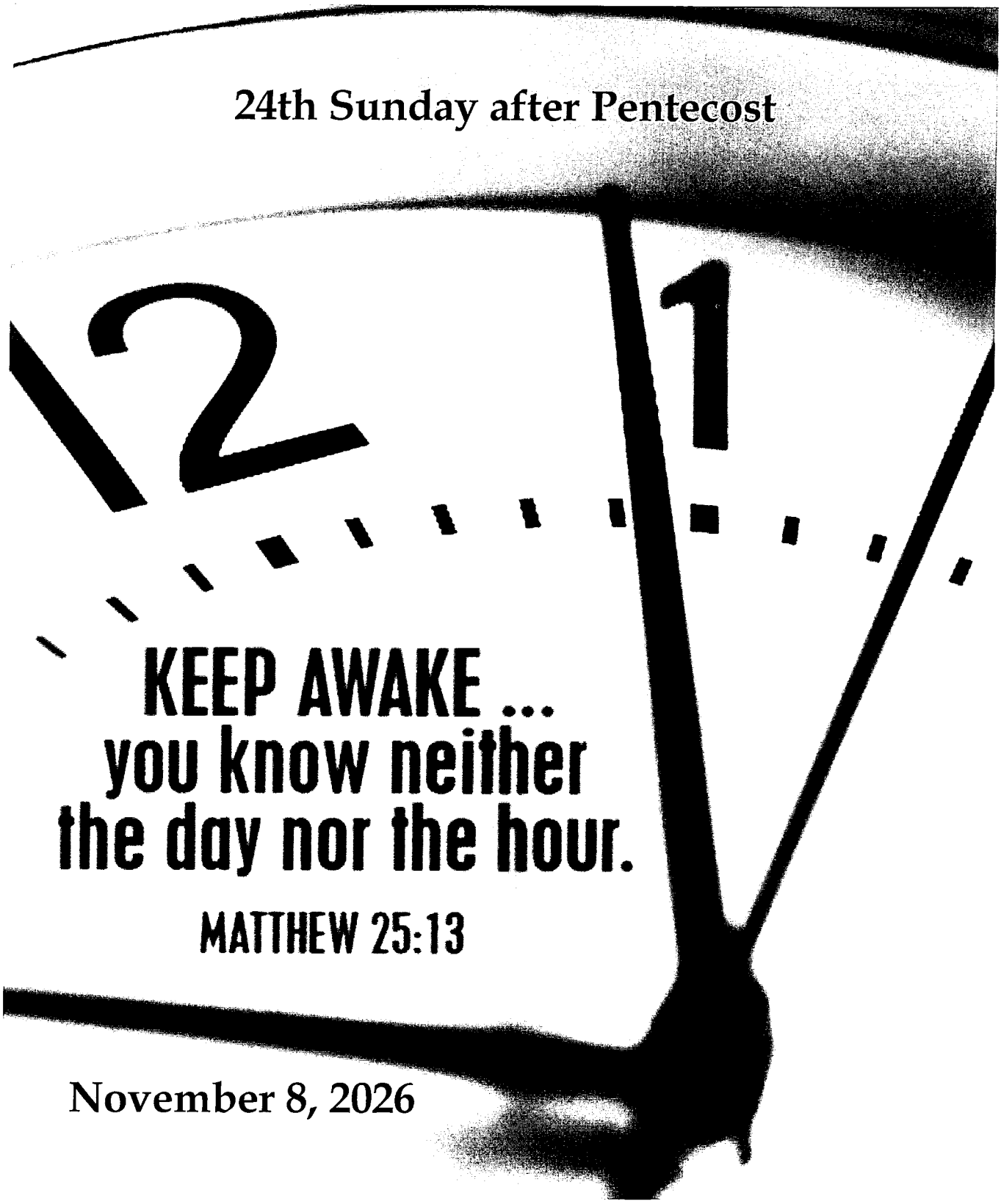
24th Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 2026

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.
*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold.**

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

PRELUDE -
Air with Variation ..... Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✞ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, we come to you open and willing to be in relationship with you again. You know our hearts and our innermost secrets. We call on you now to make us whole, refresh us, and bless us so that we may do your holy work in the world by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and through our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
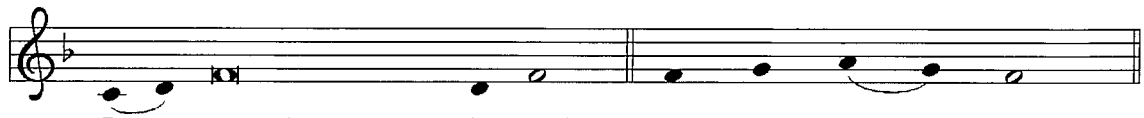
God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we desire your will for our lives. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of ✞ Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

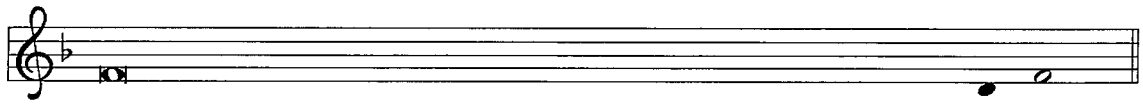
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN -**
Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand ..... Hymn #441

***GREETING**
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.**

***KYRIE** - *Lord, have mercy* ..... page 138



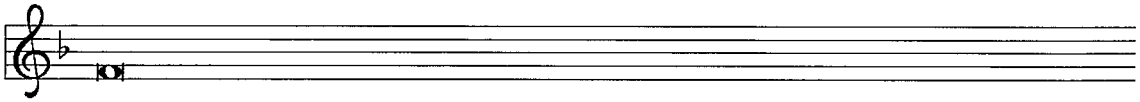
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



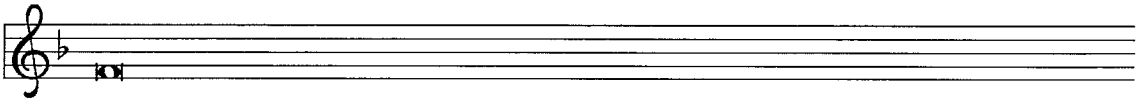
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
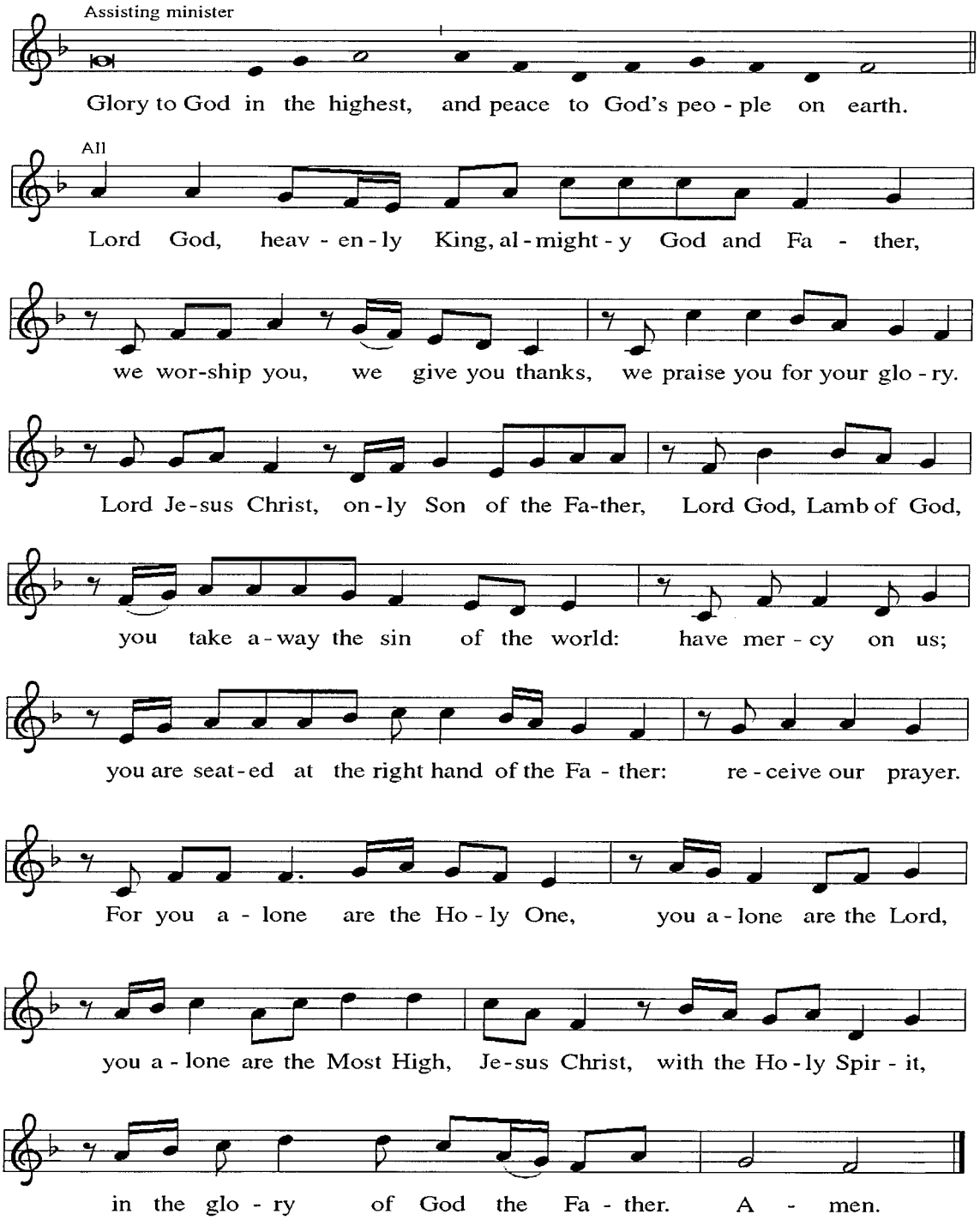


let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE -** *Glory to God* ..... page 139



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of justice and love, 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.**
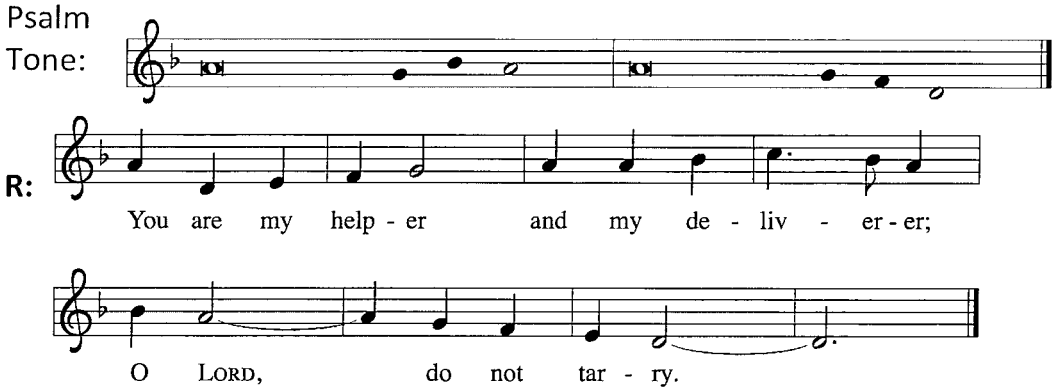
THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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



PSALM: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **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. R
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
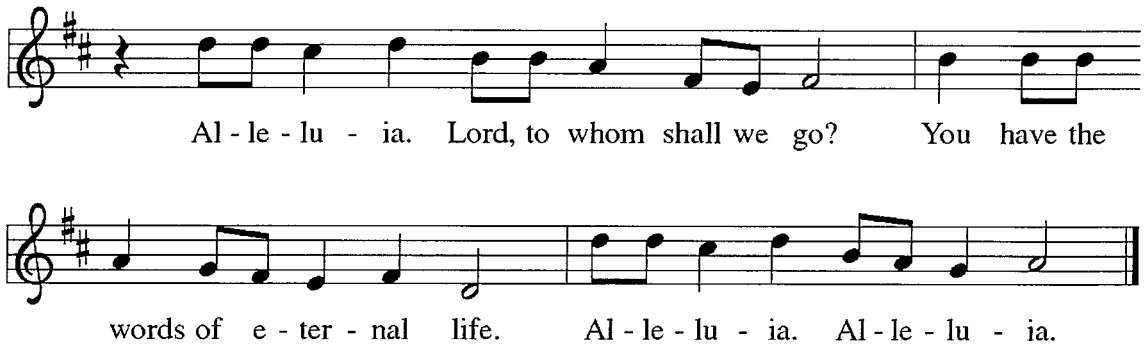
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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

PSALM RINGERS -
Be Thou My Vision ..... arr. Sandy Mullaney

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - ..... Page 142



***GOSPEL -** Matthew 25:1-13
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

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

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

SERMON ..... The Rev. Althea Seidel

***HYMN OF THE DAY -**
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ..... Hymn #436

***APOSTLES' CREED**
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.

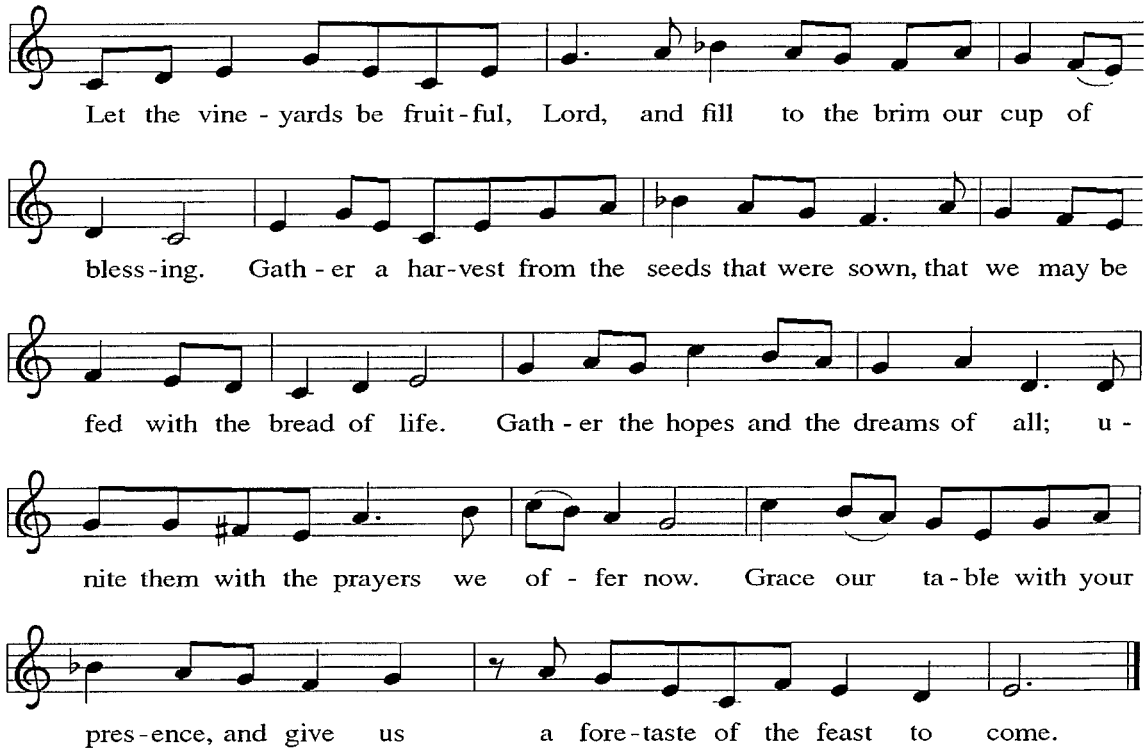
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Response: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** (After each prayer)
Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - *(Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.)*

***OFFERTORY HYMN -**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ..... Hymn #182



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

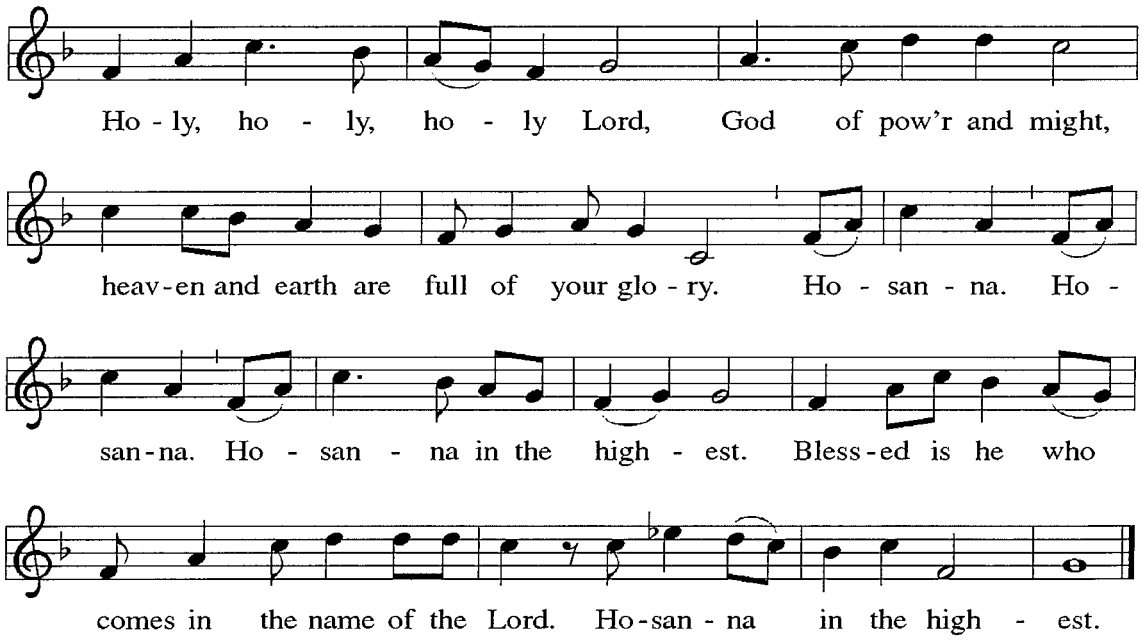
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

***PREFACE**

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 overcame death and the grave, and by his resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

***SANCTUS** - *Holy, holy, holy* ..... Page 144



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

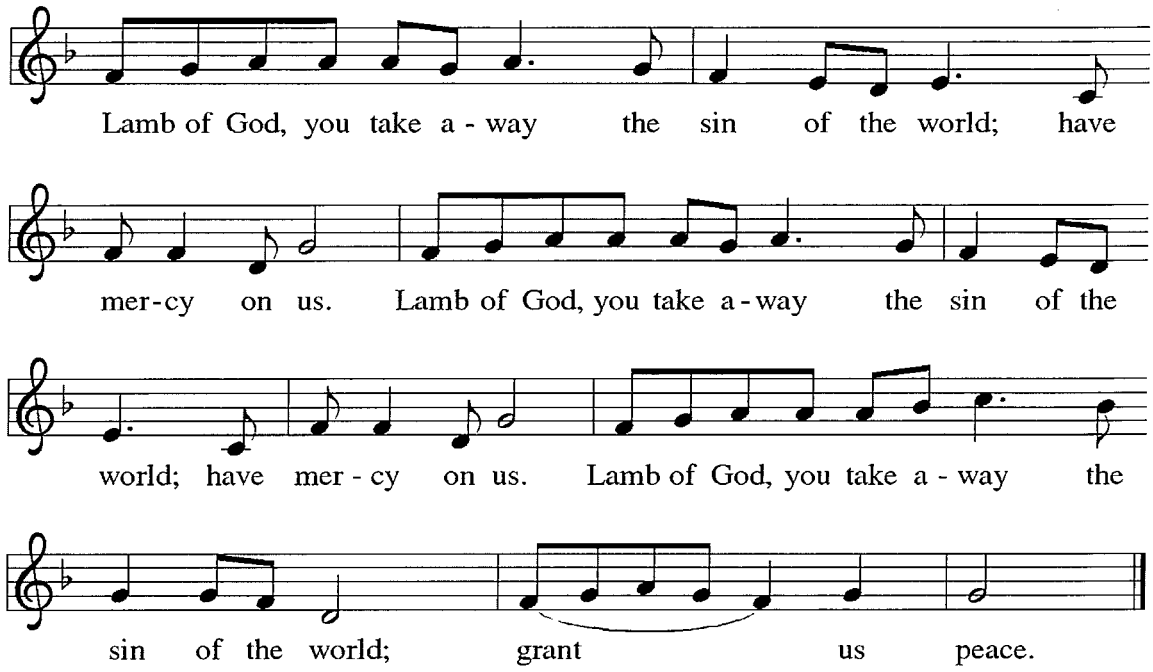
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen**.

***AGNUS DEI** - (*Lamb of God*) ..... Page 146



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with your love. Strengthen us that we may share your love freely, as you have shared the gift of your grace and love with us. We ask all this in the name of Christ and through the Holy Spirit who refreshes us and guides us now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

May God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer ✞, bless you and hold you close today and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** -

Blessed Assurance ..... Hymn #638

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, Christ is with you! Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE -

3 Diversion ..... Gerald Near

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The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music
Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director
Barry Thompson - Lector
Jay Brown & Denise Rhoade - Greeters
Dan Shuman - Organist
Nancy Brightbill - Lay Assistant
James Engle - Acolyte

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♿ *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

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A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN LOVING ✞ MEMORY OF:

In memory of Mary Keip, mother and grandma to Mason
by Marybeth Eisenhauer

In memory of Betty Schriver by Jim & Kitty Logan

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, November 8 - Bazaar Set-up 10:30 a.m.
Monday, November 9 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10 - Quittapahilla Audubon Society Board Meeting 6 p.m.; Senior Choir 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11 - Candy Booth Meeting 9 a.m.
Thursday, November 12 - Clothing Distribution 9 a.m.
Saturday, November 14 - Bazaar 8 a.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Fran, Gloria, Moe Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joan, Asher Johnson, Jane Kalbach, Joe Kalbach, Bart Keip, Donna Kullman, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Robert Moore, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Pastor Althea, The Family of Betty Schriver, Sam & Marie Smith, Betty Troxell, Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Did you know that we open up the Church once a month for a community clothing giveaway to those in need? Donations are accepted year round. ***URGENTLY NEEDED*** - gloves, socks, men's clothing, winter jackets, blankets and pillows. Please bring your items and place them in the cart located in the Giving Place. If you would like to help with the distribution or have questions, please contact the Church Office.

DONATIONS NEEDED: We will be collecting items for Northwest Elementary School from October to November 15. Here is a list of the most needed items: loose-fitting, jogger style sweatpants for boys size 6-14 and girls size 12-16; plain colored, loose-fitting t-shirts for girls size 10-16; boys underwear size 10/12; Lysol wipes; headphones for work on Ipads (nothing super expensive, the kids are hard on them); tissues; glue sticks; Expo markers; boys and girls sneakers in any kid sizes. The school has plenty of hats, coats and backpacks. Please prayerfully consider participating in the Wish List Campaign. Your voluntary participation in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in the Giving Place in the WELCA barrel.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Anyone interested in becoming a member of Holy Trinity should make plans to attend a meeting with Pastor Althea **TODAY** following worship. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor directly.

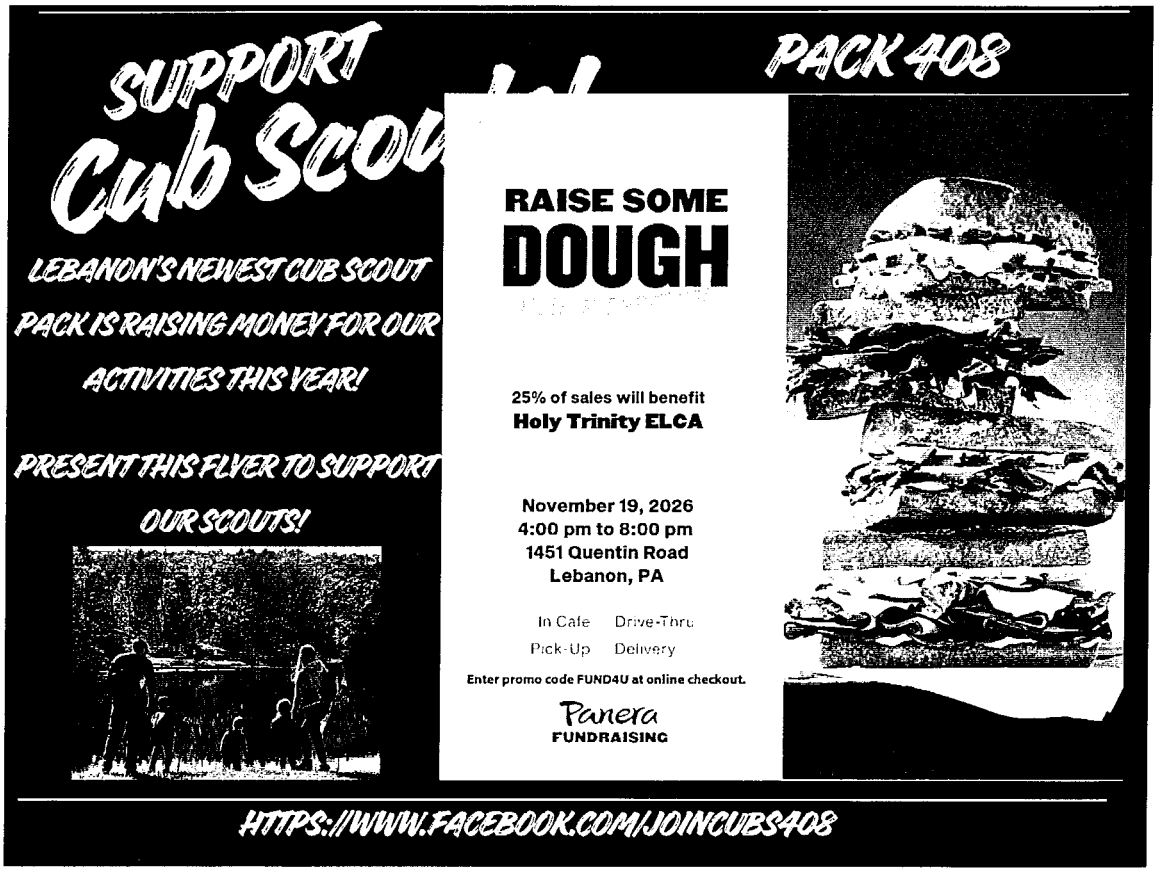
BAZAAR BAKED GOOD DONATIONS: Please bring your donations to the Church on Friday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Miller.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DONATIONS: The Cub Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food items for Lebanon County Christian Ministries during the Bazaar. Every item you donate gets you a raffle ticket for a chance to win an Italian themed gift basket. Tickets will also be available for purchase.

GREETERS & LECTORS NEEDED: Arrive on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and greet anyone who enters the Narthex door. Lectors are also needed. Sign-up sheet is located at the parking lot Welcome Table.

FIELD TRIP WITH THE PASTOR: I think it could be a great day of learning and fun if we get together to go down to Washington, D.C. to see the Museum of the Bible. I hope to organize a bus trip sometime soon or for the early spring. If you would be interested in this day trip, please let me know as soon as possible. The more people who go, the less out of pocket cost it will be for the group. I would like to get a rough count as soon as possible. All are welcome! Friends and relatives are welcome too! Interest sheet in Luther's Place.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Support our Cub Pack and get your tickets today for a Pancake Breakfast! The event will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be a special visit from Santa. All children in attendance will receive a goodie bag. Bring your camera! Tickets are $10 and include all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and assorted drinks. See Stephanie for tickets.





November

Lutheran Disaster Response

In a flood-prone village in **Bangladesh**, seasonal flooding contaminates drinking water sources. Thanks to a Lutheran disaster preparedness program, the community has access to a rainwater harvesting system that allows residents to collect and store clean water before the floods arrive, which helps them to stay healthy and supports their crops' growth.

In **Venezuela**, two mighty earthquakes struck this June within seconds of each other. They caused horrific devastation. Lutheran responders were able to equip rescue teams with clean water, food, medical supplies and temporary shelters. Your caring gifts are needed to continue to help these families rebuild their lives after such a heart-wrenching loss.

In the **United States**, Tropical Storm Arthur hit the Gulf Coast this summer, dumping more than a foot of rain in some parts of Mississippi. "The storm was very devastating...' says Pastor Edward Dillon, who was instrumental in the recovery efforts within his community, "it displaced a lot of people." Lutherans brought supplies and comforts when it was needed most, but the recovery is far from over. "Long-term recovery is what is needed," says Pastor Dillon.*

These are just three examples of Lutherans responding to disasters with your financial support. Help continue to support the work **of Lutheran Disaster Response** through your November Special Offering.

Special Offering envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the pews (green envelopes.) You can also mark your donation "Lutheran Disaster Response."

*These stories were taken from *ELCA Good Gifts Catalog* and *Lutheran World Relief Emergency Response*

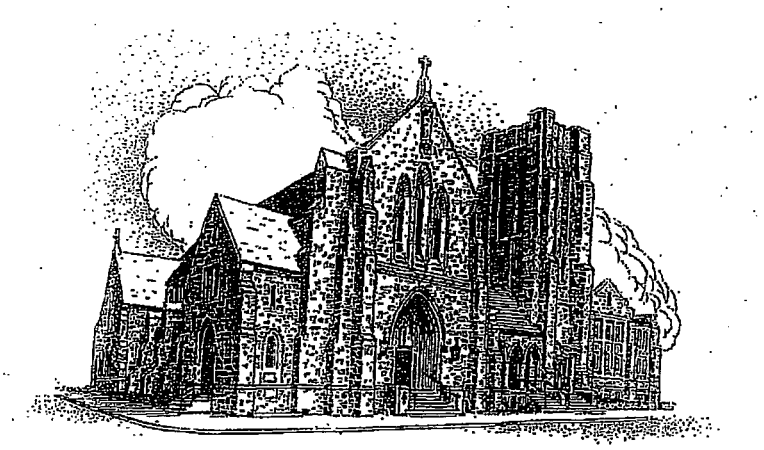


There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:

Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - September 2026

	Month of September	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	$16,475.25	$182,612.37	$242,817.57
Expenses	($15,419.46)	($226,743.06)	($247,830.90)
Net Income	$1,055.79	($44,130.69)	($5,013.33)



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