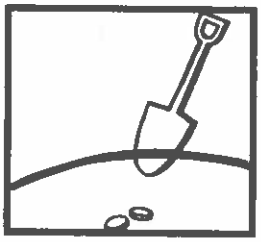
PRINCE OF PEACE

Spokane, Washington

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

(9:30am)



***denotes to stand if you are able**

Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you . *We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them.* We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

Gathering

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

Welcome

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence for reflection.

P: God of justice and compassion . . .

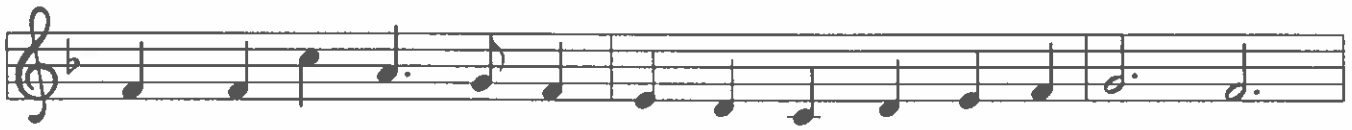
All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spiritkeep you in eternal life.

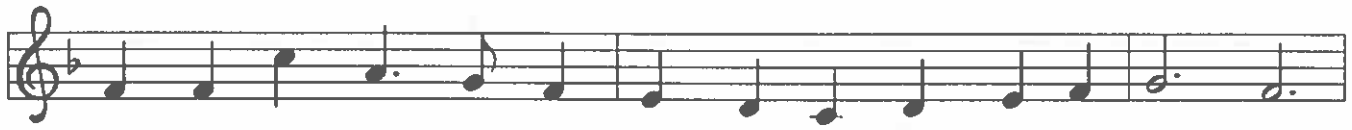
All: Amen

Opening Hymn

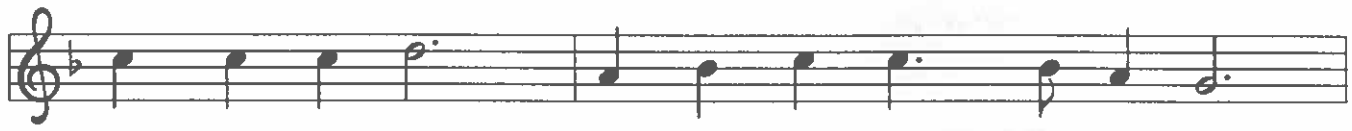
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



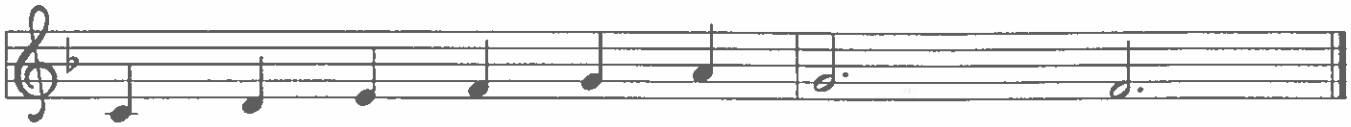
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

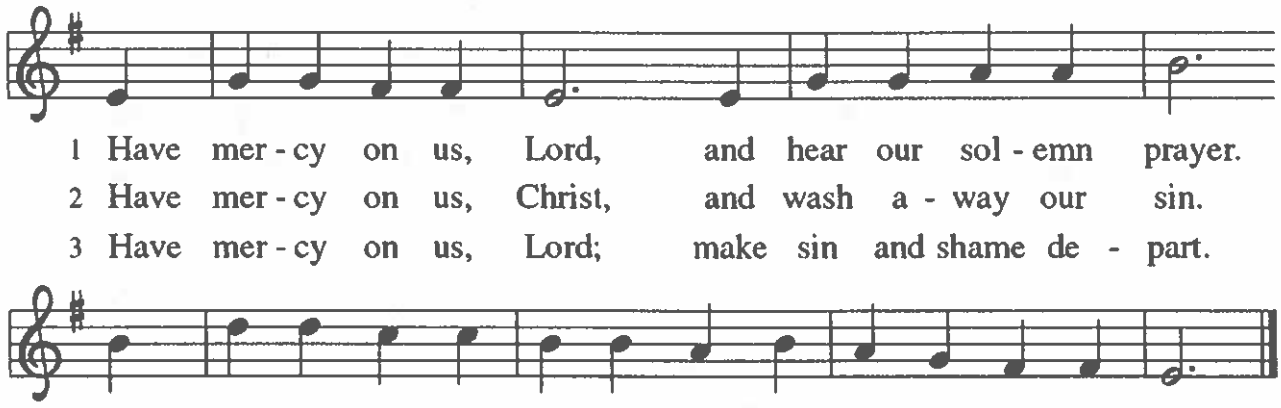
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*Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

*Kyrie

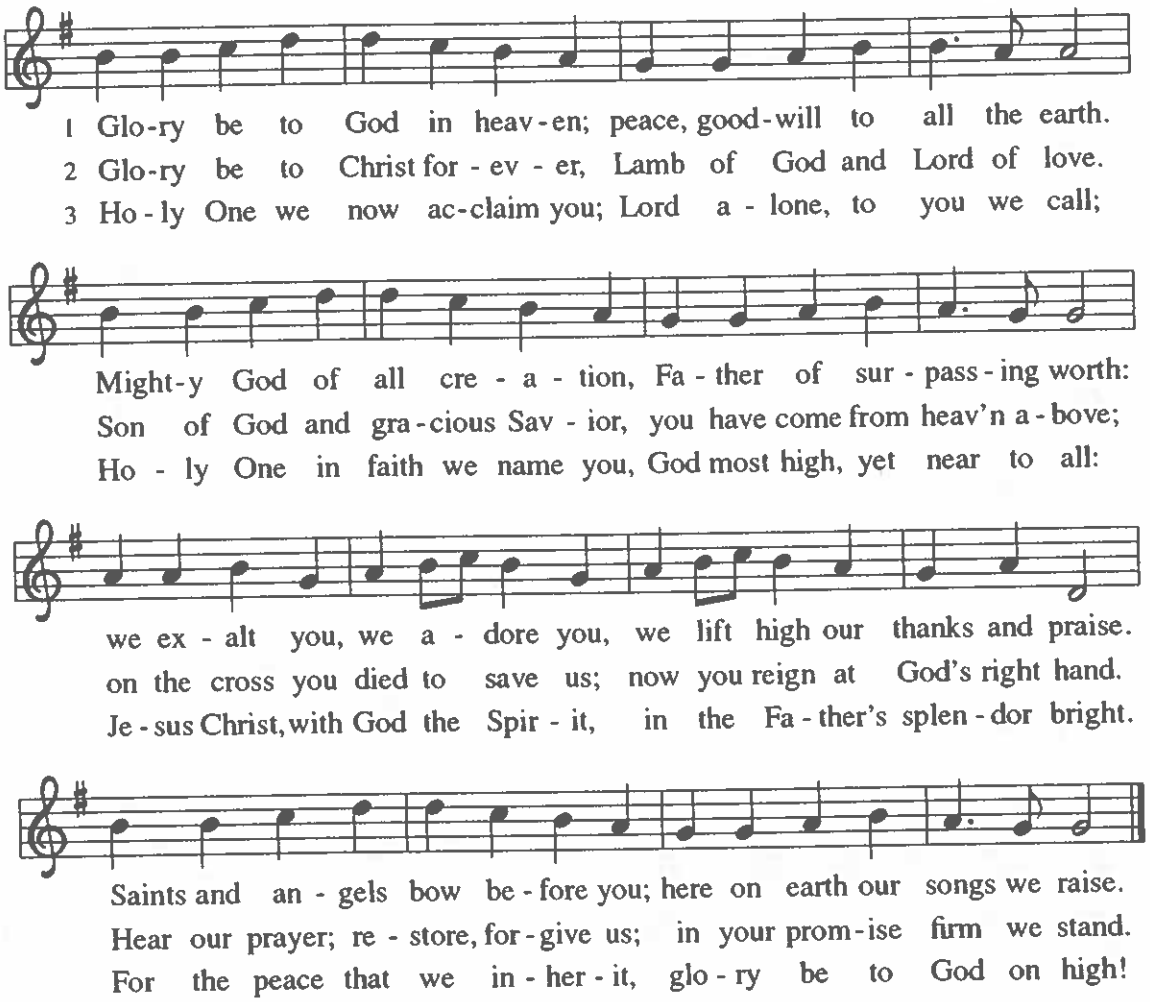


1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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*Hymn of Praise



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*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us all pray together:

All: 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. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Special Music *"On Eagle's Wings"* Men's Choir

Children's Sermon

Readings **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.

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: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
[5] you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[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.
[11] Who regards the power [l]of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your [l]indignation?
[12] **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

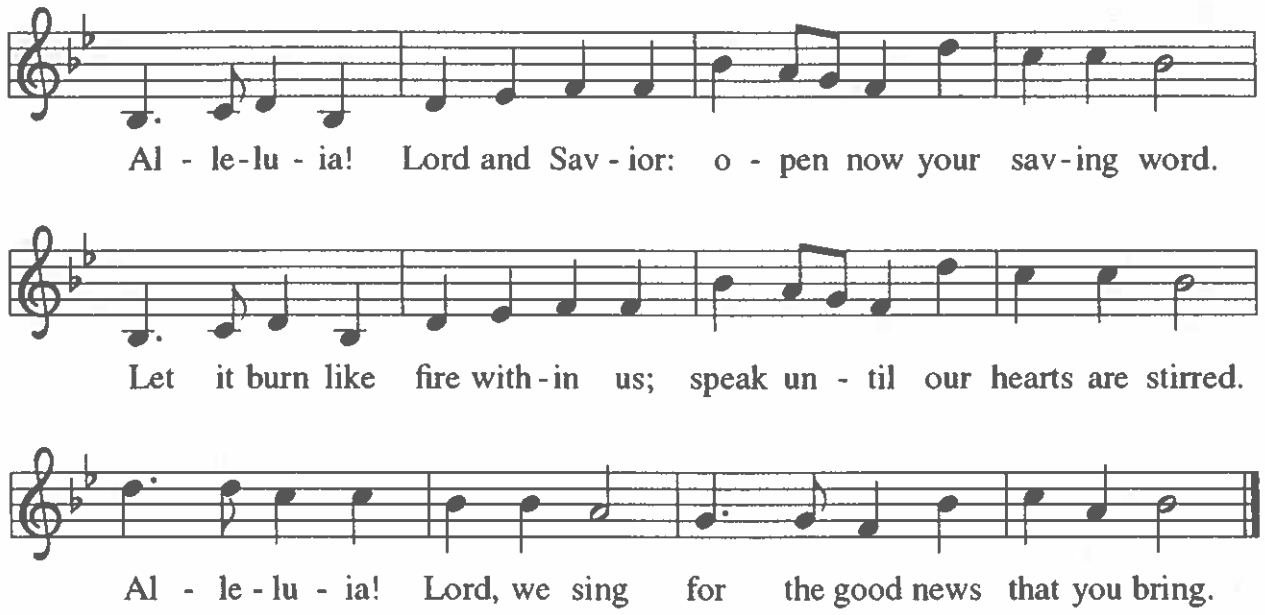
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[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: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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*Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[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

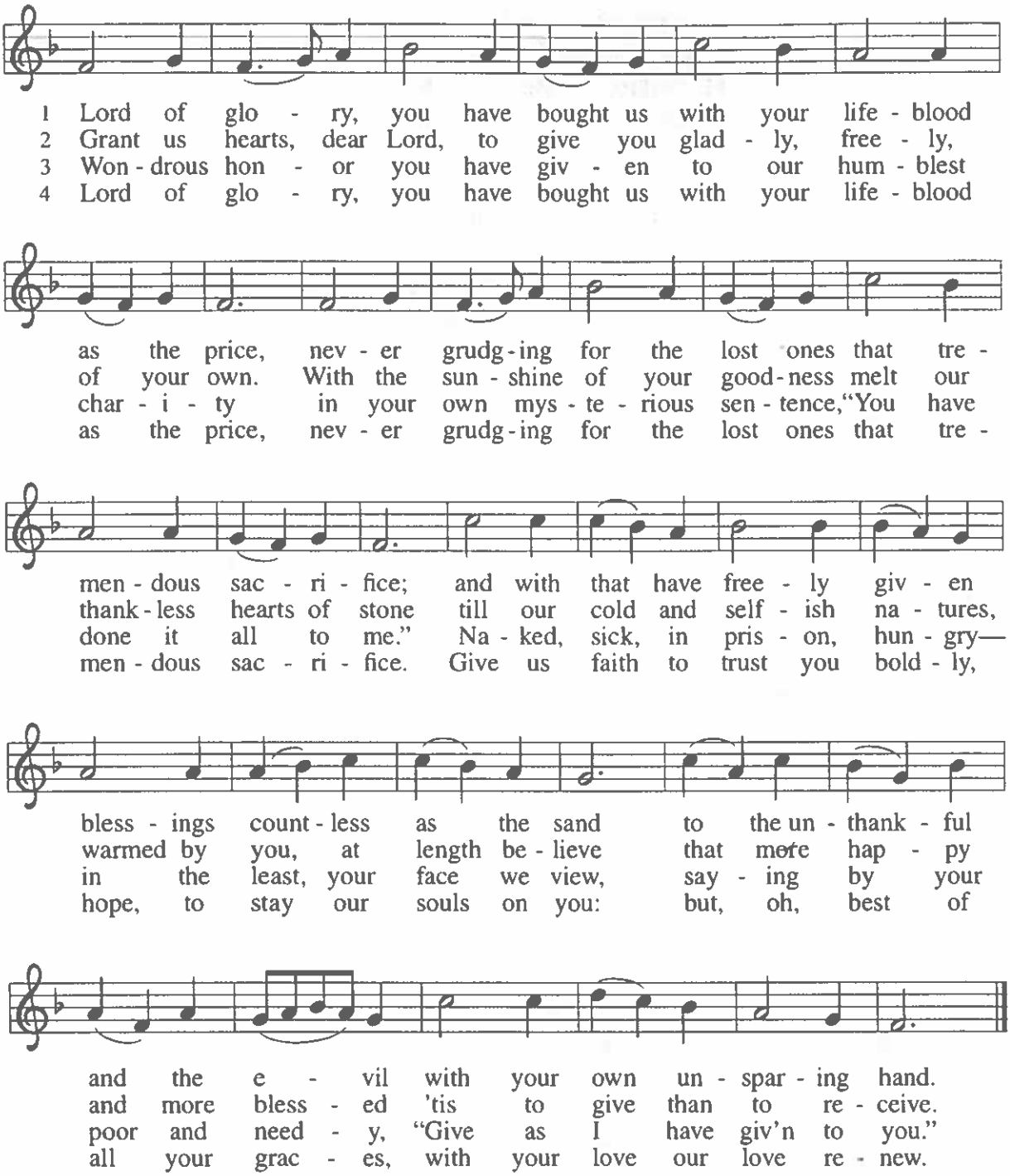
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one 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.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Joel Skindlov

*Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



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Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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*The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Prayers

Response: L: Lord, in your mercy.
All: hear our prayer.

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you.

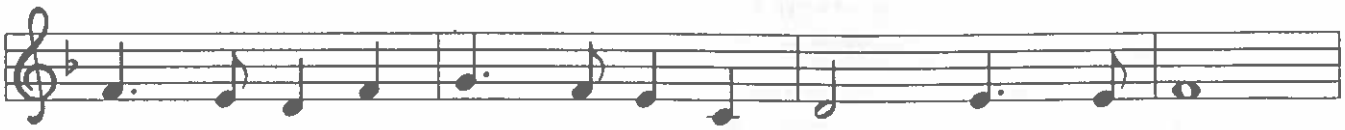
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

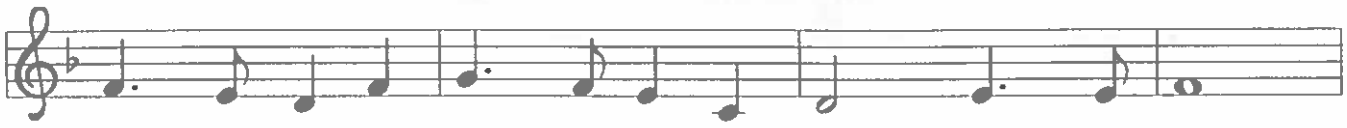
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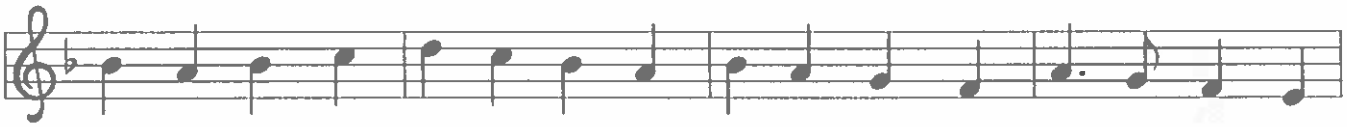
"For the Fruit of All Creation" Verses 1 & 3



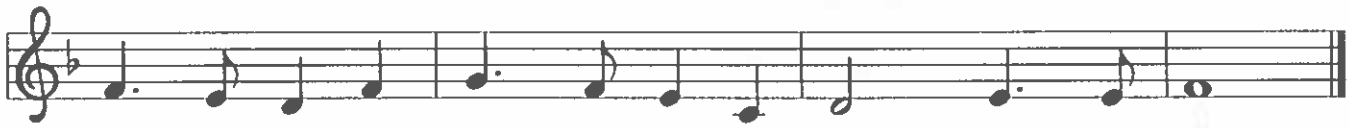
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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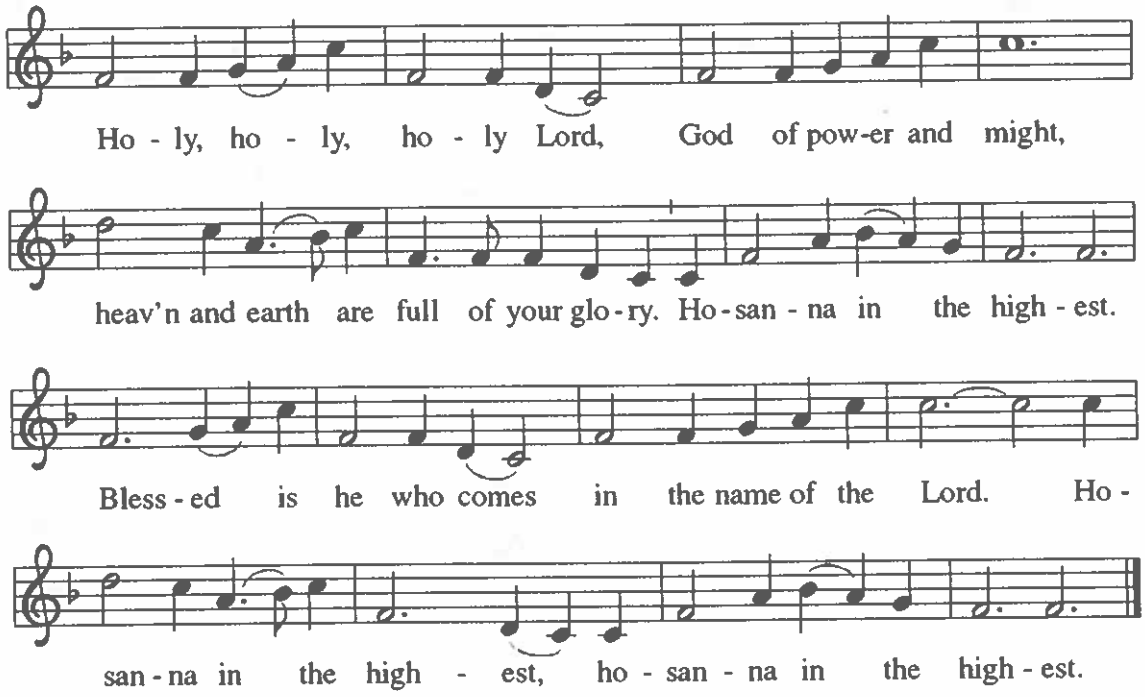
*Offering Prayer

L: God of all creation,

All: 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. Amen

*The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



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*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

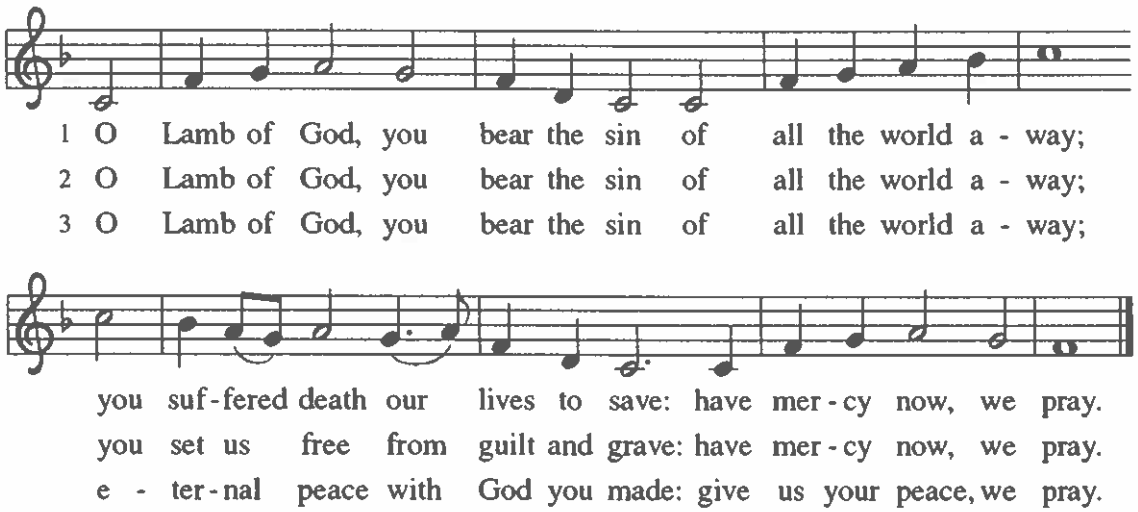
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

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



"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."

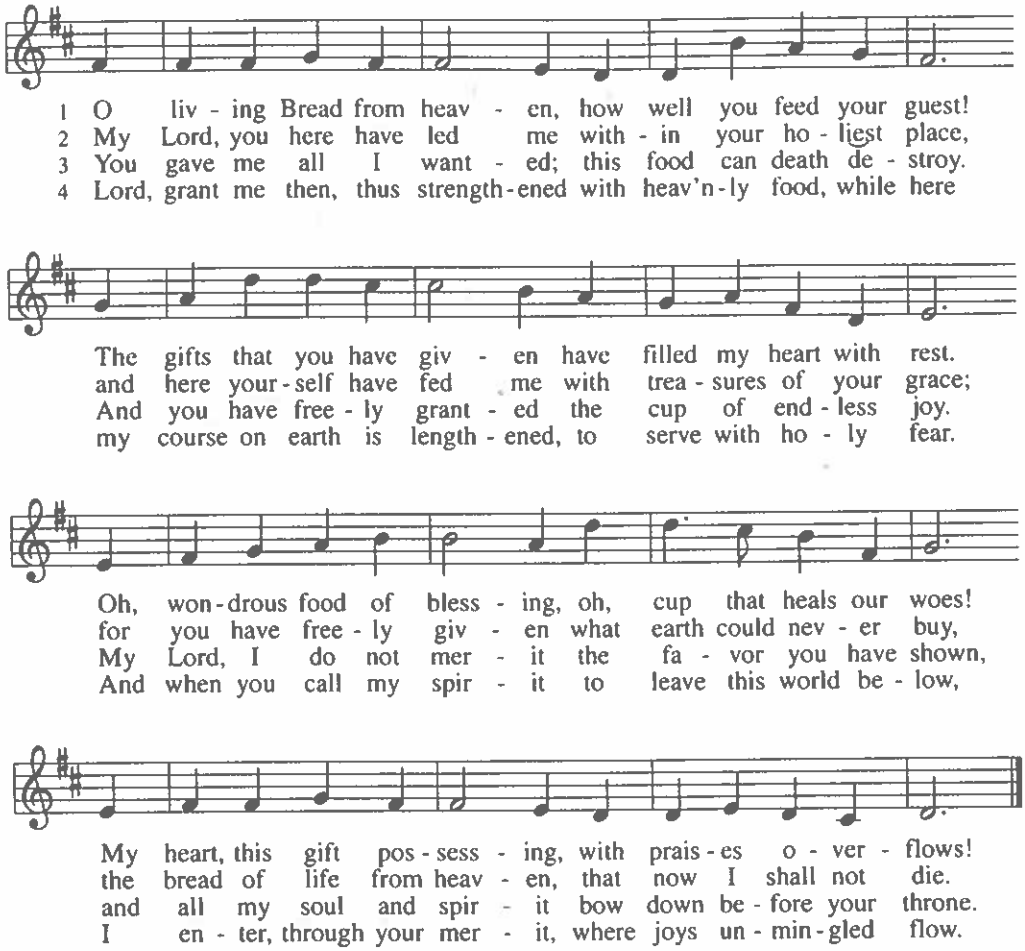
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Communion Hymns

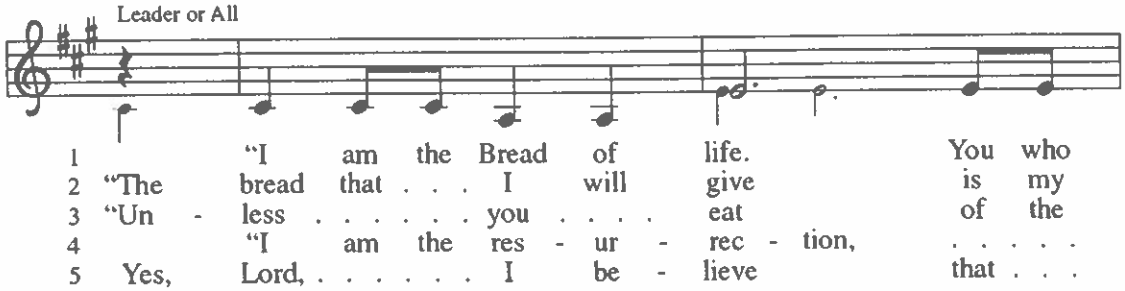
O Living Bread from Heaven

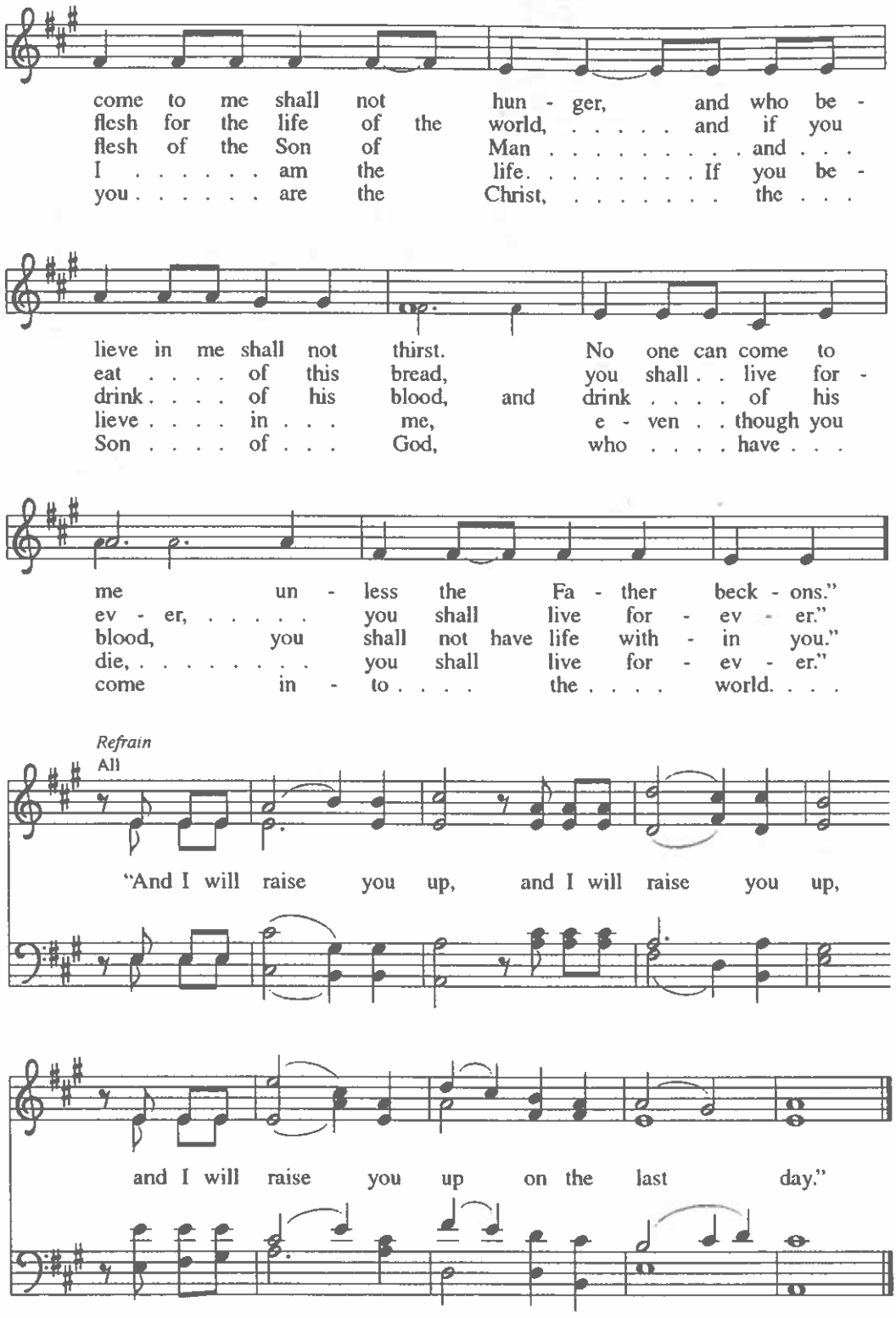


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I Am the Bread of Life



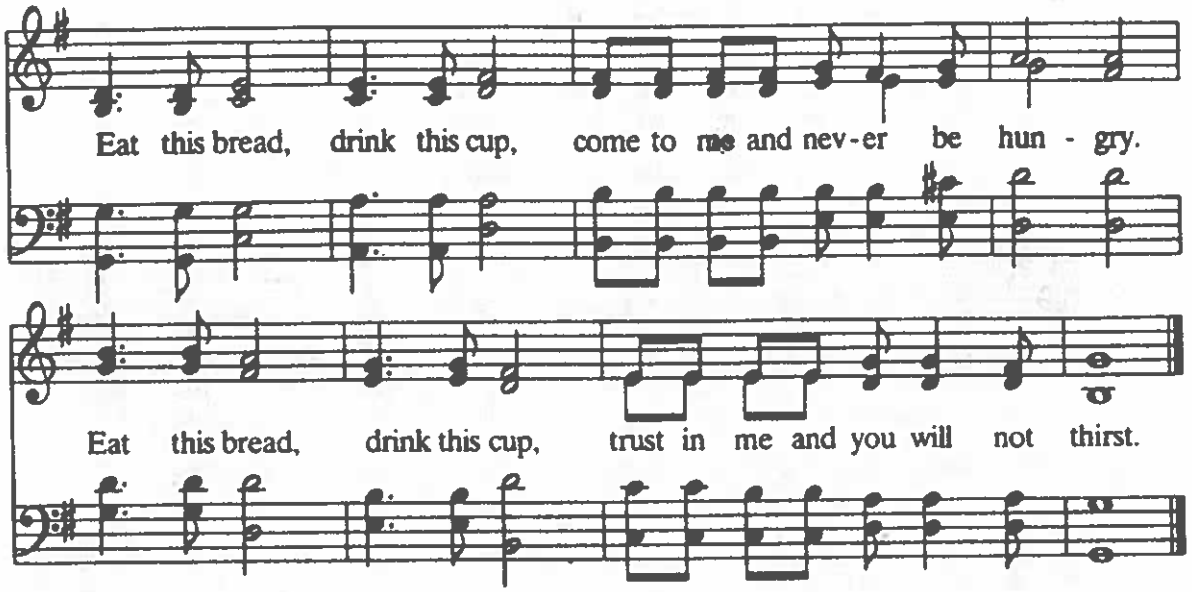


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"Eat This Bread"



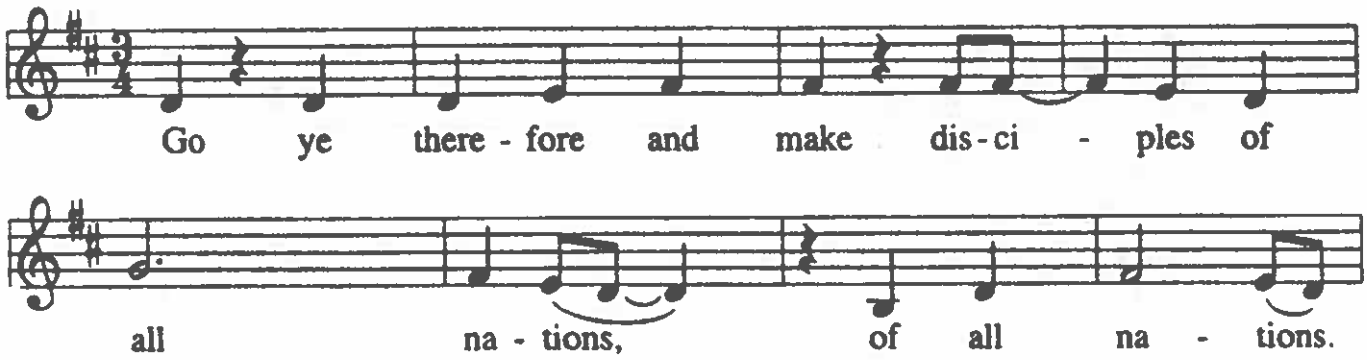
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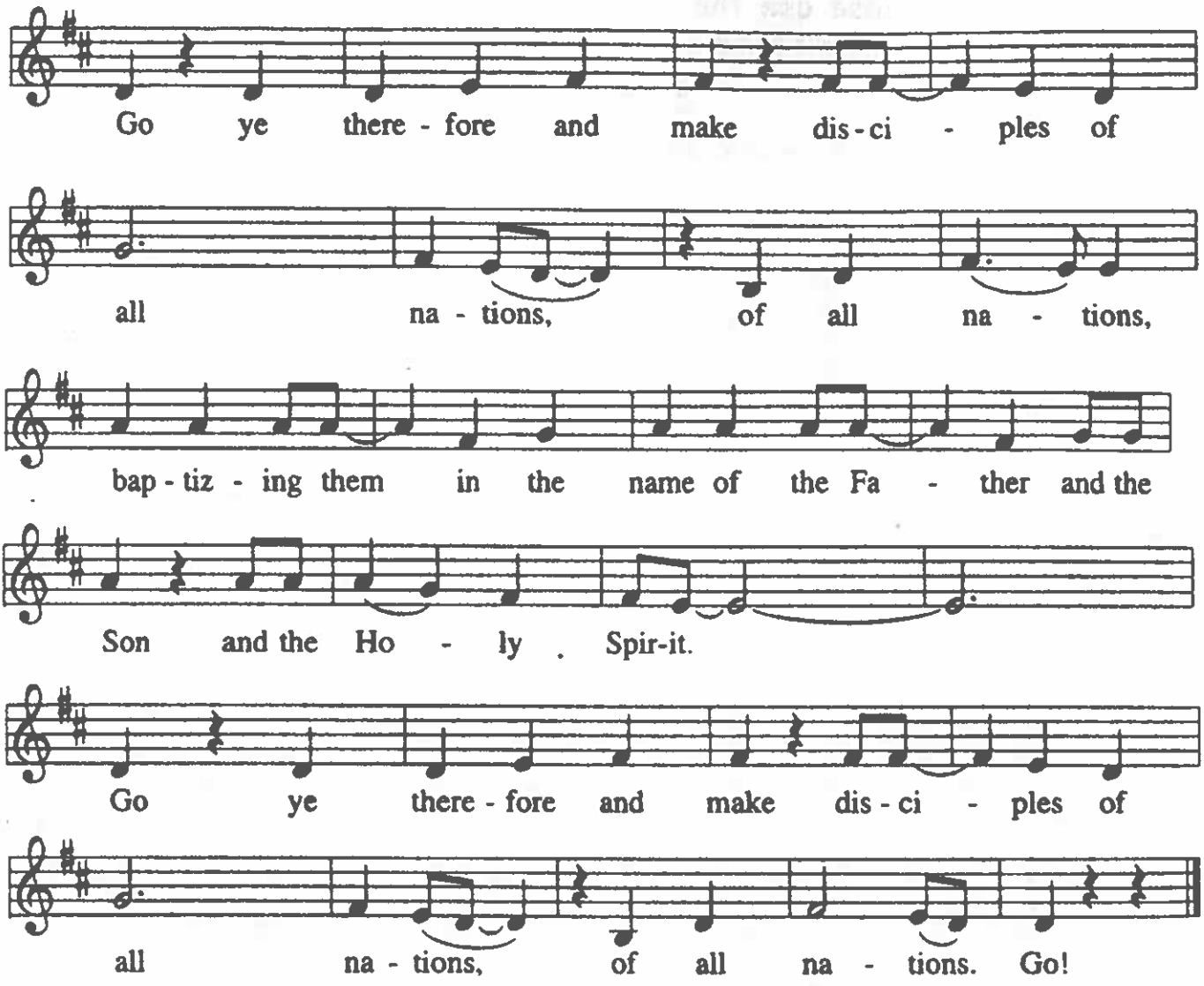
***Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

***Post Communion Canticle**





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*Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray . . . **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

Announcements- Please use the microphone

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

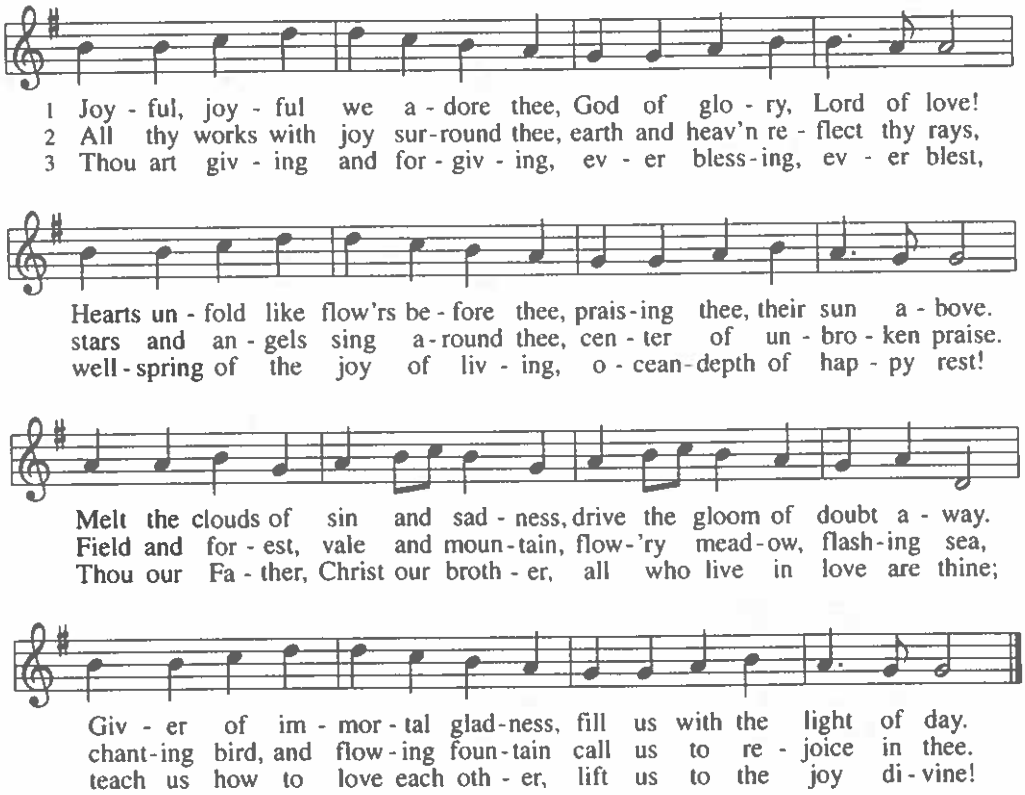
***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

***Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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Prince of Peace Purpose Statement

L: God's purpose for Prince of Peace
All: **is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Daily Prayer for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

Lord God, we thank you for your goodness and enduring mercy, for sustaining this congregation and for your continued provision. Lord, give us the strength and divine inspiration to renew our mission and purpose, both individually and collectively. Reveal to each of us how we are being called to serve. Please grant our church leadership, by your grace, the wisdom and discernment needed for decisions ahead.
You alone are King, you alone are the power; all honor and glory be yours Holy Father. Amen

Prayers of the Church

New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:

Sharon Ballou, Betty (friend of Sanborns), Brian Caroon (father of Susan Ames' daughter-in–law), Margaret Clark, De Dupuis, Joan Lofgren (family friend of Chaffins), Mary (friend of Janet Robel), Pam Nebelsieck, Ellie Powers (friend of Skindlovs), and Ken Staudinger (friend of Dave Moeller), Lisa Sanborn (daughter-in-law of the Sanborns), Trevor Stratton (son of Janice Hodneland), and Ronda & Dave Tolan (sister and brother-in-law of Todd Chaffin).

Continued prayers for:

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), Josh Hawley, Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff) and Linda Strom (sister of Sue Parrish).

Prayers of safety for:

Seth Hertel (grandson of Sanborns) and all Armed Forces serving around the world.

We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net. Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO TODAY

by Orv Kirkevold

Announcements

Your Church Needs You!!



Our church is entering an important time of transition, and we need members willing to step forward and serve on Church Council starting in 2027. **Several Council positions will be open, including Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.** These are important roles, but they are not meant to be carried out by just a few people. Our church belongs to ALL of us, and its future depends on members being willing to share their time, talents and ideas. Please prayerfully consider serving on Council and feel free to talk with a current Council member or Pastor.

POP Pantry – The Cupboard is bare!





Food:
Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.
Necessities:
Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap.

Pastor Joel– Office Hours

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Mondays 11am -12:30pm, Tuesdays 10:00 am-12pm, Wednesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am—12pm. He is also available by appointment.
Pastor Joel's #509-951-0223.

New Address

Randy & Kathy Fleiger– 420 228th Street SW Unit # B102, Bothell, WA 98021-9780

Riverview Holiday Craft Fair

Get your Christmas shopping done early! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 21st, 9:00am-1:00pm and plan on attending Riverview Lutheran Retirement Community's Holiday Craft Fair. If you are looking for something unique or special, this is the place to find it! If you have questions contact Sheryl McGrath, smcgrath@riverviewretirement.org / 509-482-8299.

Fellowship



Treats can be very simple, for example... donuts cut in half, store bought cookies, homemade treats, or cheese and crackers.



Pledge Sunday — November 15– TODAY!

Please return your pledge card and Time & Talent sheet to the church by Sunday, November 15. Your pledge will help us finalize the 2027 budget.

Tree of Sharing– November 15

The Tree of Sharing is up with tags ready to be taken. This year will be supporting Indian Trail Elementary families who were extremely effected by the Old Trails Fire and Cooper Elementary. **Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 13th.**

Praise & Pie

On Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm there will be a Thanksgiving Worship Service, followed by pie! What could be better. There is a sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen. We love pie, but need to have a sign up so that we don't have 20 pies for the night.

Tree Decorating and Christmas Attire Sunday

Wear your Christmas Sweater and help decorated the big tree and sanctuary following worship service on Sunday, November 29th-First Sunday in Advent!

Birthdays

November 4– Ami Elliott
November 7– Mary Froscheiser
November 15– Mary Golden
November 17– Harper Skindlov
Hannah Skindlov
November 18– Jon Heimbigner
November 21– Kim Floyd
November 26– Jacob Basgal
November 29– Holly Christoff



Serving You Today...

Pastor: Joel Skindlov	**Fellowship:** Tamura
Worship Assistant: Susan Ames	**Ushers:**
Keyboarding: Janet Robel	**Media:** Bernie Polikowsky
Altar Guild: Jan Gilliam	**Communion Server:** Jan Gilliam

This Week at Prince of Peace November 15-22, 2026

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Council Meeting
		Return Stewardship Packets
		Tree of Sharing is up
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	9:00 am	Charity Quilters
	4:30 pm	Praise Group
WEDNESDAY	6:15 pm	Men's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	1:00 pm	Bible Study @ Riverview Retirement
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:30 am	Worship Service

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