

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
9:30 a.m.

** **Please Stand** (as you are able) at the parts of the liturgy marked with an asterisk **

***Bold type** means congregational participation.*

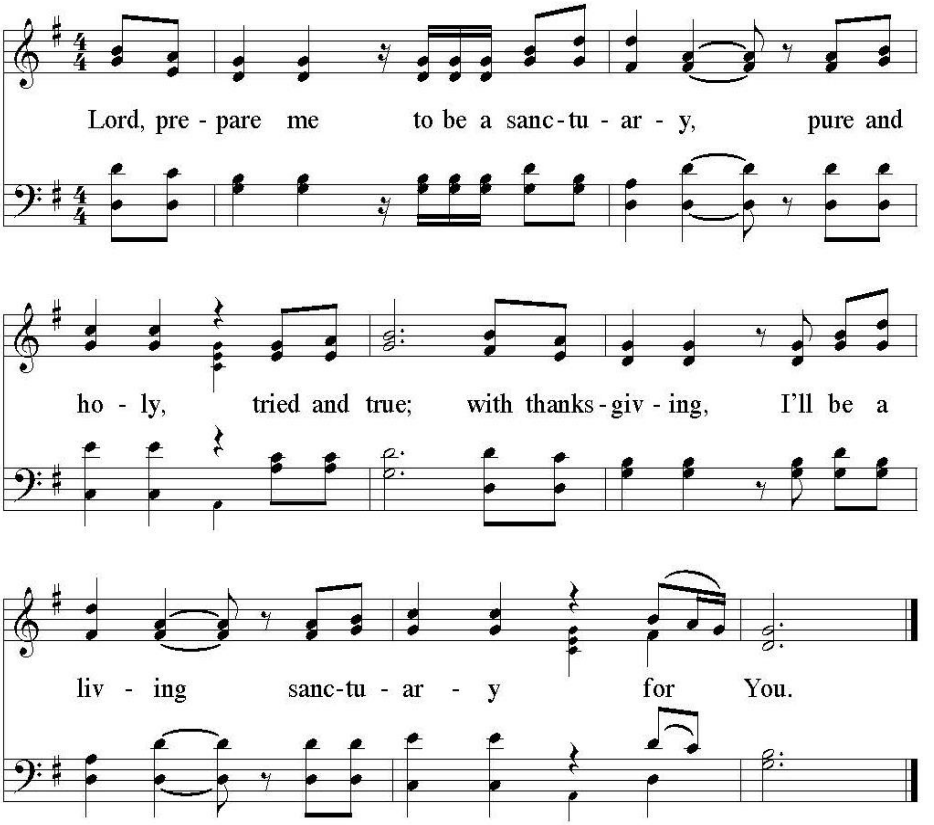
Gather

Silence is awkward for some because it's a space where you are being asked to do NOTHING, firing yourself from being the one to make things happen, letting God assume that role.

WELCOME

SILENCE

OPENING HYMN **Sanctuary**



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Sin is that which gets us stuck in ways that we cannot get unstuck. Give it to God and receive a new beginning.

*** CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen

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

Most merciful God,

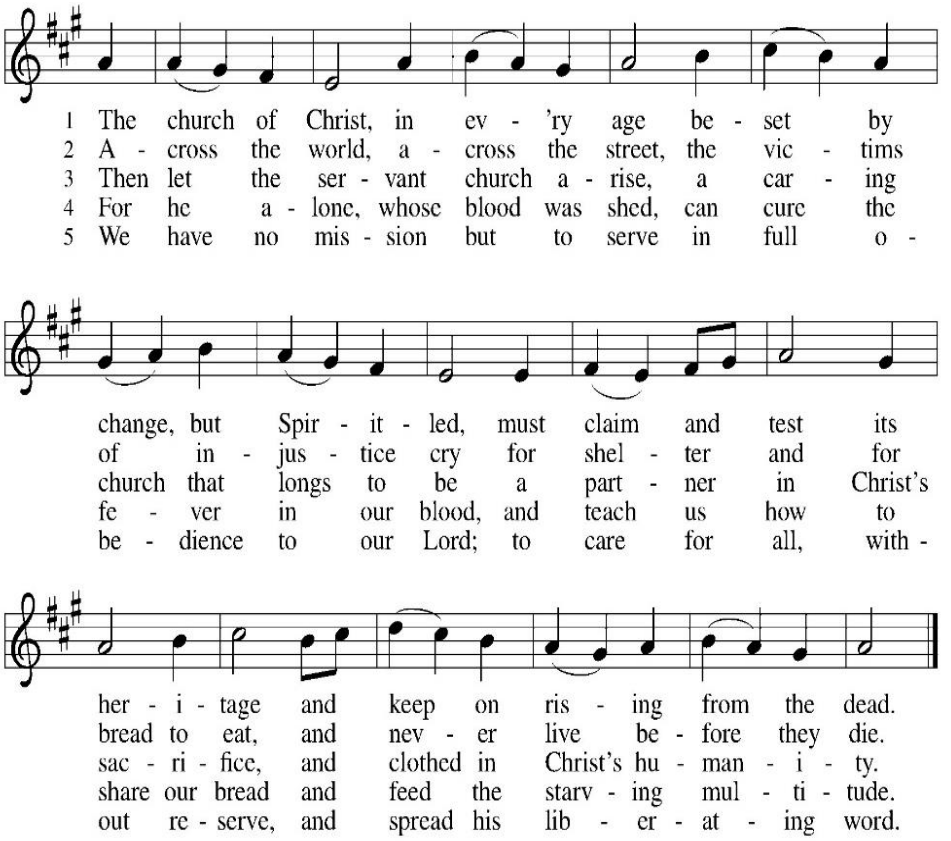
C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN** **The Church of Christ, In Every Age**

Hymn #729



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We are a community that gives God's gifts to one another.

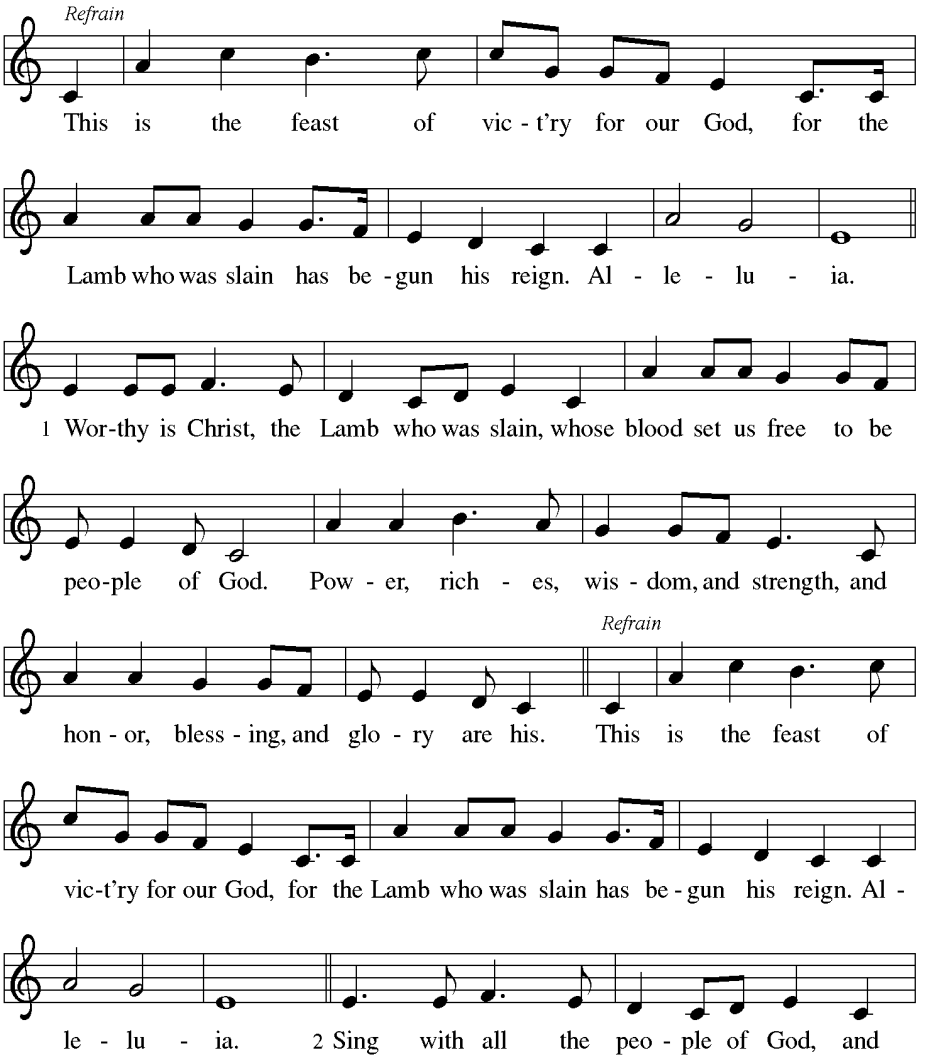
We are people who circle around the slain and outcast lambs of the world.

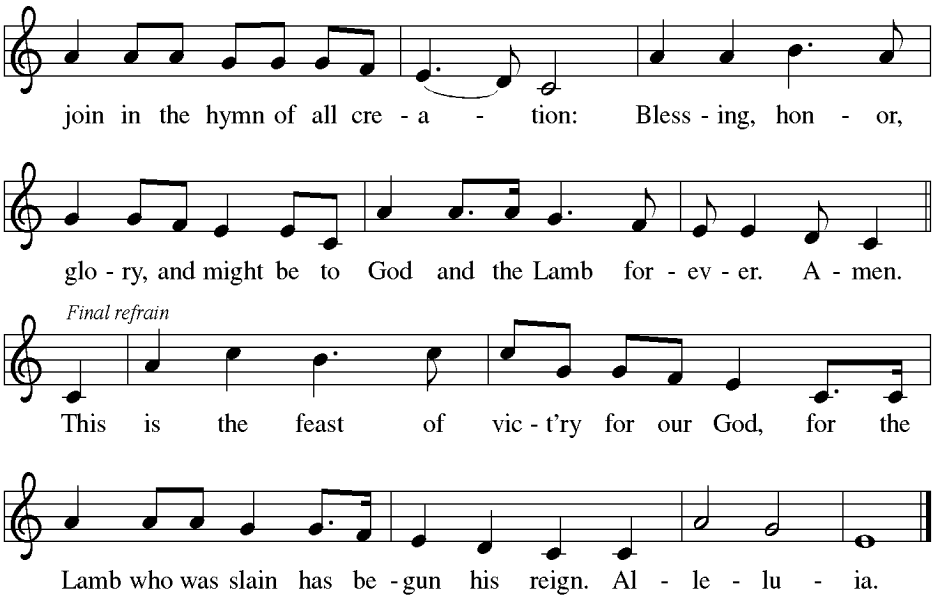
*** GREETING**

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

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

This prayer collects up the themes from today's scriptures.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every age and every race, all are covered by God's Grace. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

After the story, children ages 3yr-5th grade are invited to go to Sunday School. They will return in time for the Lord's Prayer.

Word

Think of the readings as listening in to an age-old, holy conversation.

The first reading echoes the themes of today's gospel.

FIRST READING

L A reading from 1 Chronicles.

21:18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to tell
David that he should go up and erect an altar to the LORD on the
threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 So David went up following
Gad's instructions, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.
20 Ornan turned and saw the king, and while his four sons who were
with him hid themselves, Ornan continued to thresh wheat. 21 As
David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David; he went out
from the threshing floor and prostrated himself before David with
his face to the ground. 22 David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of
the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give
it to me at its full price—so that the plague may be averted from
the people." 23 Then Ornan said to David, "Take it, and let my lord
the king do what seems good to him; see, I present the oxen for
burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the
wheat for a grain offering. I give it all." 24 But King David said to
Ornan, "No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for
the LORD what is yours nor offer burnt offerings that cost me
nothing." 25 So David paid Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by
weight for the site. 26 David built there an altar to the LORD and
presented burnt offerings and offerings of well-being. He called
upon the LORD, and he answered him with fire from heaven on the
altar of burnt offering. 27 Then the LORD commanded the angel,
and he put his sword back into its sheath.

28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered
him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he made his
sacrifices there. 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD that Moses had
made in the wilderness and the altar of burnt offering were at that
time in the high place at Gibeon,

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

L Let us pray Psalm 25 responsively.

The Psalm echoes the first reading.

1 To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
2 **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,**
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
3 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
4 **Show me your ways, O LORD,**
and teach me your paths.
5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
6 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,**
for they are from everlasting.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
8 **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
9 You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
10 **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness**
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Glory 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.

During Pentecost season, the lectionary chooses an Epistle and reads through it. Sometimes it connects to the other readings, sometimes less so.

SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans.

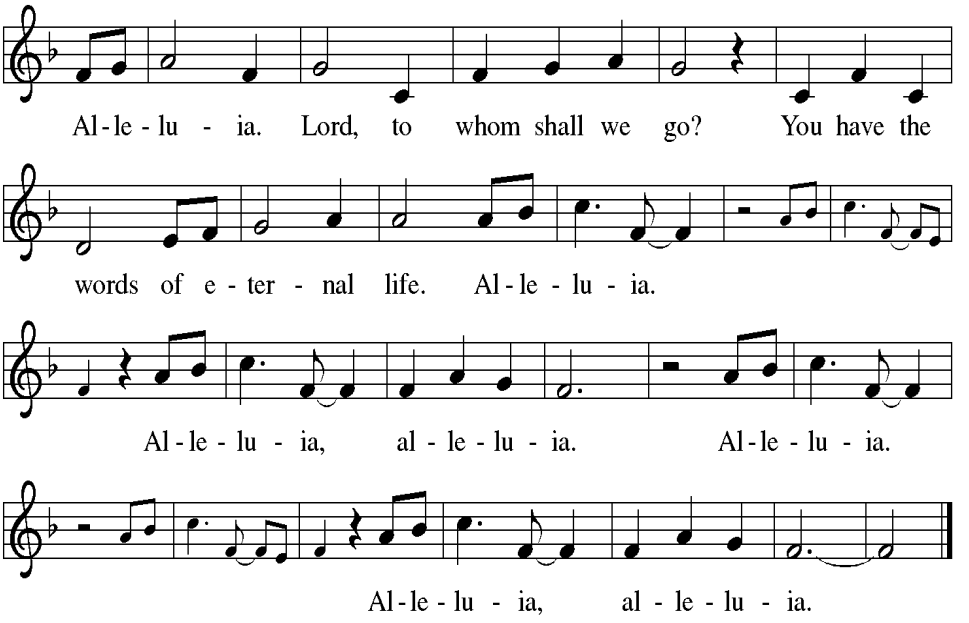
12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand to welcome Christ; present in this Word

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL READING**

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

10:25 An expert in the law 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."
29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus,
"And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was
going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands
of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving
him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down
that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other
side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and
saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while
traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was
moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged
his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him
on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of
him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to
the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come
back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of
these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell
into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who
showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON Rev. Bekki Lohrmann

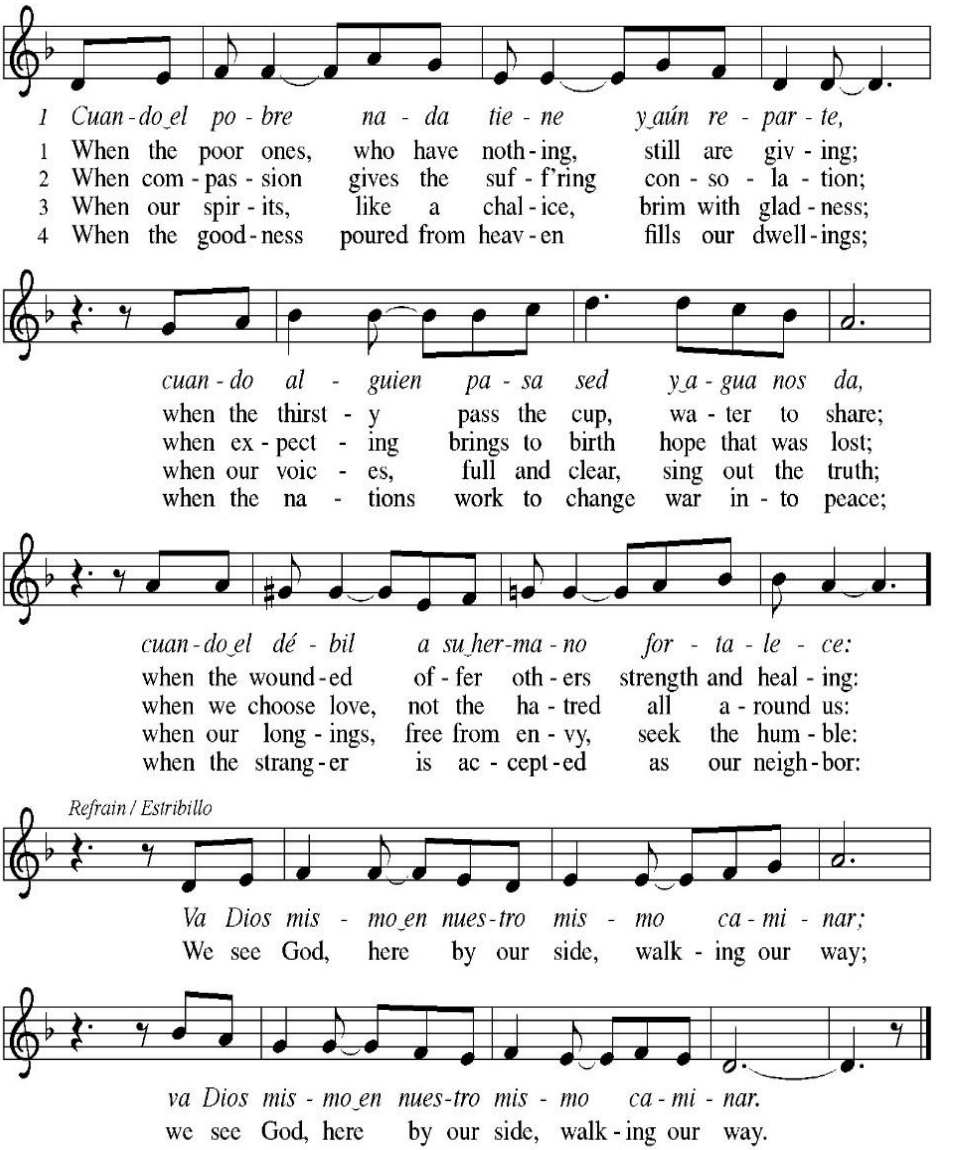
The Gospel text is the heart of our worship together each week.

What part of *you* does this sermon touch or stir?

The assembly becomes the preacher; God's word is proclaimed in our song.

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** **When the Poor Ones**

Hymn #725



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*** APOSTLES' CREED**

C 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.

The creed isn't a litmus test for your individual faith, it's a collection of the great mysteries of our collective faith.

*** PRAYERS**

After each petition, D … Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

D Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

Community thickens as *your* prayer becomes *our* prayer.

*** PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Reach across the aisle and share peace.

Meal

God gathers our gifts to be scattered. Your gifts become the ministries of our church.

"Lift up your heart"; leave it vulnerable and exposed to a loving God.

Meals are best accompanied by family stories. This prayer tells our story.

OFFERTORY *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Please come forward with your offering and your commitment card and place it in the basket.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

D Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

*** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

Christ's prayer becomes our prayer.

P The gifts of God, for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

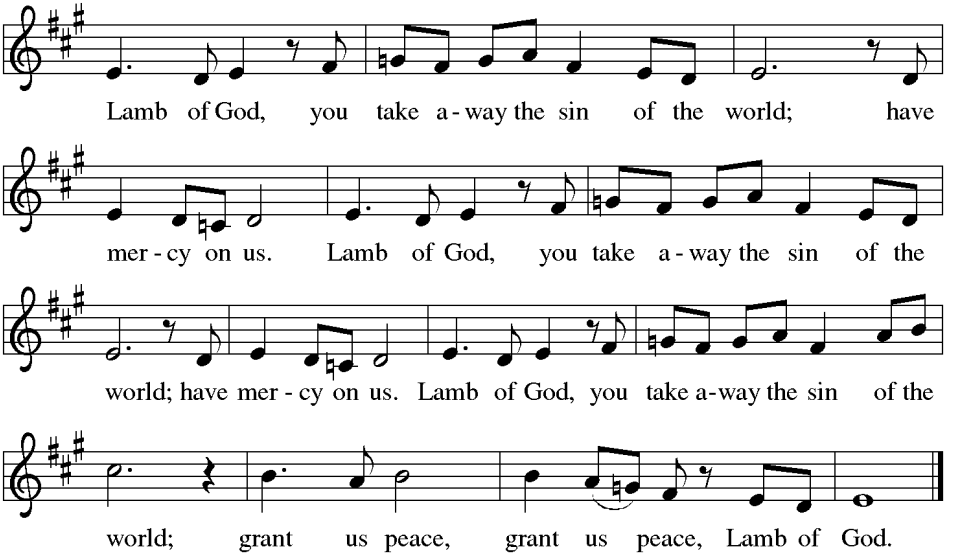
COMMUNION Christ bids you welcome to this Holy meal!

This is Christ's table, it is not our own. All are welcome. The usher will direct you to enter by the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor, ask for Gluten Free if needed. Receive wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the communion assistants. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

In this meal we become Christ's body, poured out and broken for the life of the whole world. All are welcome.

Christ takes away sin by refusing to perpetuate the cycle of violence and vengeance.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

#708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
#684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

*** BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Sending

Our community spans beyond those here gathered.

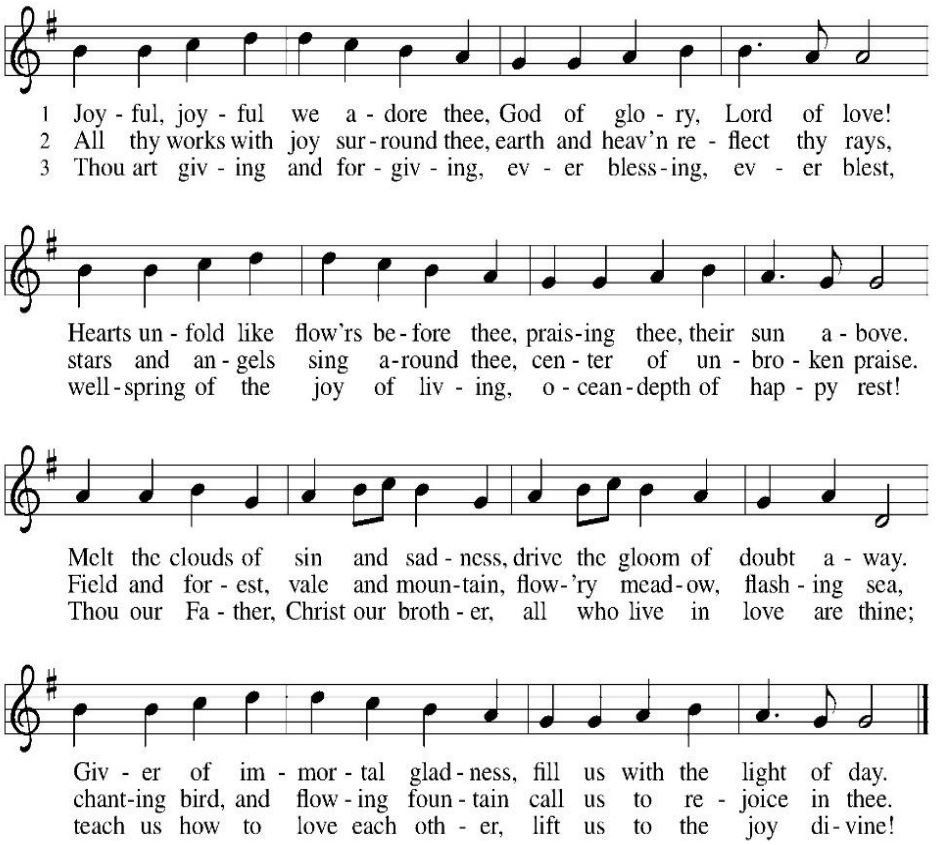
*** BLESSING**

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 HYMN** **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Hymn #836



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Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** DISMISSAL**

D Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

Worship points us out towards the world around us.

SCRIPTURES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Reflections for Sunday, 11-08-2026, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Daily:** Psalm 63
- **Monday:** Amos 8:7-14; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25
- **Tuesday:** Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- **Wednesday:** Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35

Preparation for Sunday, 11-15-2026, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Daily:** Psalm 90:1-12
- **Thursday:** Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7
- **Friday:** Ezekiel 7:1-9; Revelation 16:8-21
- **Saturday:** Ezekiel 7:10-27; Matthew 12:43-45

Scripture for Sunday, 11-15-2026, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- **The First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7,12-28
- **The Psalm:** Psalm 90:1-12
- **The Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- **The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

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IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep the following members of St. Peter's in our prayers:
Jo, Darlene Th., Elaine, Lauren G.

Our homebound members and those in care facilities:
Keith, Carolyn, Diane B., Dante, Diane S.

Our members with on-going concerns:
Ann Z., Babette, Carlos, Lora, Lily, Patty L., Elton Kinki'i

Our military, police, fire fighters, first responders, healthcare providers, and all who work for peace.

Christian Sympathy

The church family of St. Peter's extends our promise of prayer and sympathy to the Fadden and Zimmermann families on the death of their mother, Carmell Fadden.

A memorial service will be held in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

May she rest in peace eternal

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY THE SEA

We are glad that you have come to worship with us today! Please sign a WELCOME card found in the pew rack, and give it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. Large-print bulletins and children's bulletins are available from an usher. You will find hand sanitizer in the pew rack for your use during the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS & SUNDAY HOSPITATLITY: Today, the flowers at the altar are given by Darlene Thygerson in memory of her husband, Ken. We thank Kathy Rahilly and Allison Crews for the coffee fellowship after the service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES: Ask an usher if you'd like to use a device during the worship service.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Today is Commitment Sunday, a day to submit your financial intentions for the Deeper & Wider Capital Campaign. If you have not already done so, please drop your commitment card in the Offering plate during the worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets during the worship service, with the exception of the last Sunday of the month. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher, we'd love to have you. Speak with Jennifer Smart or Pastor Bekki.

2026 ALTAR FLOWER sponsor calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. There is a suggested donation of $45 to sponsor altar flowers and you may take the flowers home with you after the worship service.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sponsors are needed for coffee hour; speak with Betty Wells for information on "how to" or options to assist.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday for jury duty and Wednesday for Veteran's Day holiday.

ST. PETER'S BIKERS: Our next bike ride is Saturday, November 14th. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at Glorietta Bay Park in Coronado for a 15-mile roundtrip ride along the Silver Strand. For more info, talk with Shawn or Janine.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO LOAVES & FISHES: and a special thank-you to Bob & Sue Fode for delivering the food each week! Four generous trunkful's were delivered to Loaves & Fishes and $752 was collected in October, making our year-to-date financial contribution to Loaves & Fishes (OBEF) $8,644

The Week Beginning November 8, 2026

Sunday, November 8	***The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
	Commitment Sunday
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	**Worship Service, live-streamed; Sunday School**
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
10:45 a.m.	Christian Service Team 2027 Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon – *Sunday Night Courage to Change*
Monday, November 9	Church Office Closed
Tuesday, November 10	
9:30 a.m.	Church Mice
11:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m.	AA Meeting – *Sobriety Seekers*
Wednesday, November 11	**Veteran's Day**
	Church & Preschool Closed
8:00 a.m.	Parking Lot Use (Warren Walker)
Thursday, November 12	
4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
5:30 p.m.	NA Meeting – *Eleven-11*
Friday, November 13	
11:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Hand & Foot Card Game
Saturday, November 14	
9:30 a.m.	St. Peter's Bikers
Sunday, November 15	***The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***
	Announcement Sunday
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	**Worship Service, live-streamed; Sunday School**
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon – *Sunday Night Courage to Change*

Upcoming Events

November 22 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Join us for an interfaith thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 7 pm at OB Joyful (The old Water's Edge Church Building) 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. There will be a drop-in community choir singing with the Point Loma High School Choir. If you'd like to sing, show up at 5:30 for rehearsal and click HERE or scan the QR code on the flyer for the music.

November 25 – Preschool Thanksgiving Program at 12:00 p.m.
This is a wonderful way for our congregation members to support our preschool. Set-up, clean-up, and pie donations are needed. Contact Ellen Schmeding for more info.

November 29 – Angel Tree appears!

December 15 – Beer & Carols from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
You're invited to this fun evening of singing and cheer (or beer); put on your most festive holiday wear and join your friends at the San Diego Brewing Company.

December 19 – St. Peter's Annual Christmas Party & Potluck Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Contact Solveig Fuentes for more info.

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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Join Us for a Special

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING

presented by

Jewish & Christian Peninsula Faith Leaders



Sunday, November 22

7:00 pm

1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

featuring:

Point Loma High School Choir

Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church Bell Choir

Open Community Choir

Just show up at 5:30 to sing along!

scan here for music:

A freewill offering will be taken to support Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry



Worship Leadership

Pastor:	Rev. Rebekkah D. Lohrmann
Music Minister:	Joe DeMers
Altar Care:	Jim Grutkowski
Worship Assistant:	Congregation Deacon Greg Lommen
Lector:	Patty Lewis
Ushers:	Steve and Nathaniel Silva
Greeter:	Chance McGinley-Kase
Acolyte:	Savannah Silva
Sunday School:	Ellen Schmeding and Hannah Zimmermann
Digital Production Team:	Lyle Boelter, Charles Lauger, John Smart

2026 Congregation Council

Greg Lommen, President; Jennifer Smart, Vice-President; Allison Crews, Secretary; Ellen Schmeding, Treasurer; Gabi Hughes, Chance McGinley-Kase, Fletcher Miller, and Steve Silva.

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