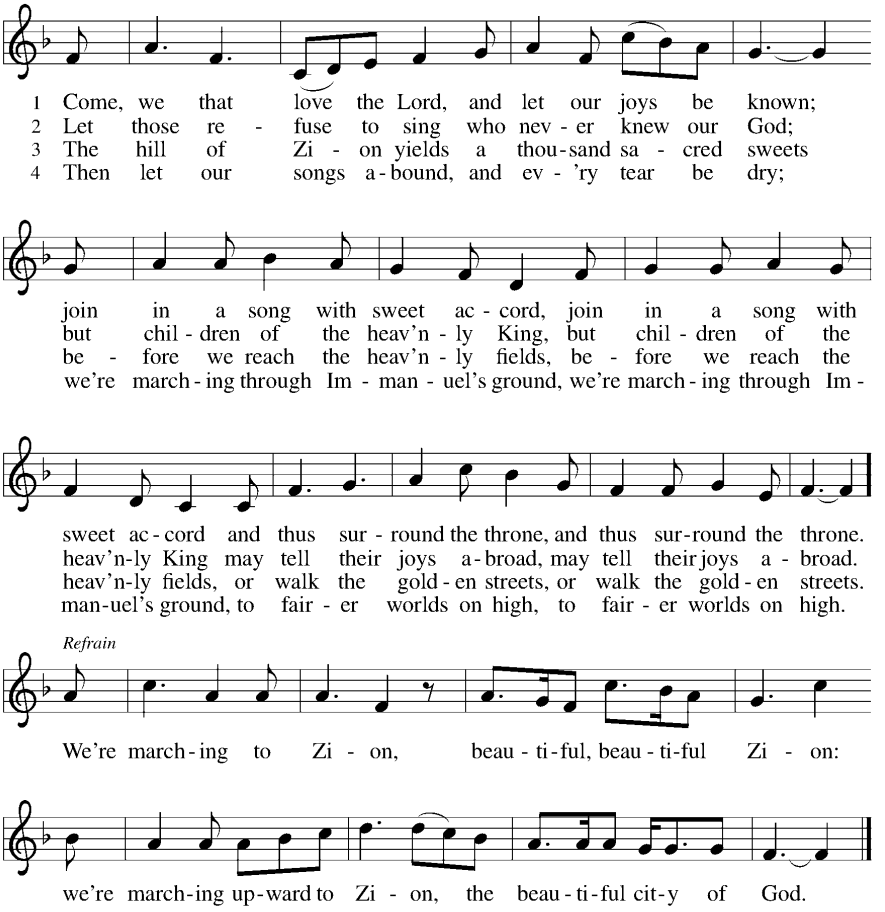
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

Come, We That Love the Lord
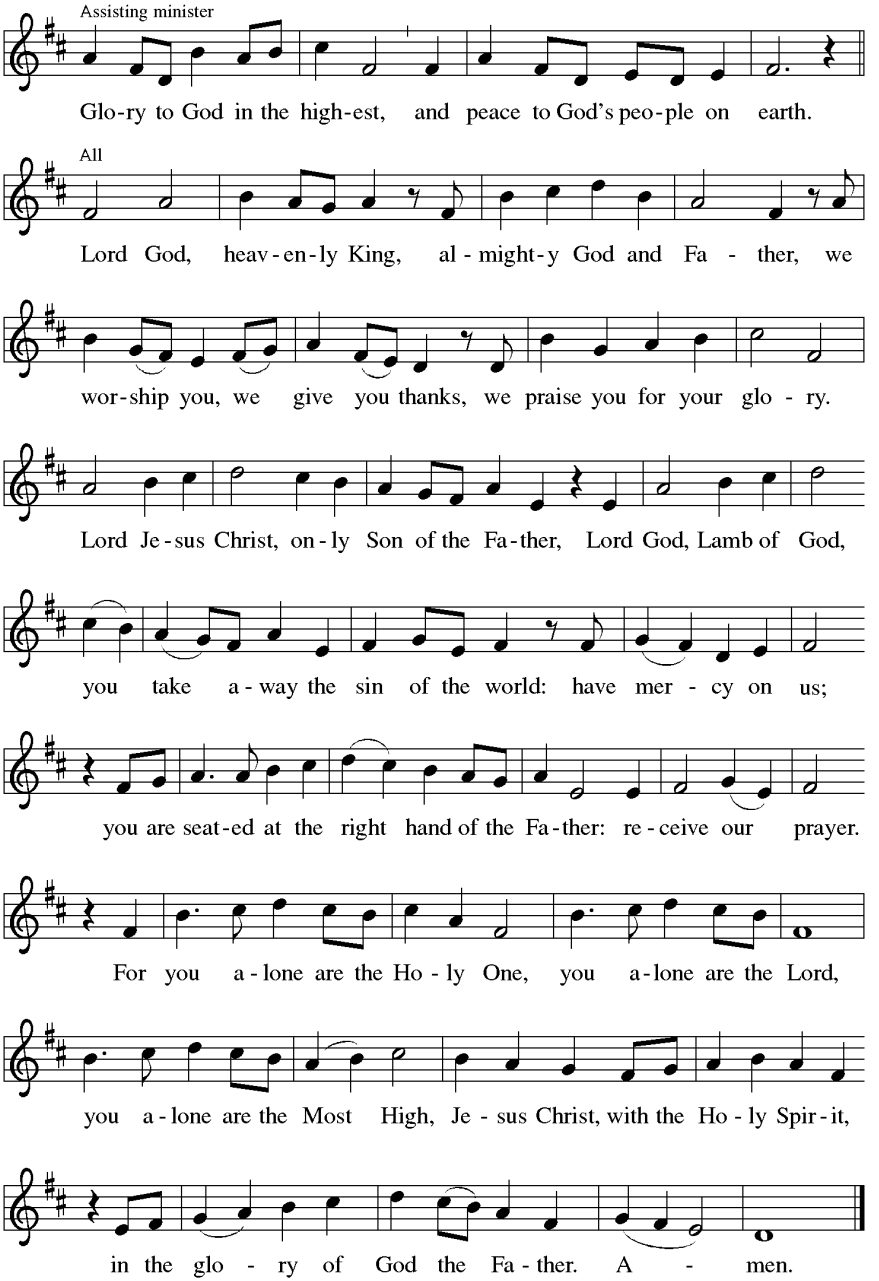
We're Marching to Zion



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**


Assisting minister
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please sit

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 You shall love the LORD your
God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these
words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children
and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie
down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on
your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

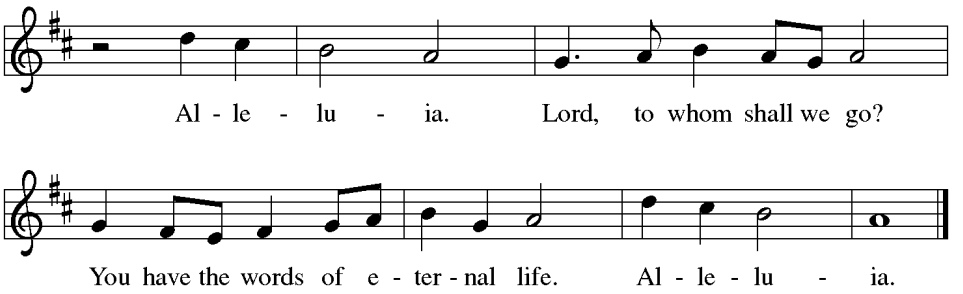
PSALM: Psalm 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

6But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain
from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from
me, 7even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep
me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to
torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord
about this, that it would leave me, 9but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my
weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10Therefore I am content with
weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for
whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-28

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to You, O Lord.
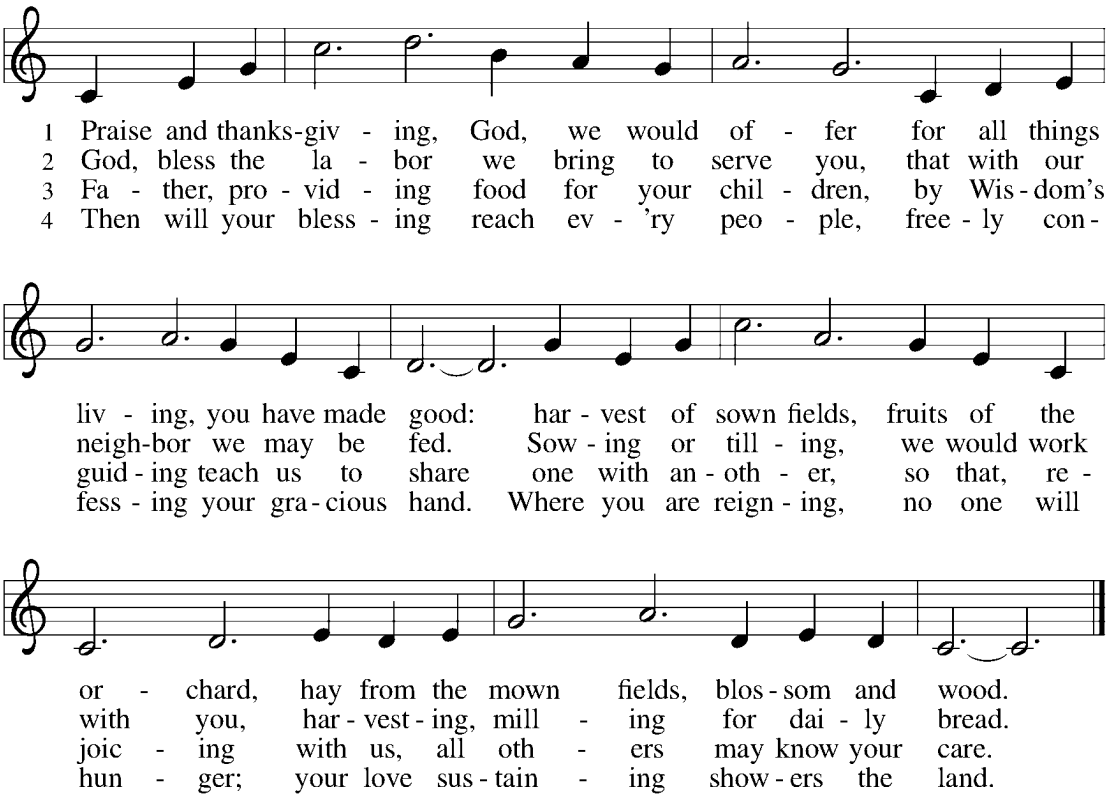
[25]Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to
inherit eternal life?" [26]He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read
there?" [27]He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with
all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as
yourself." [28]And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will
live."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Please stand

Praise and Thanksgiving



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed

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 INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING
The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Ushers will come by to collect today's offering, or you can use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.

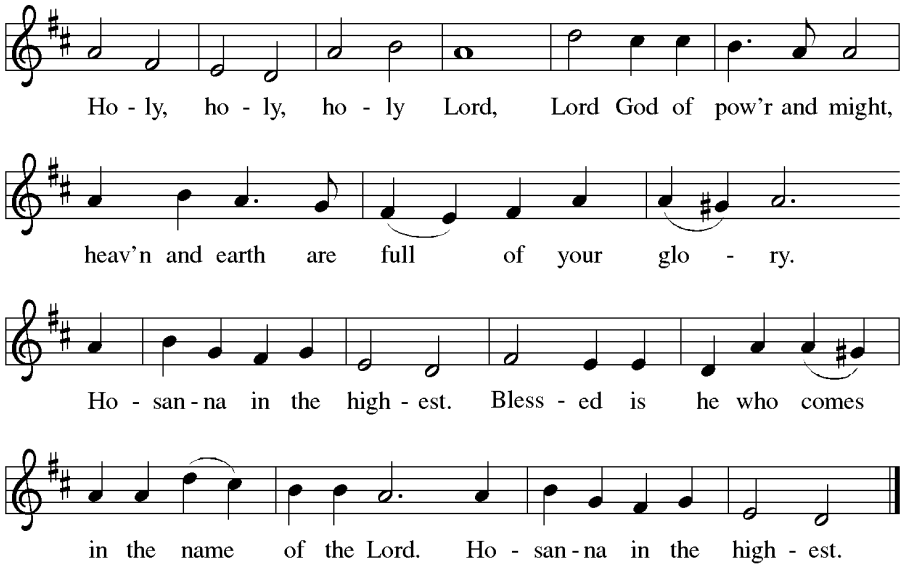
CHOIR ANTHEM

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 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

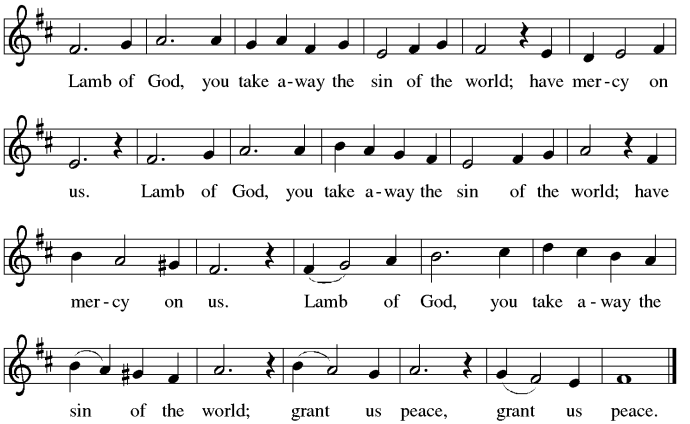
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

FAMILY TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

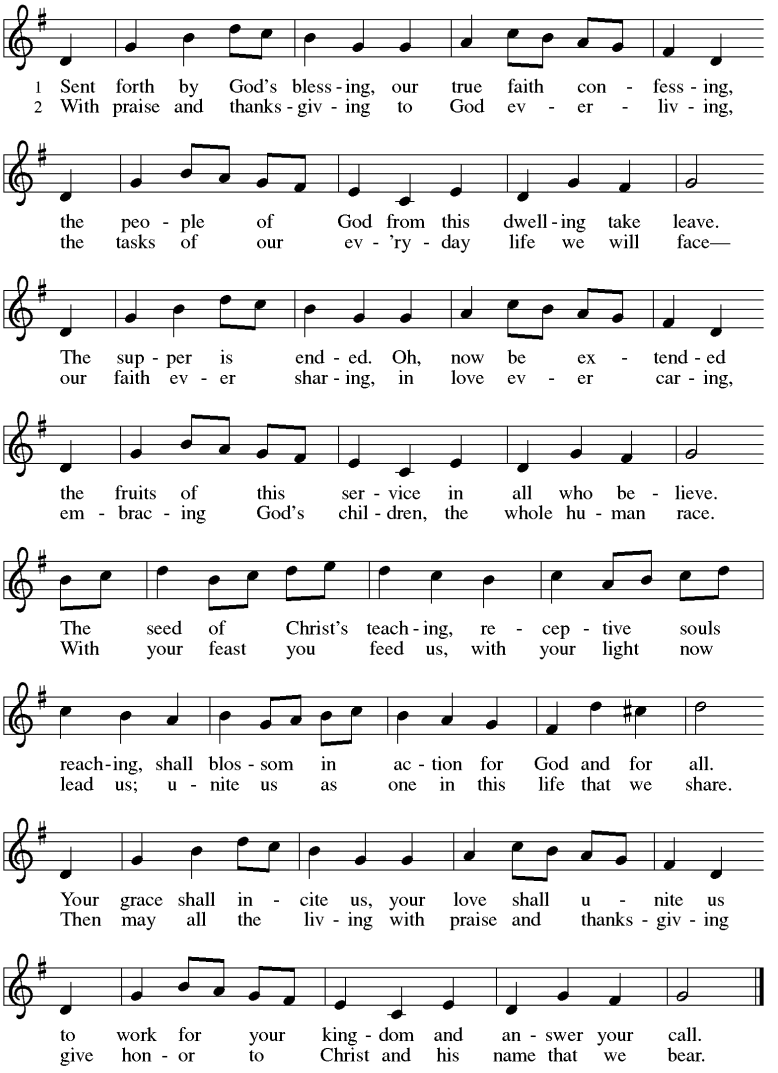
BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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"Come, We That Love The Lord"
"Praise and Thanksgiving"
"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Women of the ELCA

Naomi Circle will have their Bible Study on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 10am in the church library.

Abigail Circle will have their monthly Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00pm on Monday, November 23, 2026. Please contact Carol Crouse (703-200-1965) for additional information.

GENTS MEN'S GROUP

GENTS will meet on Tuesday, Tuesday, November 24, 2026 in the Church Library at 11:30am. Come join us for a light lunch and conversation!

Monthly Financial Summary

	Monthly: October 2026			YTD: January - October 2026		
	Total	**Church**	**Little Lambs**	**Total**	**Church**	**Little Lambs**
Budgeted Expenses	$79,873	$26,051	**$53,822**	$806,476	$268,256	$538,220
Actual Expenses	$83,498	$25,390	$58,108	$872,882	$288,625	$584,257
Budgeted Giving / Income	$81,294	$20,356	**$60,938**	$814,596	$205,216	$609,380
Actual Giving / Income	$85,175	$10,974	$74,202	$864,052	$175,213	$688,839
Surplus / (Deficit)	$1,678	($14,416)	$16,094	($8,830)	($113,412)	$104,582

Annual Deficit will be funded from the Good Shepherd Bank Reserves

Balances as of October 31, 2026			
Bank Reserves			$224,102

In-person attendance last week: 64

Assisting in Today's Service

Rev. Keith Walbolt

Deacon	Gini ZeRuth
Lector	Marcia Swager
Communion Assistants	Sue Ondich
	John Ondich, IV
	Nancy Meyer
Ushers	John Ondich, IV
	Tom Crouse
Greeters	

Good Shepherd Council Members

Nancy Meyer	Diane Supplee	Kate Herrington
John Mennel	David Mickley	Erica Ottmann
Patti Nickol	Gus Dueben	Laura Blauvelt
	Keith Walbolt	

C*hurch Treasurer*

Dave Supplee

Opportunities for November 15 – November 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:45am	Worship Service
	Coffee & Fellowship
11:00am	Messy Church
4:00pm	Confirmation

Monday, November 16, 2026

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

10:00am	Staff meeting
10:00am	Quilting – Quilting Room

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

9:05am	Preschool Chapel

Thursday, November 19, 2026

8:30am	Gardeners

Friday, November 20, 2026

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Sunday, November 22, 2026

9:45am	Worship Service
	Coffee & Fellowship