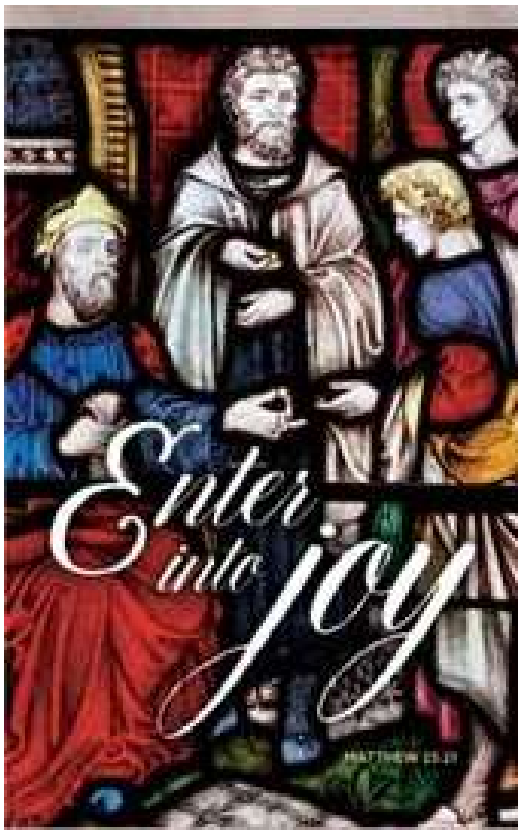
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November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost

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.

You can find the live stream at the following location:
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Prelude: "Prayer of Thanksgiving" – Arr. W^m^ Stickles

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand if you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

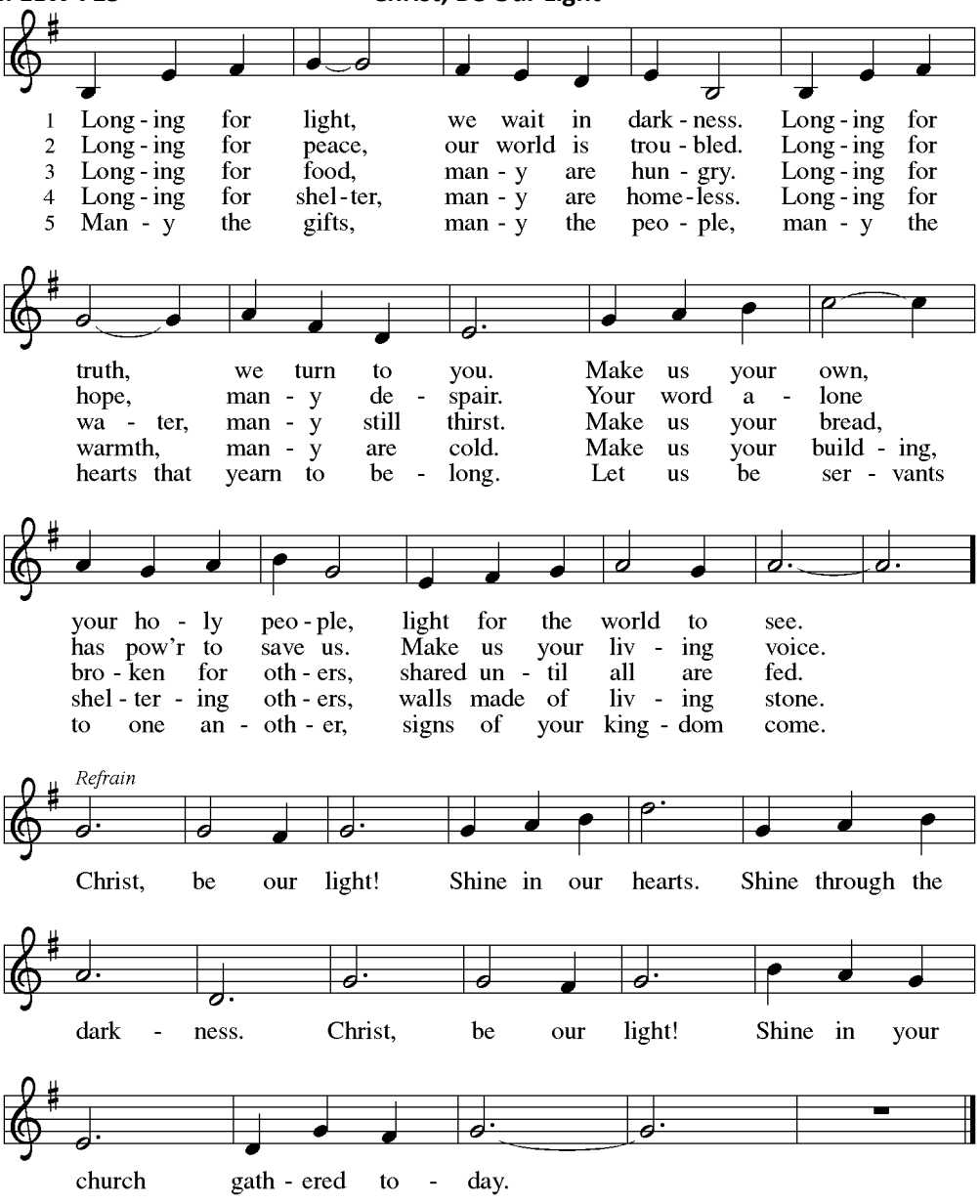
P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 715 **Christ, Be Our Light**



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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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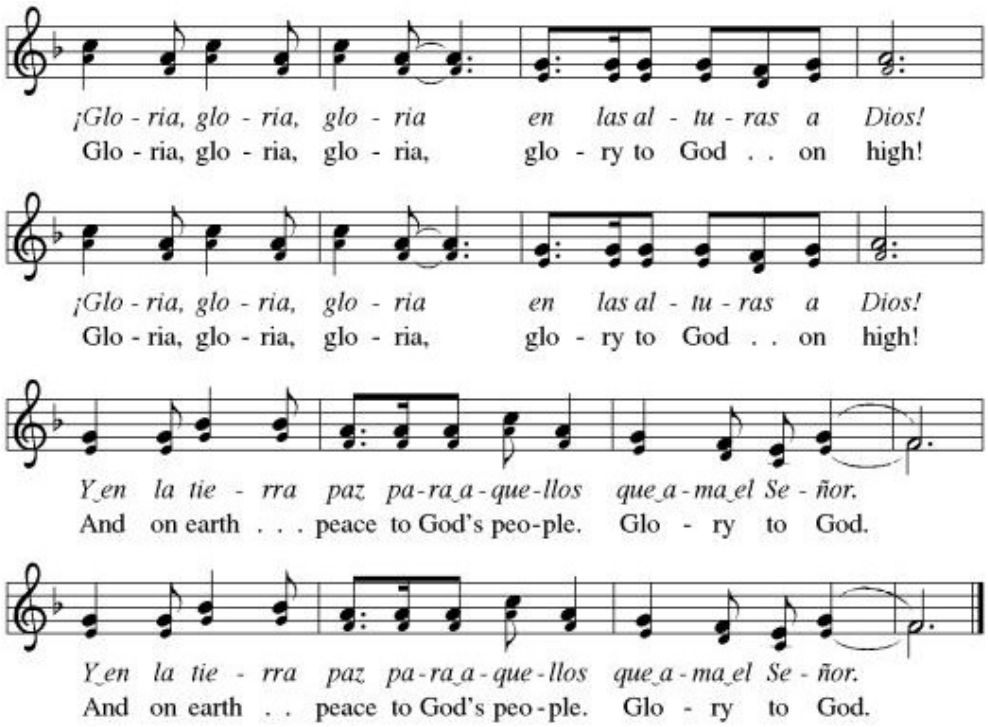
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

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.

L: A reading from the first chapter of Zephaniah.

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. 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: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-12

L: 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.
L: 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;
L: 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.
L: 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.
L: 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.
L: 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.

L: A reading from the fifth chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

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: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand if you are able)*



The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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, [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.' "

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *(Stand if you are able)*



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

APOSTLES 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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: 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,

C: 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,

C: 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,

C: 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,

C: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

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,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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OFFERING –

Choir Anthem: "Thanks Be to God" Judi Hunnicutt

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS-

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

P: 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 (said by Pastor)

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.

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.

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.

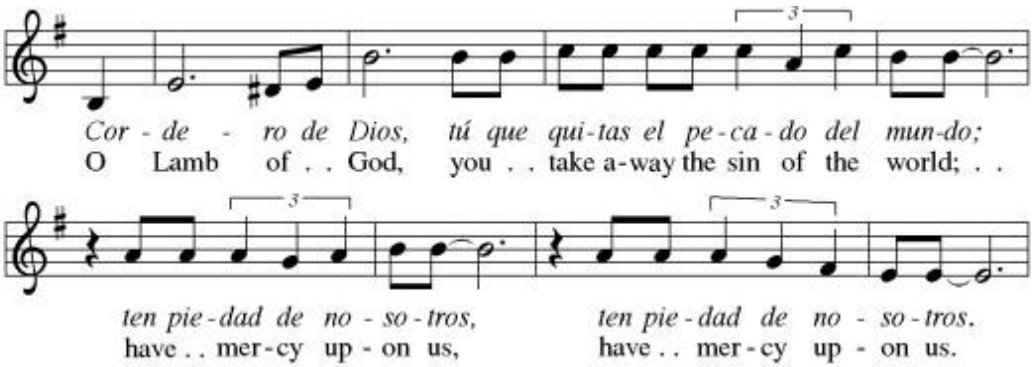
C: Amen.

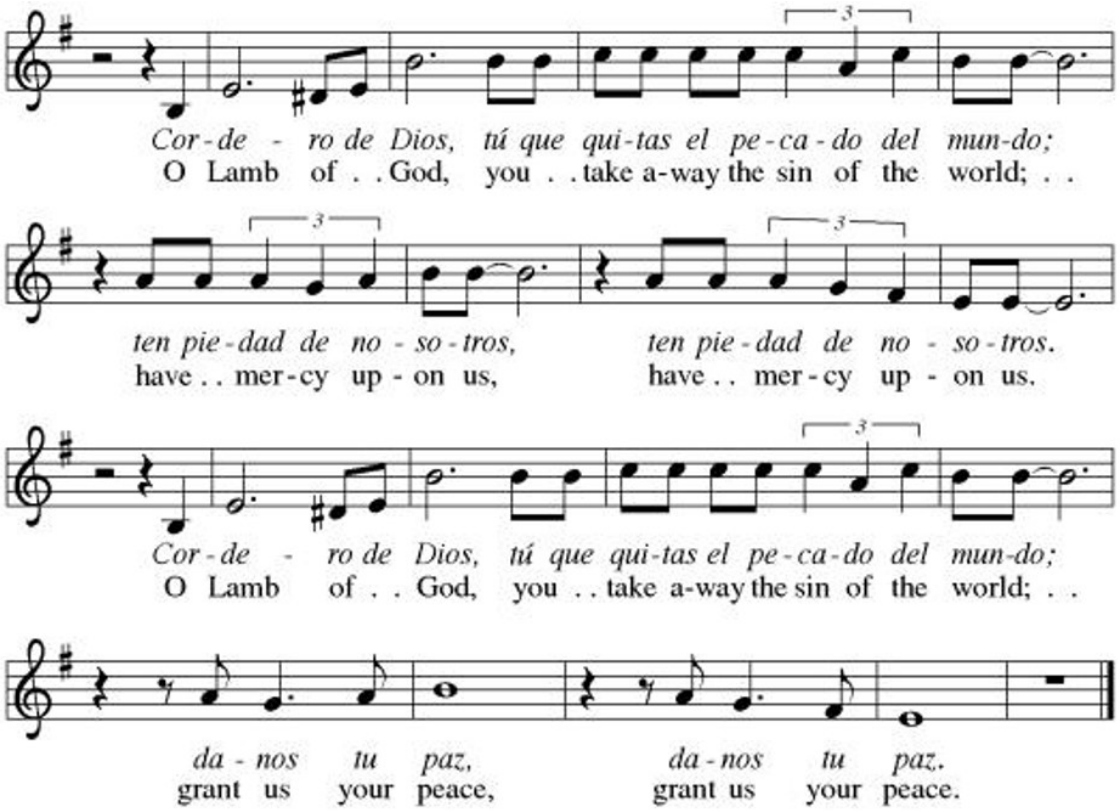
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

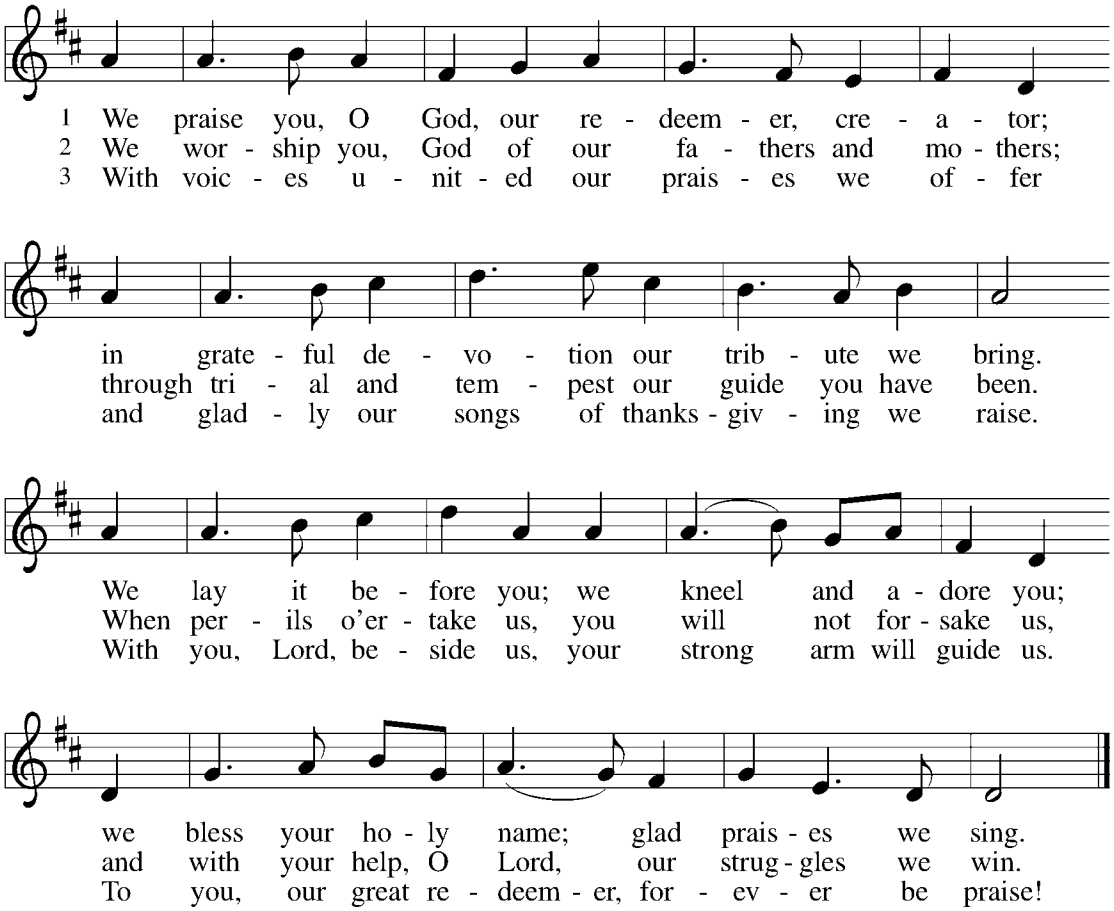
P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.





Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 870 We Praise You, O God



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Announcements

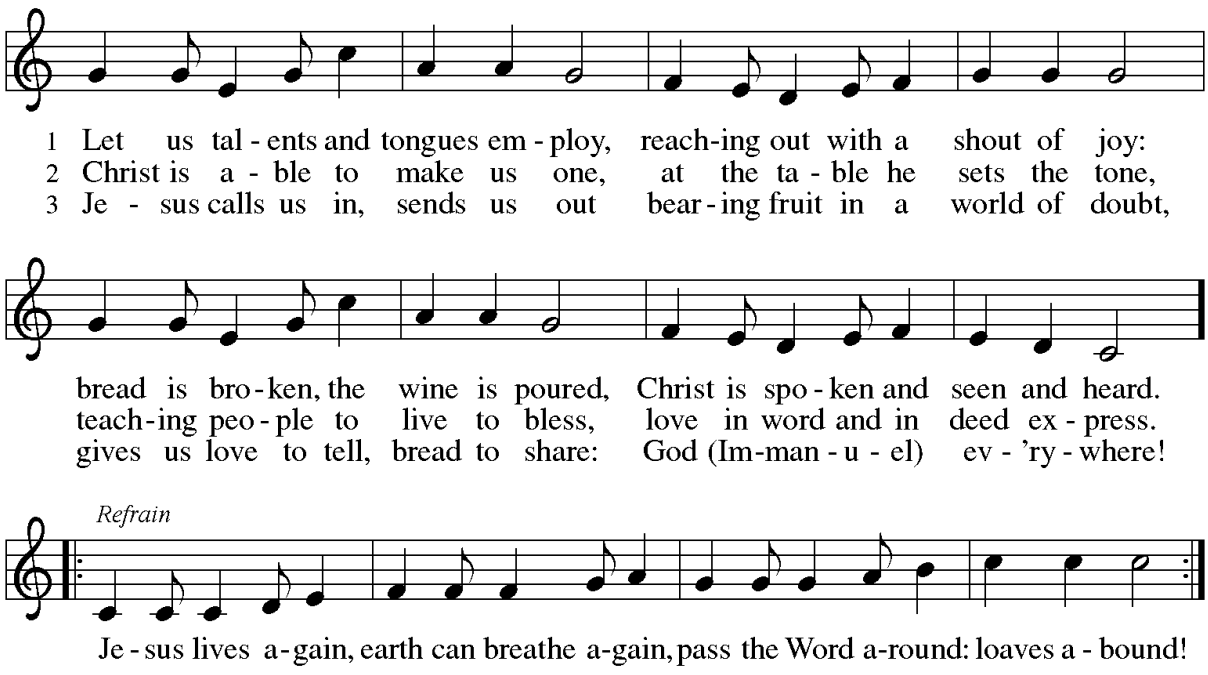
BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Song : ELW 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Come, Ye Thankful People"- Arr. W^{m} Stickles

Our Outreach envelopes for November will go to Samaritan's Purse.

November	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
19	Hans Rilling	Miriam & Ken Anderson	
21	Ken Anderson		



Prayer List

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Barbara Altemus; David Antoni; Joey Erceg; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bradley Mundt; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss; Pat Zion

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Carolyn Berry; Jason Bigley; Brier Bower; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Christine Connelly; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Marissa Embardino; Carol and Leon Errico; Barbara Foster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Lee & Nate Herkamp; Dolores Hess; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Priscilla Ballek Kinter; Wally Knight; Tim Koplin; Jim Kreitz; Judy Krick; Carole Korupp; Devon Kramer; Jake Kramer; Lee; Kimberly Litzenberger and family; Linda Lyle; Colleen Marshall; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Jennifer McLeod; Stacy Mecham; Marianne Moll; Helen Mundt; Larry Munford; Hunter Nebbia; Keith Newcomb; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jax Reidinger; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Patty Seifert; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Ellen Sullivan; Lee Taylor; Edward Thaler; Devin Torino; Joe V.; Janet Vanderlely; Karen von Ruffer-Hills; Kelly Walsh; Todd Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Ann & Henry Wong and Family; Barbara Yob; Linda Zerfass.

For those who are Homebound: Cheryl Mesko

For families and friends grieving the loss of: James Altemose ;Al Boorse; Althea Crouse, Esther Crouse; Rev. Dr. Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport; Danny Eck; Rose Elcavage; Steven Galetich; Nancy Hogan; Jayne Miller; Dennis Phillipps; Stephen J Rohs Jr; Ruth Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Jami Silfies; Lillian Staiger; Jeff Starling; Russell Trauger; Linda Wetherill; Wayne Yeisley; Frank Yhost Jr.

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

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Greeter(s)	Kathy and Joe Hlavaty
Acolyte	Oaklee Wagner
Lector	George Kreitz
Head / Communion Usher	Hunter Frey
Council Communion Coordinator	Bea von Watzdorf
Counting Team	
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dawn Margeson

Please consider helping us decorate the church for Christmas Eve by ordering poinsettias. Remember to circle In Honor or Memory of when ordering. Deadline for ordering is December 6th. Order forms in the Narthex and Newsletter. Orders should be given to Miriam Anderson by mail at PO Box 51 Durham PA 18039 or at church or place in Altar Guild mailbox.



Poinsettia Order Form

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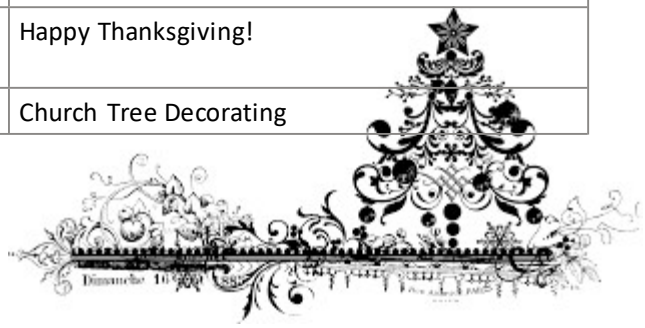
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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, November 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost	**10:00 AM** After Worship 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	**Communion Worship** Music and Worship Meeting Recycling accepted in Parking Lot see Ken A. Confirmation Class @ St. Luke Ferndale
Monday, November 16	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, November 17	7:35 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 18	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, November 19	10:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Office hours Bible Study @ the Hlavaty's

Upcoming Weeks

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday	**10:00 AM**	**Communion Worship** Durham Dialogue
Monday, November 23	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, November 25	Office Closed	
Thursday, November 26	Office Closed	Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday, November 28	10:00 AM	Church Tree Decorating



Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent	**10:00 AM**	**Communion Worship**
Monday, November 30	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, December 1		GIVING TUESDAY
Wednesday, December 2	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Living Nativity Planning Meeting @Durham
Thursday, December 3	10:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Bible Study @ the Hlavaty's