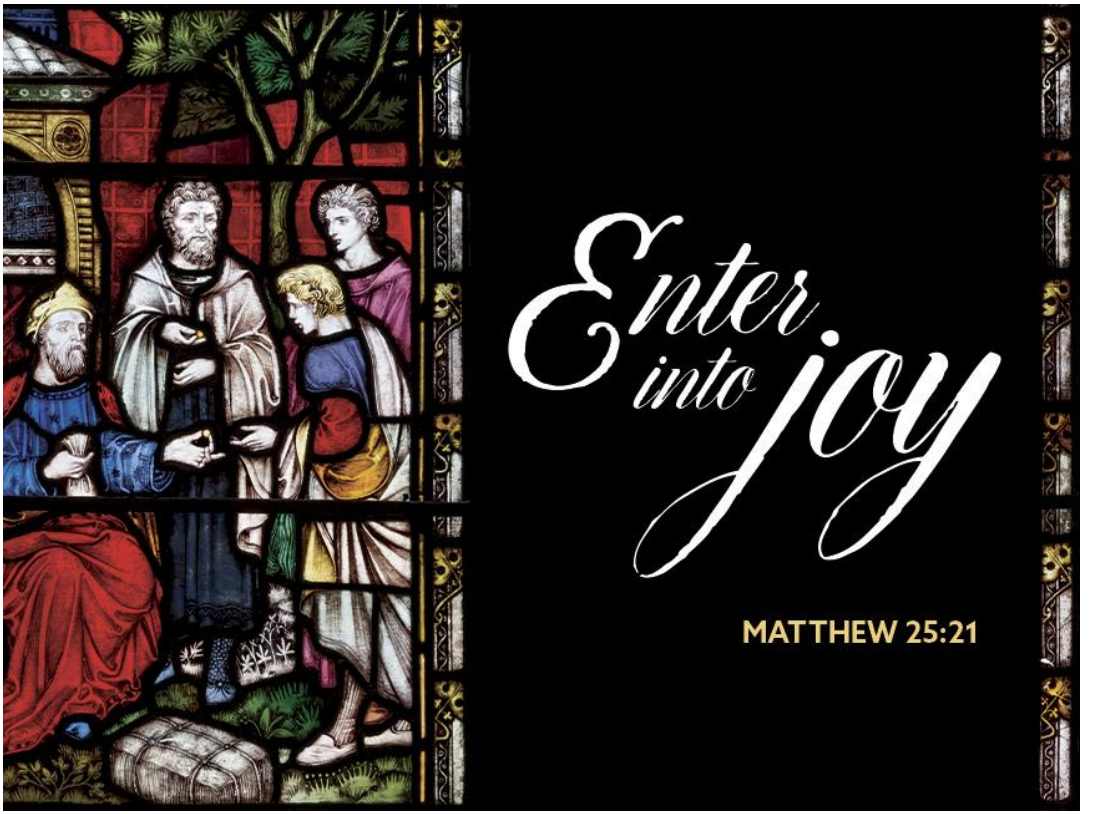
OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2026



Olsburg Lutheran Church
PO Box 128
Olsburg, KS 66520
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mission Statement:
Become Disciples,
Live as Disciples,
Make Disciples in Christ Jesus

Walsburg Lutheran Church
12351 Union Road
Leonardville, KS 66449
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church phone (785) 293-5367
Mission Statement:
More disciples living more faithfully by
the power of the Holy Spiri

Pastor:

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Ruthie Stone

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YOU ARE WELCOME AMONG US! Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or whether you have worshiped with us many times, we are grateful that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless your worship and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*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.
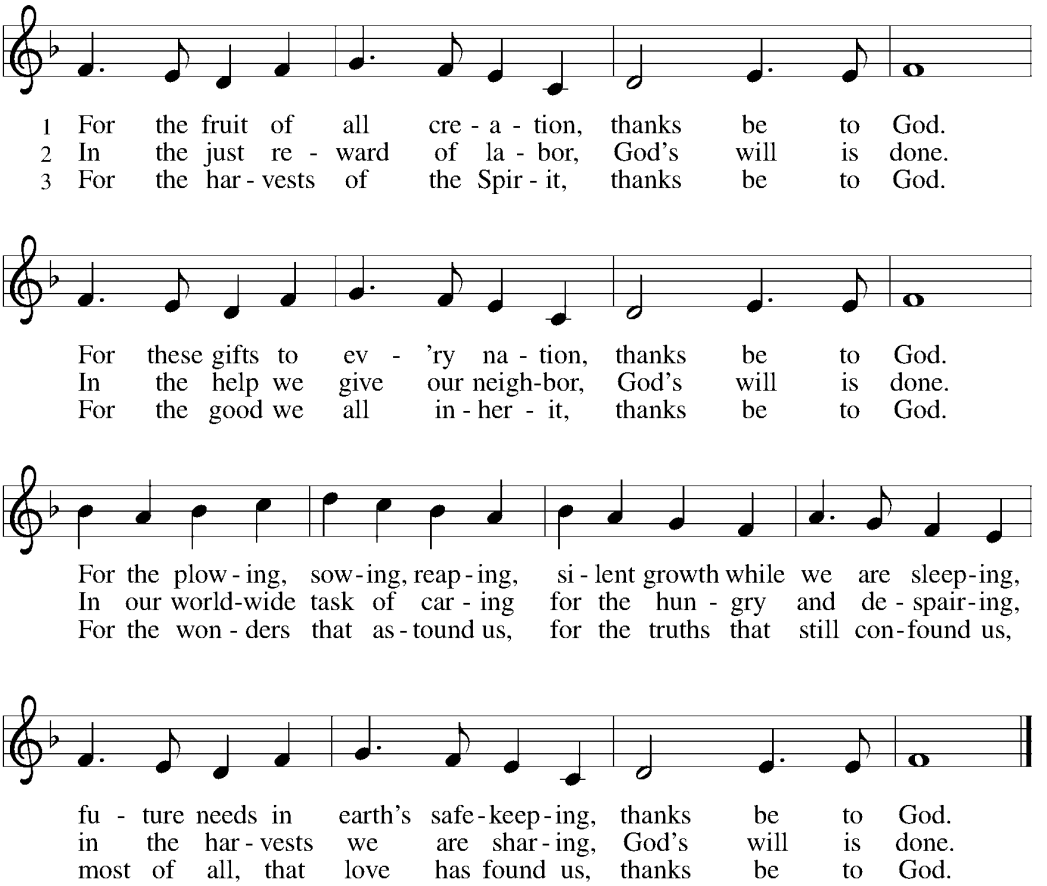
Silence is kept for reflection.

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 For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679**

For the Fruit of All Creation



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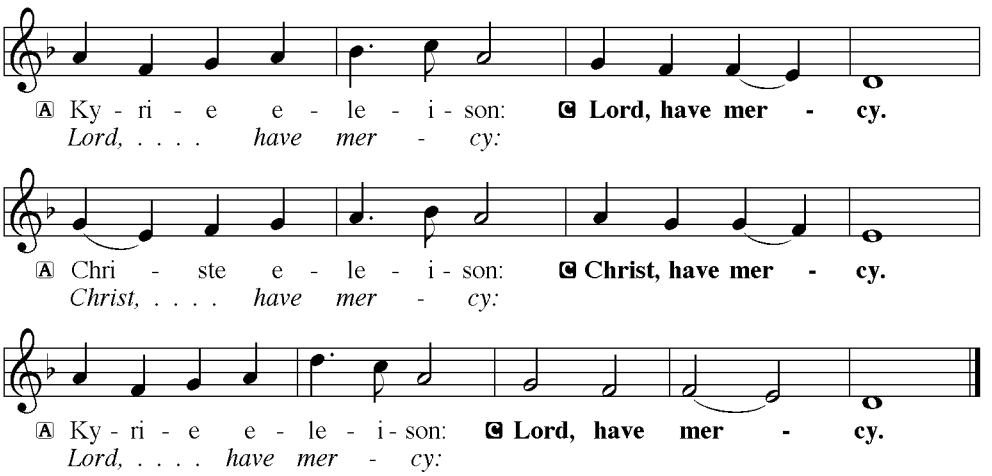
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*GREETING
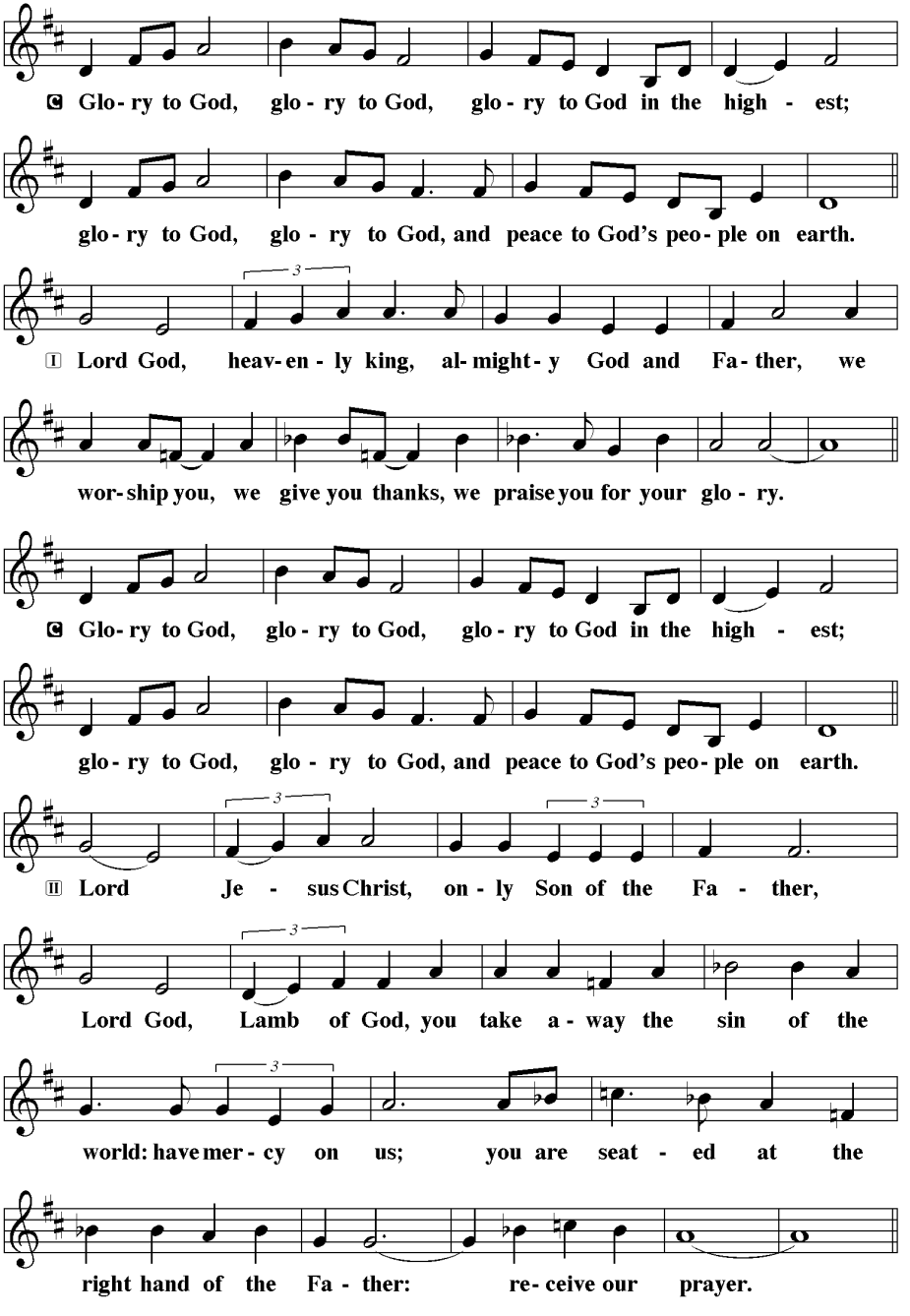
P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
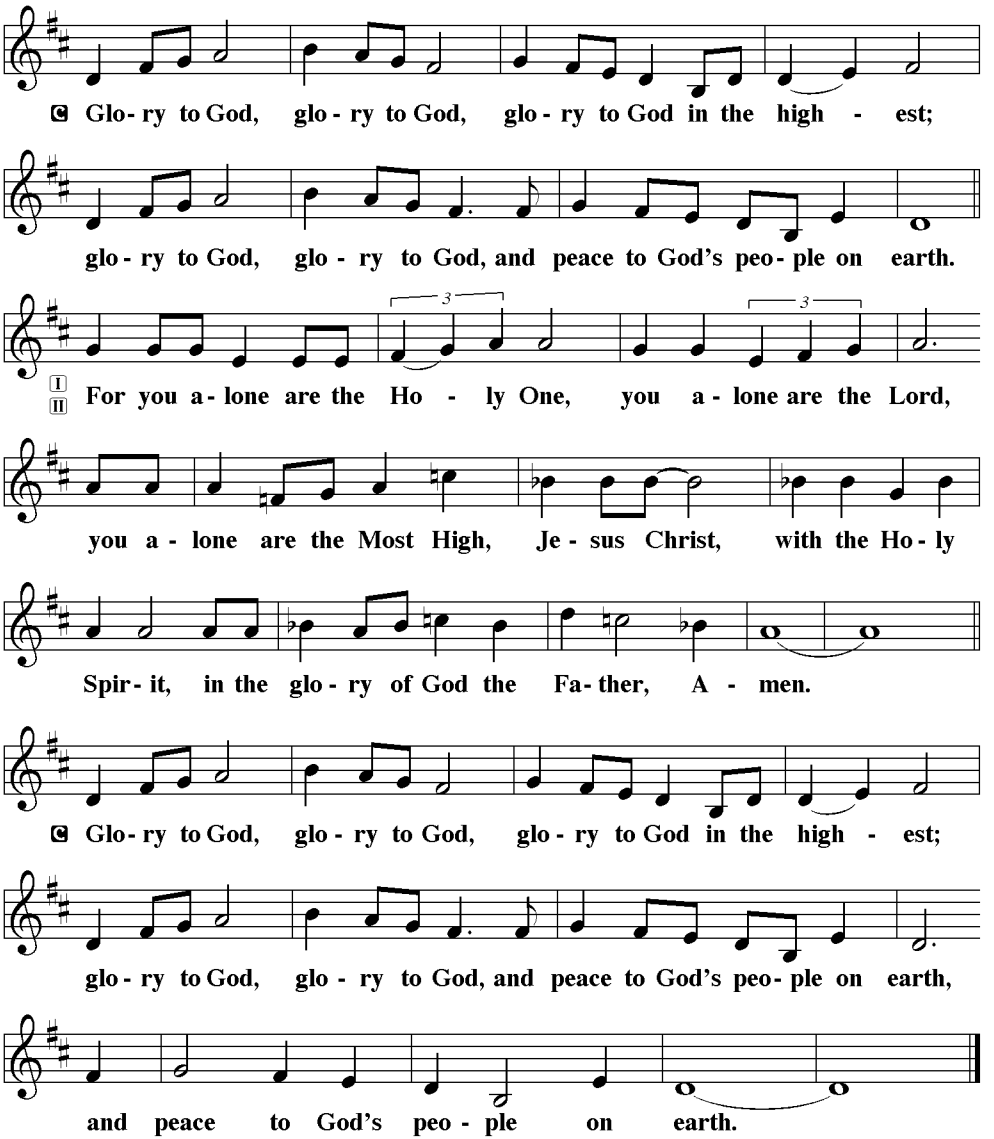
C: And also with you!

*KYRIE


A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:
A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, ... have mer - cy:
A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Righteous God,

C: 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

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

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.

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."
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.

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.
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,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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.
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: 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

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

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;

you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[When you are angry, all our days are gone;

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

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.

Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?]

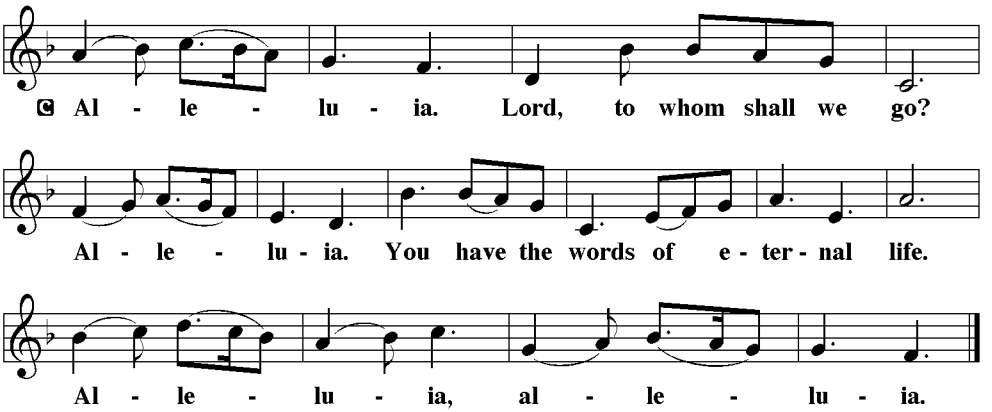
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 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



*GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.’ 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.’ 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.’ 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.’

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, so I was afraid, and I went

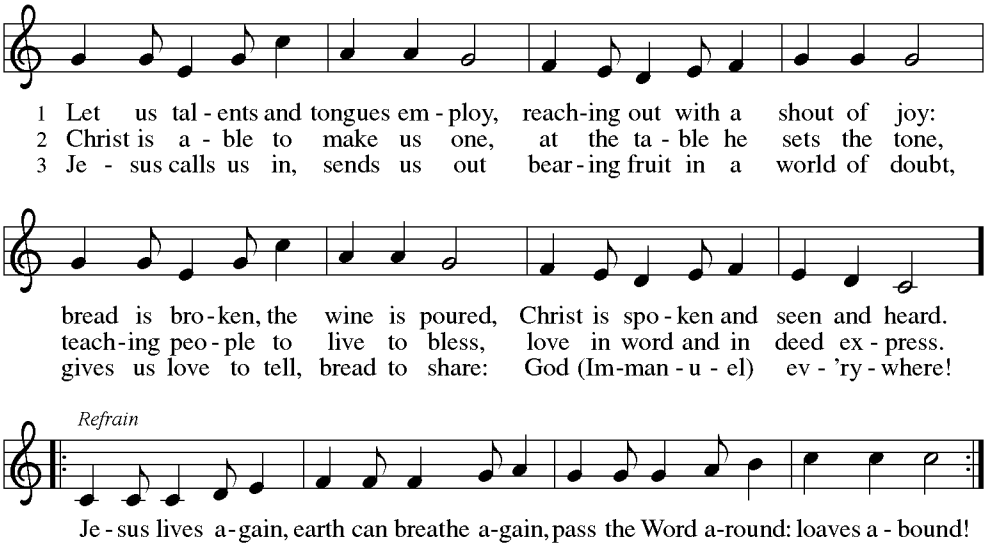
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The Gospel of our God
C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



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*APOSTLES' CREED

P: United as the body of Christ, let us profess our faith:

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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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

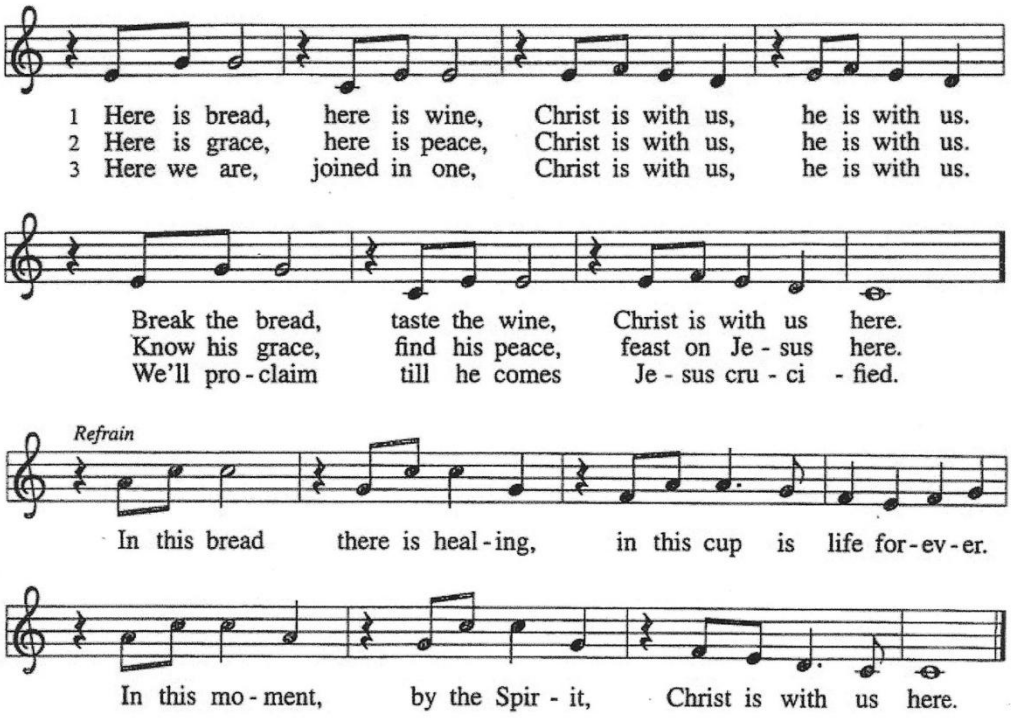
PASSING OF THE PEACE (WALSBURG)

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always!
C: And also with you!

Please share the sign of peace with one another. The peace can be shared with a handshake, peace sign, a wave, etc.

OUR OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** **Here Is Bread** **ELW 483**



*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God,

C: **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. Amen.**

Meal

Communion Invitation

Welcome to Holy Communion! Christ, who is present in bread and wine offering forgiveness and life with God, invites you to eat and drink in this Sacred Meal. To receive the bread, extend an open palm to the server and the bread will be placed in your hand. For those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, glasses of grape juice are located in the inner circle of the tray. If you desire to receive Communion in your seat, inform the usher. Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

*Great Thanksgiving

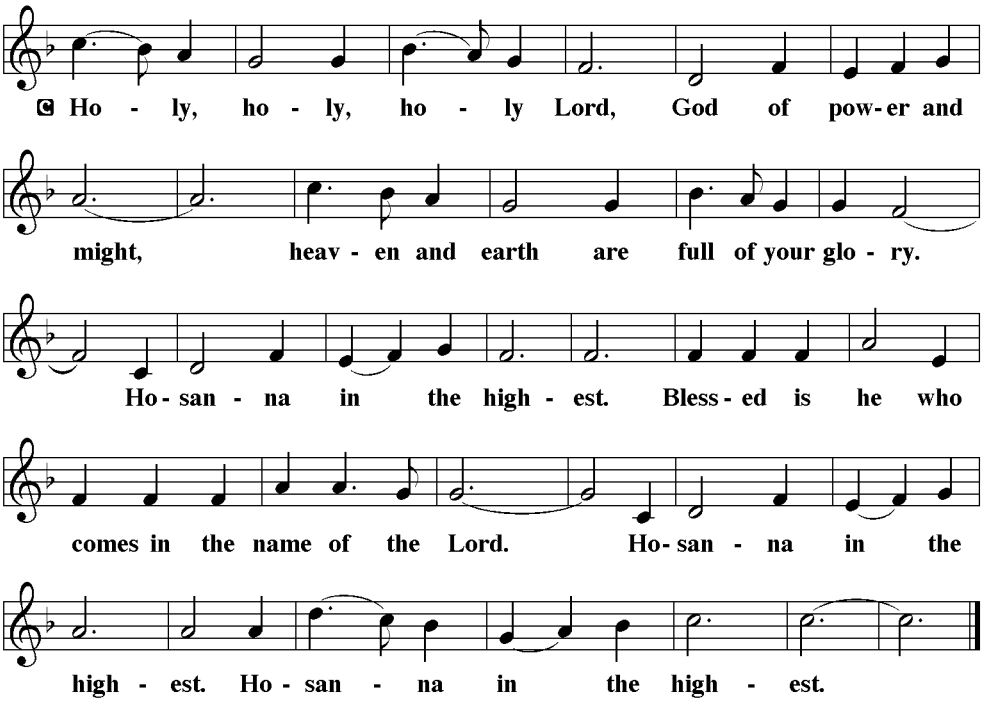
P: God be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to God.

P: Let us give thanks to 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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

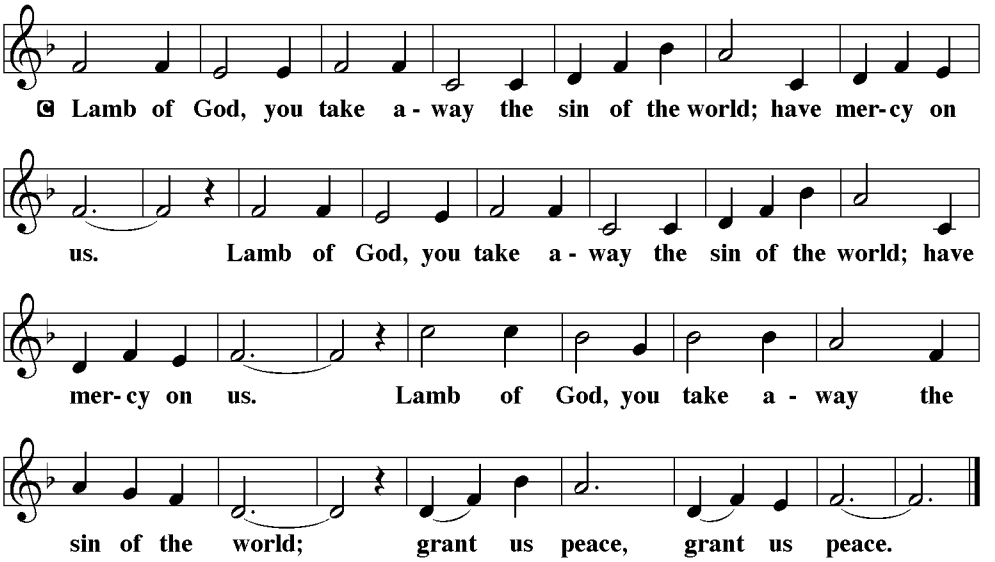
*LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

***LAMB OF GOD**



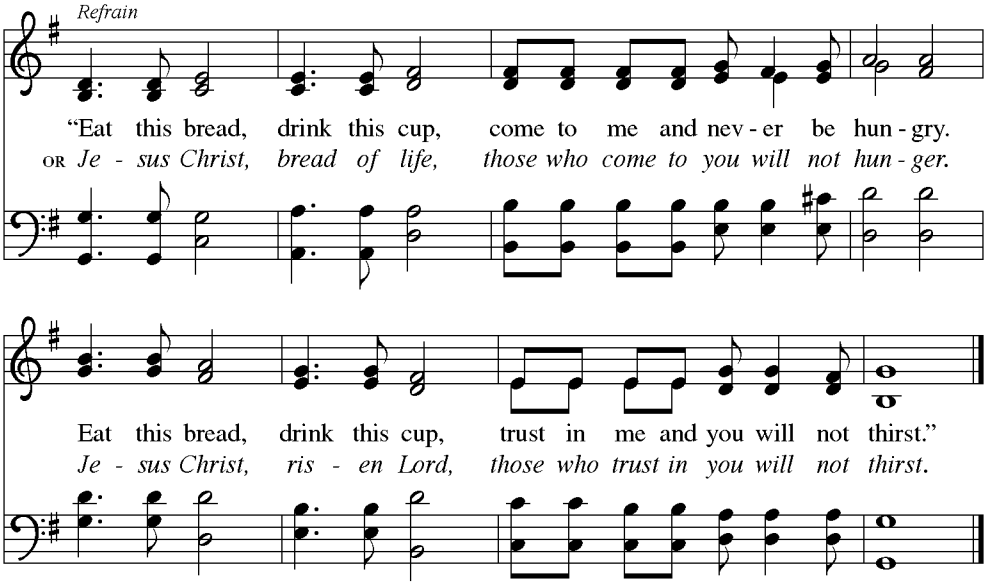
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Invitation Response (sung): Eat This Bread WOV 709

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,

C: 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. Amen.

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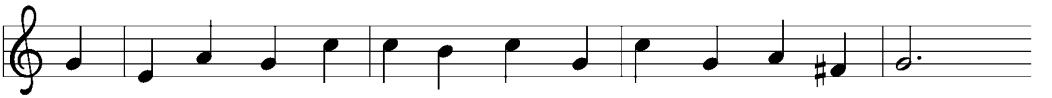
*BLESSING

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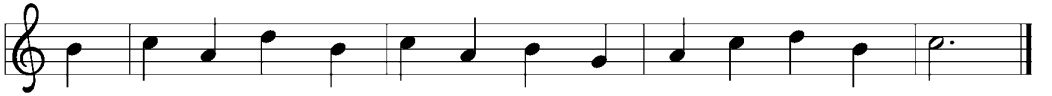
C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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Music: St. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

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*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Deacon Dave Mareske, Exec. Director, Hollis Renewal Center, for leading worship today!

You are invited to help collect food for local food pantries! The Outreach and Fellowship Committee, our congregation, and the first-grade class at McCormick Elementary School are collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items. You may leave your donations in the box located in the narthex. We will collect through December 18. Thank you for helping!

It's that time of the year! Please have your yearbook items to Shelly by November 30. Thank you!

On November 22, Altar Guild will put up the Christmas tree and lights following our service. The Hanging of the Greens previously planned for November 29, will be postponed until next year. All are welcome to stay and help as we decorate the tree and church on November 22nd.

All are invited to our Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 a.m. The men of the congregation will provide the food and drink. We hope you can join us!

Olsburg Church women are invited to a Swedish Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Walsburg Women of the ELCA, on Thursday, December 10, 2026, beginning at 12:00 Noon in Walsburg Church Memorial Hall. The program will be "Show and Tell" your favorite Christmas ornament or decoration and singing Christmas songs. Please RSVP by December 6, 2026 to Jane Larson, 785.293.2168 (text/call).

If you need Pastoral Care during this time, please contact Shelly at 785-532-9853 or ShellyBurklund@outlook.com and I will put you in contact with the correct person for each church. Thank you. Questions or concerns may be directed to your council members.

GriefShare sessions begin schedule.

When: Sunday, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Through December 27, 2026
Where: New Hope Lutheran Church

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Countrygirl19@bluevalley.net 785 207-5023

Pulpit supply list for November

11/22	Pastor Chad Langton, Associate to the Bishop, CCS
11/29	Pastor Laura Burnett

The annual Swedish Supper will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2026. Ticket information has been posted on the church Facebook page, as well as our web site. If you have not received your food or work assignment, please contact Kristi, Jan or Tom.

Walsburg Announcements

We thank Deacon Dave Mareske, Exec. Director, Hollis Renewal Center, for leading worship today!

If you wish to purchase a Poinsettia for decorating the church and/or to commemorate a relative or friend during the Christmas season, please fill out an envelope located in the narthex. You can also email me at lynneberry1976@gmail.com with your order. The cost will be $9.00 each and they will be available for pickup after the service on Christmas morning. The final date for orders will be November 18. For questions call Lynne 785-632-4744.

The November WELCA project supports the Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday basket program with the Community Food Basket Serving Northern Riley County. Families sign up during regular pantry hours (Saturday mornings, 8AM-Noon) to receive a holiday basket. There are generally 34-37 generous baskets, including a ham or turkey, distributed at each holiday. Donations of food items are very much appreciated but there is always additional shopping to do. The *Noisy Offering* for the holiday baskets will be received during worship on *Sunday, November 22*. Thank you!

The Monthly "Gather Bible Study" will meet on Wednesday, November 18. Quilting from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The bible study will begin at 1:30 p.m. Leader is Lynne Berry. Hostess is Linda Toomire.

Mark your calendars: **"A Christmas Cookie Walk" on Saturday**, **December 5 from 9-11 a.m.** at Walsburg Lutheran Church. Cookies & candy will be sold by the pound. Free hot chocolate and coffee will be available along with cookie samples. Let your friends and family know about this outreach ministry to the community and welcome them to join us.

A signup sheet is posted in the narthex for cookies and candies you are willing to make and donate. A grant has been received from Thrivent for baking supplies that are now available for volunteer bakers to use.

Community Cookie Plates: The Walsburg women will prepare cookie plates for church and community friends immediately following the conclusion of the Christmas Cookie Walk. In addition to helpers, we would appreciate having some extra cookies designated for this community outreach. They may be left at the church by Saturday, December 5. Please mark that they are for the Cookie Plates. Thank you!

Save the Date! Walsburg women and guests are invited to share a Swedish Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Walsburg Women of the ELCA, on Thursday, December 10, 2026, beginning at 12:00 Noon in Memorial Hall. Please bring a side dish to share - the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The program will be "Show and Tell" your favorite Christmas ornament or decoration and singing Christmas songs. Please RSVP by December 6, 2026 to Jane Larson, 785.293.2168 (text/call).

Food Basket Shopping List (low sodium options are welcomed): diced tomatoes, chili beans, chili or taco seasoning pkts, canned chicken, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, instant mashed potatoes, boxed scalloped or Au Gratin potatoes, canned yams, soups (cream of mushroom, cream of chicken), egg noodles, Mac N Cheese, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, pie filling (no pumpkin), brownie mix, hot cocoa pkts, Saltine crackers, holiday crackers, oyster crackers, can of mixed nuts, cereal (any kind). Thank you for helping fill these holiday baskets for our neighbors! Rhonda Baer.

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