Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026 · 9:30 a.m.



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
1100 E Murdock Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation/All**

*** *Invitation to stand***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

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: *Come We That Love the Lord* ELW 625



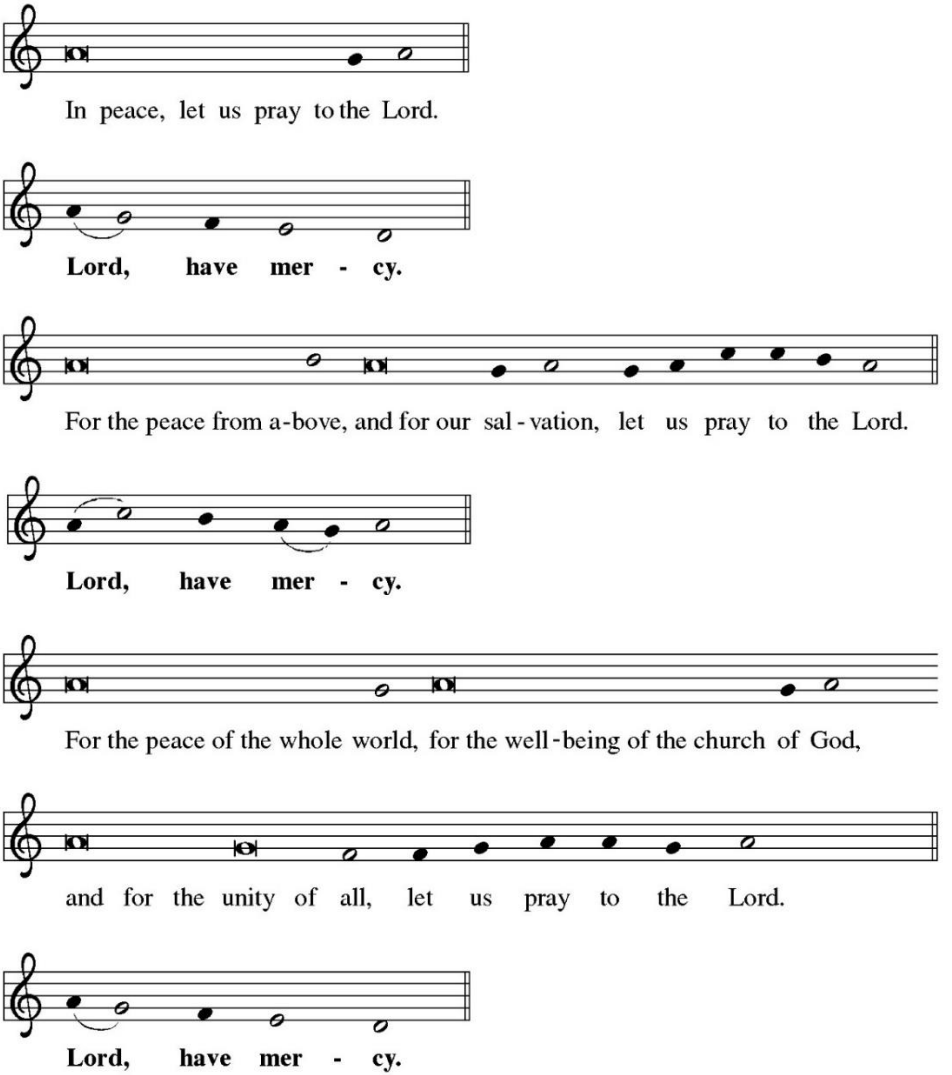
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Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

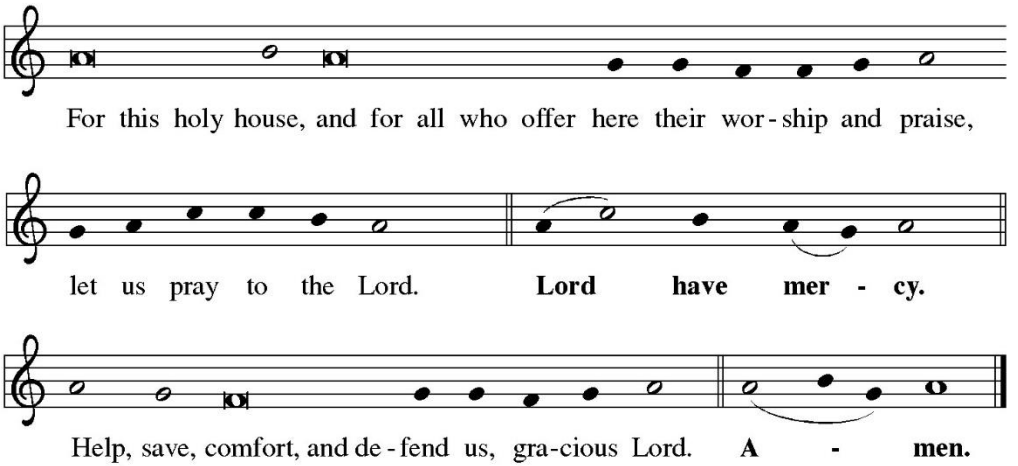
*The Apostolic Greeting

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

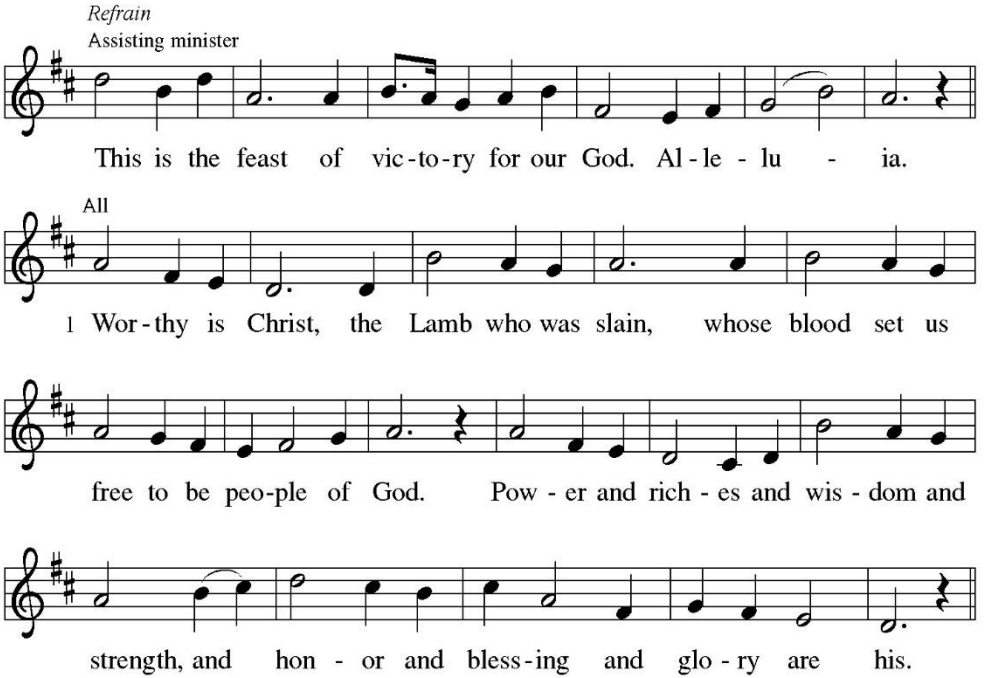
C: And also with you.

* Kyrie





* Hymn of Praise





* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

C: you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

L: A reading from the book of Joshua.

[1] Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders,
the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves
before God. [2] And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived
beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. [3a] Then I took your father
Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many.

[14] "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River
and in Egypt and serve the LORD. [15] Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD,
choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served
in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you
are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

[16] Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the
LORD to serve other gods, [17] for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our
ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did
those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went
and among all the peoples through whom we passed, [18] and the LORD drove out
before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also
will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

[19] But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy
God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.
[20] If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you
harm and consume you, after having done you good." [21] And the people said to
Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" [22] Then Joshua said to the people, "You
are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him."
And they said, "We are witnesses." [23] He said, "Then put away the foreign gods
that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

[24] The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." [25] So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

L: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

A: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
C: 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: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
A: 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: 1st 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.

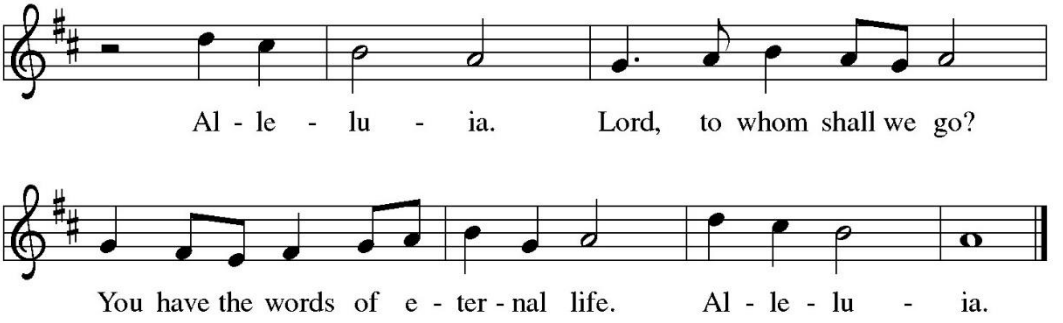
L: A reading from the book of 1st Thessalonians.

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

* Gospel Acclamation



* Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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."

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

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day: *Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453



Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
Godparents: We present *Evelyn Harper Krentz* for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Evelyn Harper* baptized into Christ?
Parents: We do.

P: As you bring *Evelyn Harper* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help *Evelyn Harper* grow in the Christian faith and life:
Parents and Godparents: I do.
P: People of God, do you promise to support *Evelyn Harper* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C: We do.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Parents, Godparents and Congregation: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: 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.
P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.
Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.
By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for

Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: *Evelyn Harper Krentz,* I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Evelyn Harper* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

The sign of the cross is marked on her forehead.

P: *Evelyn Harper,* child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
C: Amen.

A baptismal candle is lit.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

* Sharing the Peace

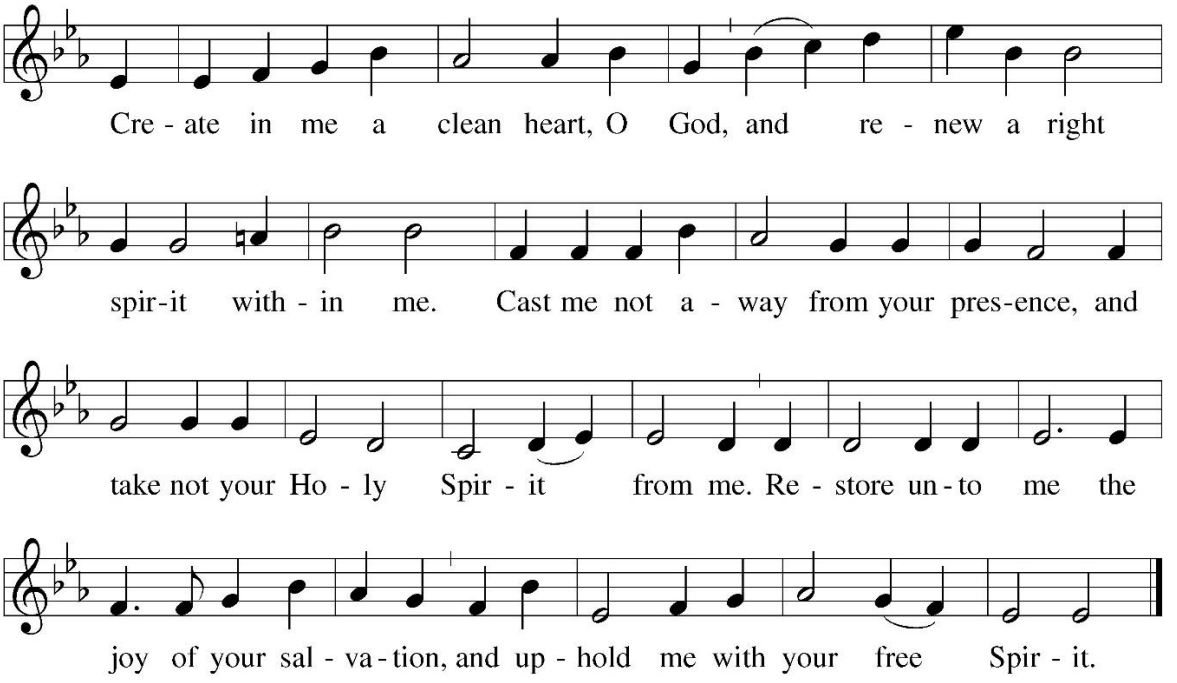
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Our Offerings for God's Work

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary, as you enter or leave the church.

"My Lord, What A Morning" – African American Spiritual, arr. Robert I. Hugh
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St. Andrew's Choir

* Offertory Hymn: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord* WOV 732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

* Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.
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 Great Thanksgiving

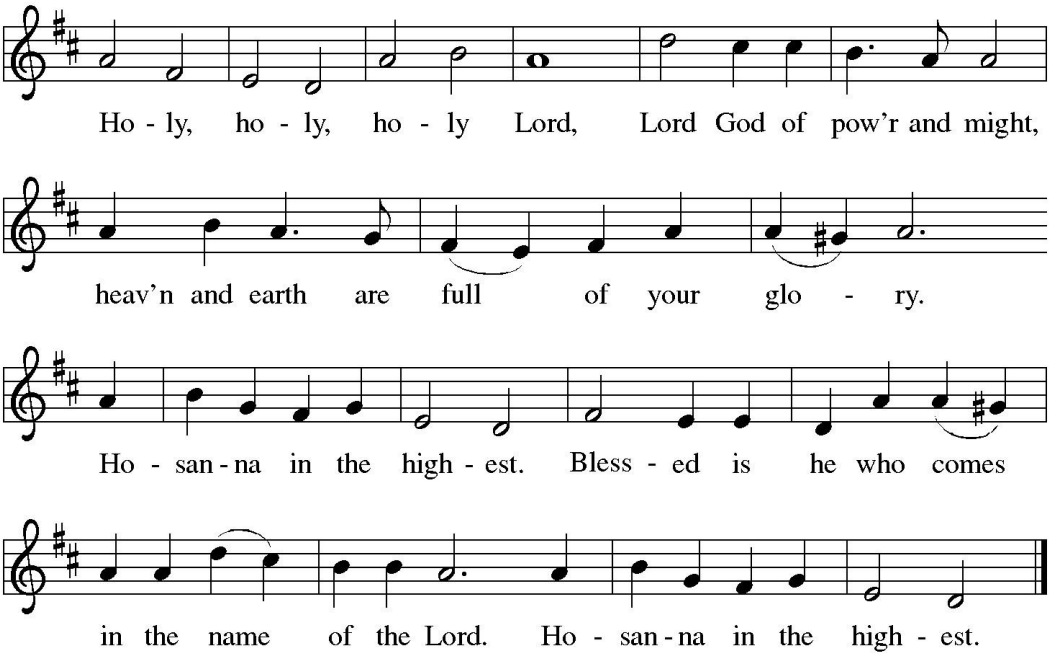
P: The Lord be with you**.**
C: And also with you.

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.

* The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



* The Words of Institution

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.

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.

* Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

C: Thanks be to God.

✞ ***All are welcome at this table***. *Please follow the direction of the ushers as you make your way forward to the altar rail.*

✞ *You will receive a wafer, then be offered a cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

✞ *If it is either your practice or preference to not receive Communion today, please know that you are still welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.*

✞ *There is space on both sides of the sanctuary if you would desire to light a candle and observe a quiet moment of reflection as you return to your seat.*

✞ *If you need Holy Communion brought to you, please inform one of the ushers.*

Please stand, as you are able.

* The Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray:
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.

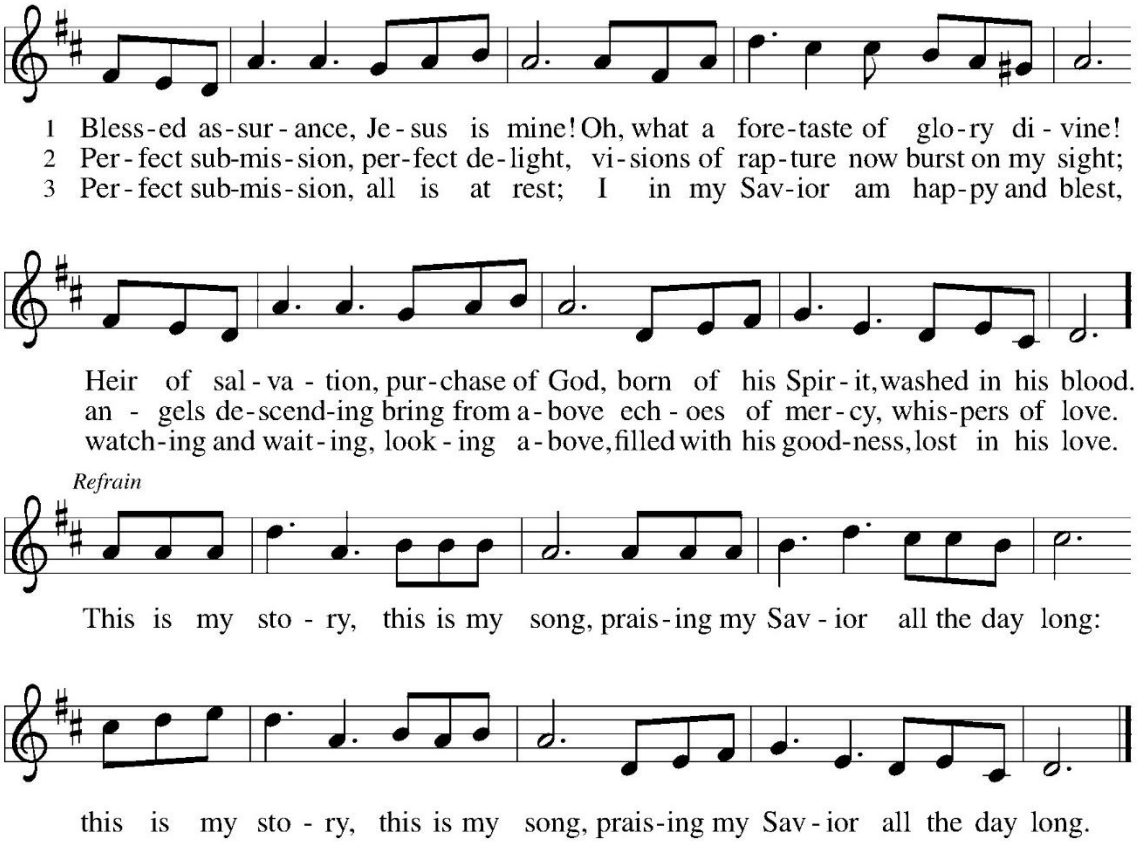
C: Amen.

* Benediction

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: *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

* Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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