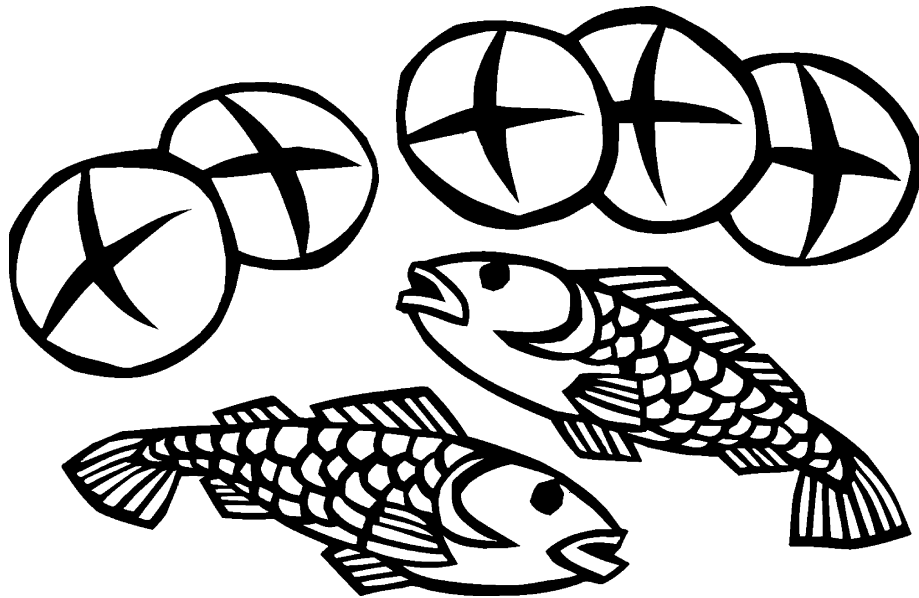


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COMMITMENT SUNDAY
SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 9, 2025

WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY!

*Guests—please take a moment to fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.
We would like to acknowledge your time with us and extend a friendly hand of hospitality.*

*Please **turn all cell phones off** or on vibrate before the worship service begins.*

**Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We gather in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

BASED ON ACTS 2:42-46

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Please kneel or sit for the confession.

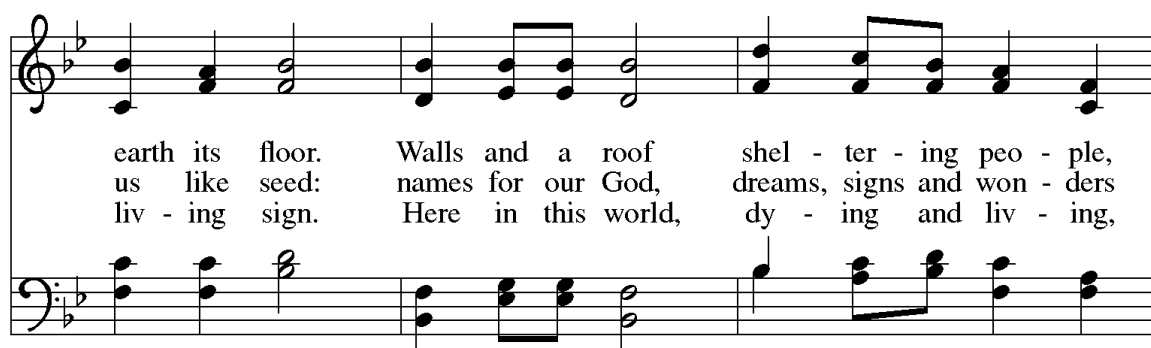
Silence is kept for self-reflection

Gracious God, **forgive us when our awe turns to contempt. Forgive us when we no longer take the time to notice your wonders and signs. Forgive us when we hold too tightly onto our possessions while others are still in need. Forgive us when we seek to praise ourselves instead of offering our praise to you. Have mercy on us and renew us, that we may more faithfully live and serve you, our neighbor, and each other, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

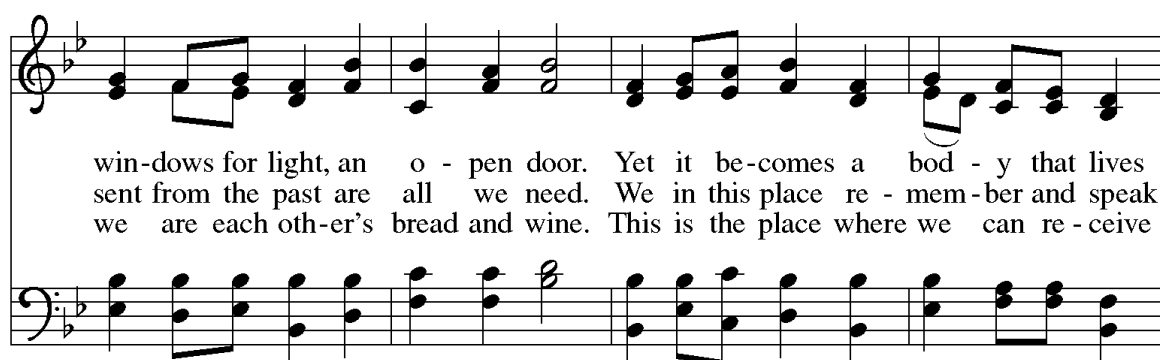
God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even in our sinfulness. By grace, and grace alone, you are saved and forgiven of all you sin, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray. **As we embark on this sacred time of worship, Lord, we earnestly seek Your guidance and wisdom. Grant us the discernment to understand Your will and the insight to apply it meaningfully to our lives. Illuminate our hearts and minds with Your divine understanding, enabling us to commit ourselves with clarity of purpose. May Your wisdom act as a guiding light, steering our thoughts and actions towards Your truth and righteousness. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

1 CHRONICLES 29

²⁹ King David said to the whole assembly, “My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the temple will not be for mortals but for the Lord God.² So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble in abundance.³ Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: Who then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the Lord?”

⁶ Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work.⁷ They gave for the service of the house of God.

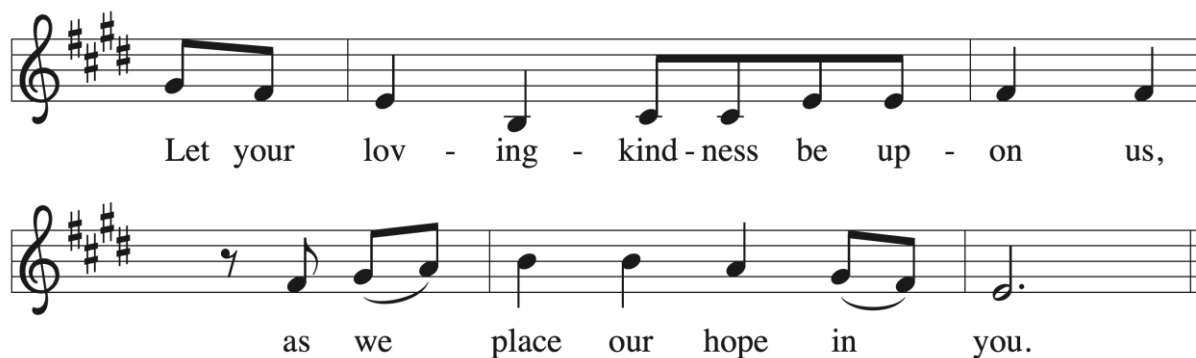
⁹ Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

David said, “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.¹¹ Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.¹² Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.¹³ And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

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

*The refrain is sung by all at the beginning of the Psalm and then at each **R**.*

Refrain



Tone



¹² Happy is the nation whose God [|] is the Lord!
 Happy the people chosen to [|] be God's heritage!

¹³ **The Lord looks [|] down from heaven,**
and sees all [|] humankind.

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- [|] throned and watches
 all who dwell [|] on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions [|] all their hearts**
and observes [|] all their deeds. R

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size [|] of the army,
 nor are warriors rescued by [|] their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain [|] hope for victory;**
despite its great strength it [|] cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear [|] you, O Lord,
 upon those who wait for your [|] steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their [|] lives from death,**
and to keep them alive in [|] time of famine. R

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for [|] you, O Lord,
 our helper [|] and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- [|] es in you,**
for in your holy name we [|] put our trust.

²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, [|] be upon us,
 even as we place our [|] hope in you. **R**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Honduras (ACS, Setting 11)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9^h chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹ Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey: no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. ⁵ Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ So they departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told Jesus^[b] all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.

¹² The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ They did so

and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

HOMILY

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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*APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope we confess what we believe.

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 THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition., The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God.**" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "**Amen.**"*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

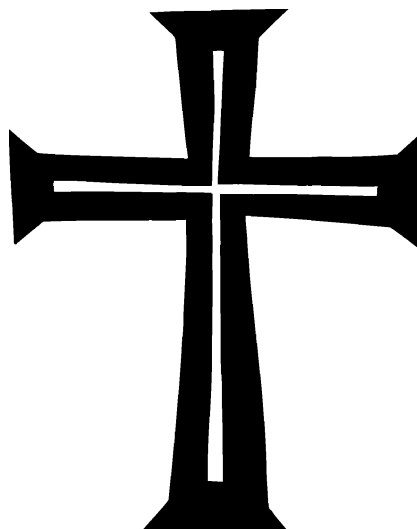
O, God we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



SUNG OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

During this time, please bring up your pledge forms and place them in the offering plate.

♩ = 60

CHORUS 1

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

BRIDGE

lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our

CHORUS 2

voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an
of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

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*COMMITMENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before you with love and adoration. We thank you for gathering us here today to worship you. Lord, as we consider giving back to you, help us to do so with generous and joyful hearts. Help us to honor you and to remember that all we have is a gift from you. We now offer a portion of those gifts back to you. Please accept our commitment as good and pleasing in your sight. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

May we be so bold to pray as the lord has 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.

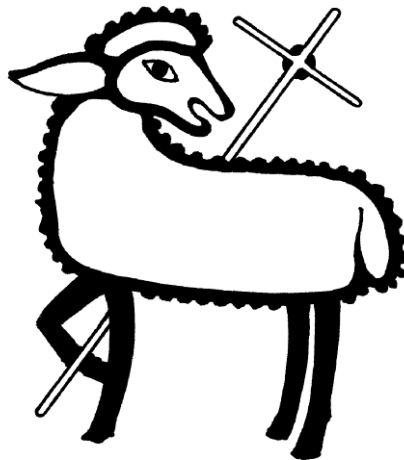
*COMMUNION INVITATION

Our lord Jesus said "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall not thirst"

Lord, give us this bread always.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

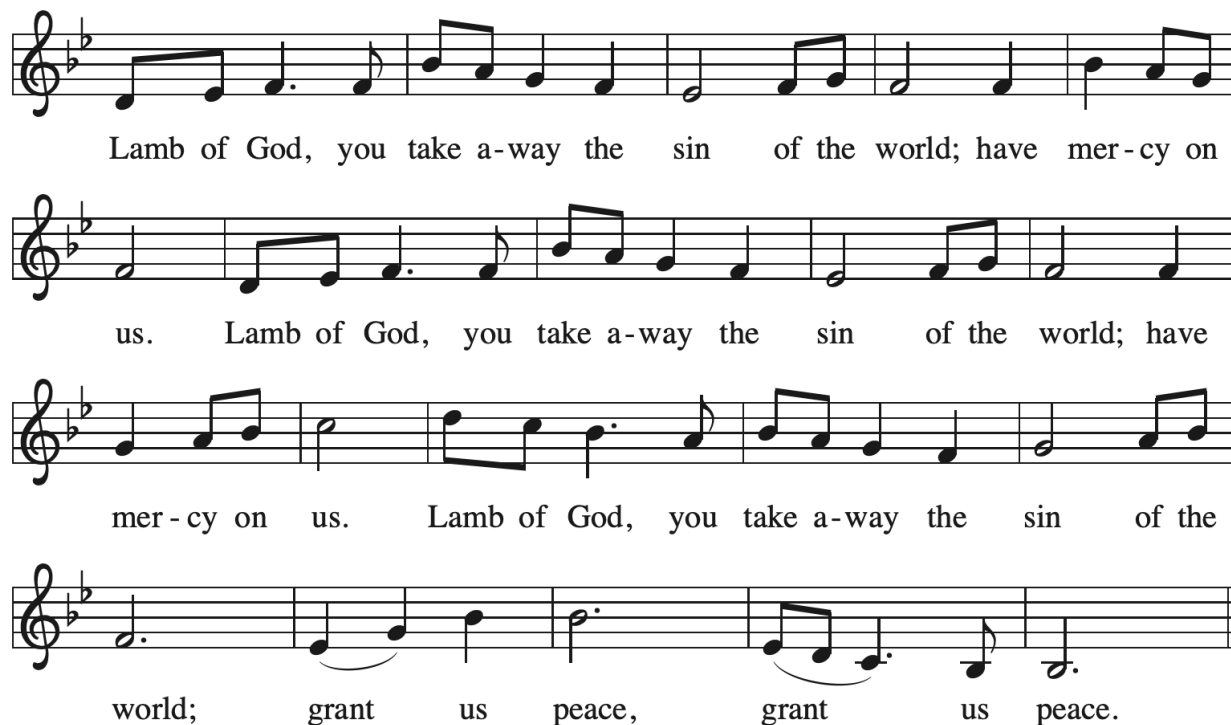
*All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a **gluten-free host**. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an X.*



COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

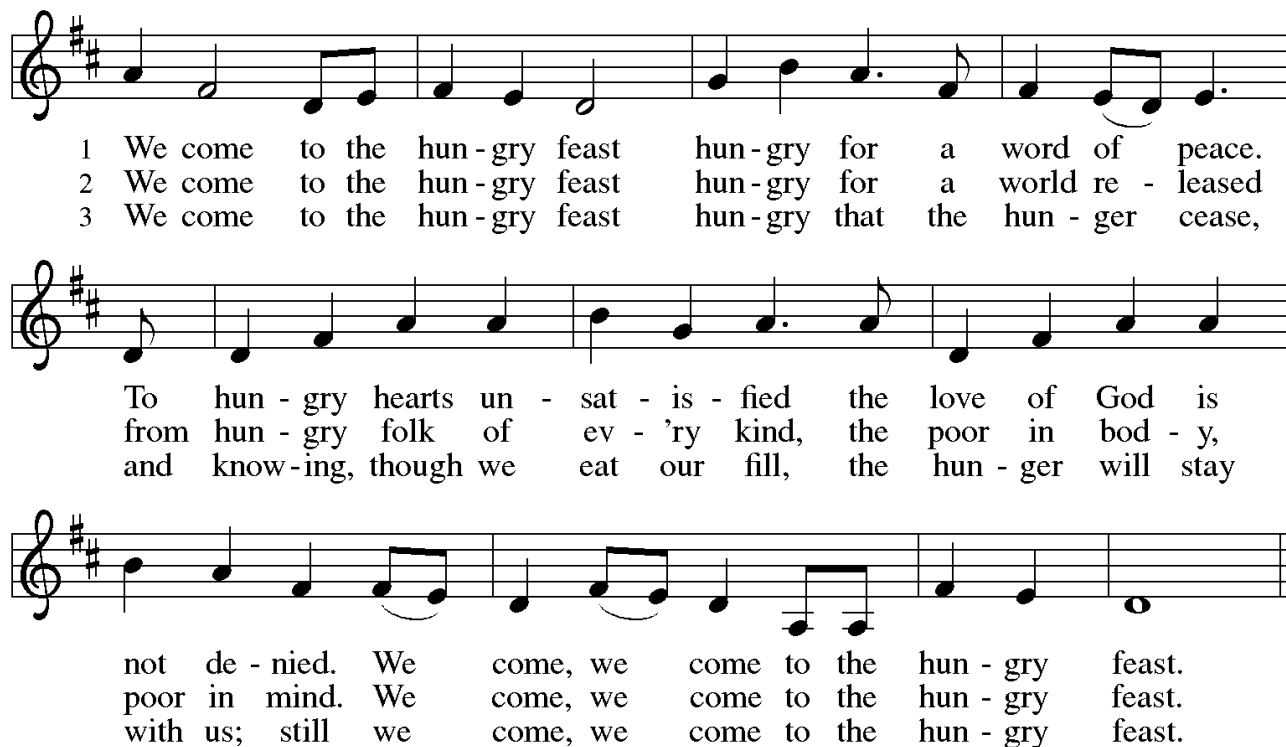
ACS, Setting 12



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

Those not receiving communion are invited to pray the following while communion is being distributed:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. When I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

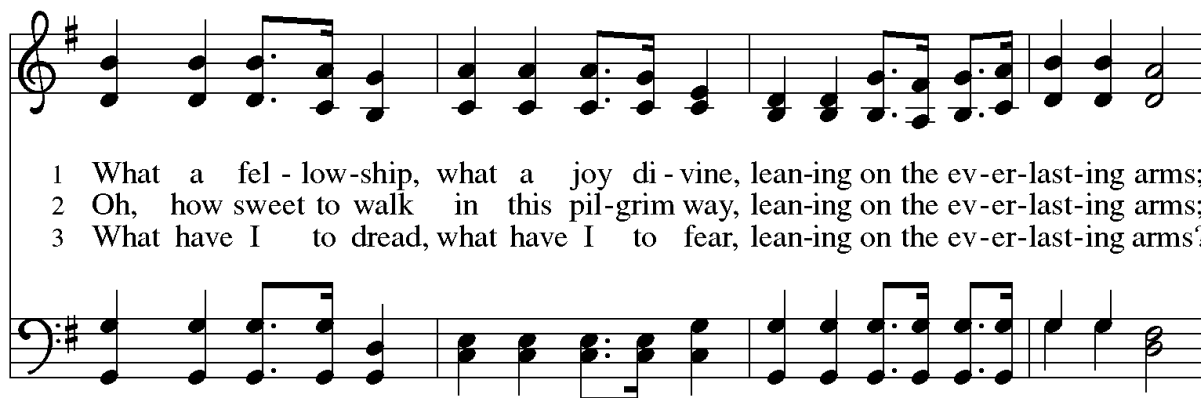
Lord God, we know that your word tells us that if we ask you for wisdom, you will grant us our request. We come to you today, asking you to fill us with your wisdom so that we may be more like you. We know that wisdom is not found in worldly affairs but is a gift from you. Help us to know the difference. Help us to be people of vision; people who live with our eyes on eternity, not on things of this world. Keep us from straying from the path you have set before us. Lord, please grant us your wisdom in full measure. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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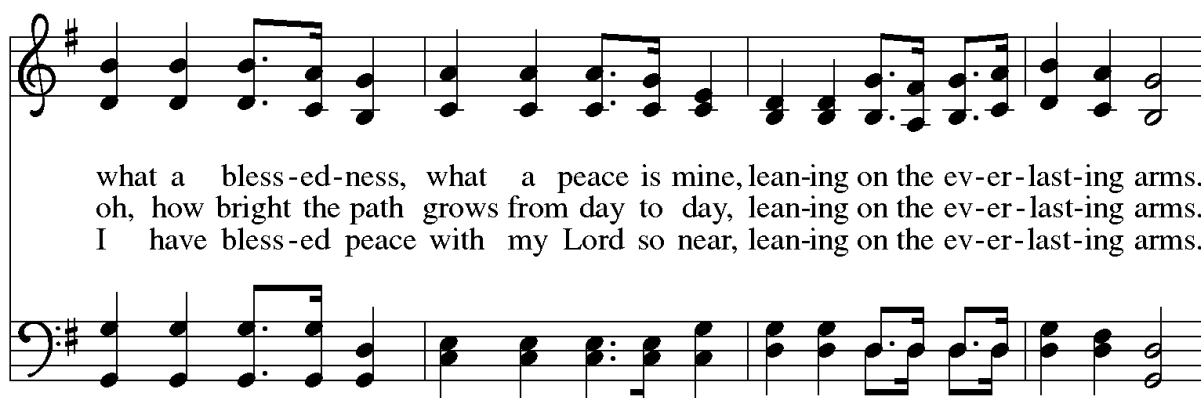
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

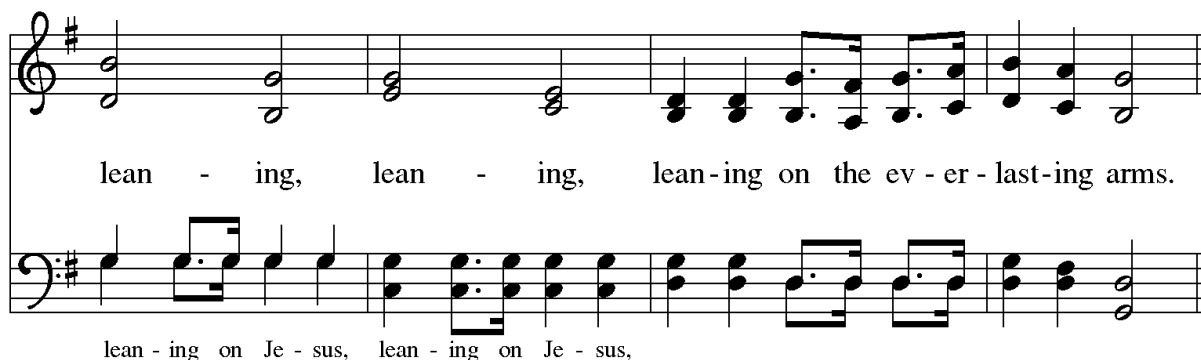


what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the lord.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Please remain after worship to discuss the vision of the congregation's commitment to call a Pastor.

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Ray & Jan Frick in memory of Jan's mother, Ruth Mills.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us via Zoom for Matins on Tuesdays at 9:00am and Vespers on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Use the usual Zoom link.
- **St. Mark will be donating funds to fill satchels for Seafarers.** Please pick up a peace crane in the narthex and give as you are able. Donations should be marked for Seafarers. **CALLING ALL KNITTERS!** The Seafarers would also love hand-knit hats and scarves. Please contact Eleanor Tunney if you can help with knitting or have any questions.
- **Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services LIRS) is once again looking to congregations to make this upcoming holiday season a time to welcome and comfort refugees by receiving Christmas cards with messages of hope and encouragement. This year's theme is **"Hope For The Holidays"**. We will be writing Christmas cards that will be distributed to refugees across America. Please take a few minutes **during fellowship on the first three Sundays in November to write a Christmas card or two** and let refugees know that they are not forgotten. For more information, contact Jan Frick.
- The next **Lunch Bunch** will be **Thursday, Nov. 20 at 12:30pm. Bin 228**, 63 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury. Please rsvp to Ellen Z. by November 17.
- The **deadline** for the **December/January Messenger** newsletter is **Thursday, November 20.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, November 9	9:00am	Commitment Sunday Service of Word and Sacrament followed by Coffee Hour sponsored by Dottie's Team, Transition Discussion, & Hope for the Holidays Cards
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, November 11	<i>Veterans Day</i>	
	9:00am	Matins via Zoom
Wednesday, November 12	7:00pm	Vespers via Zoom
Sunday, November 16	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament Followed by Coffee Hour Sponsored by Folk Group Friends & Hope for the Holidays Cards



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