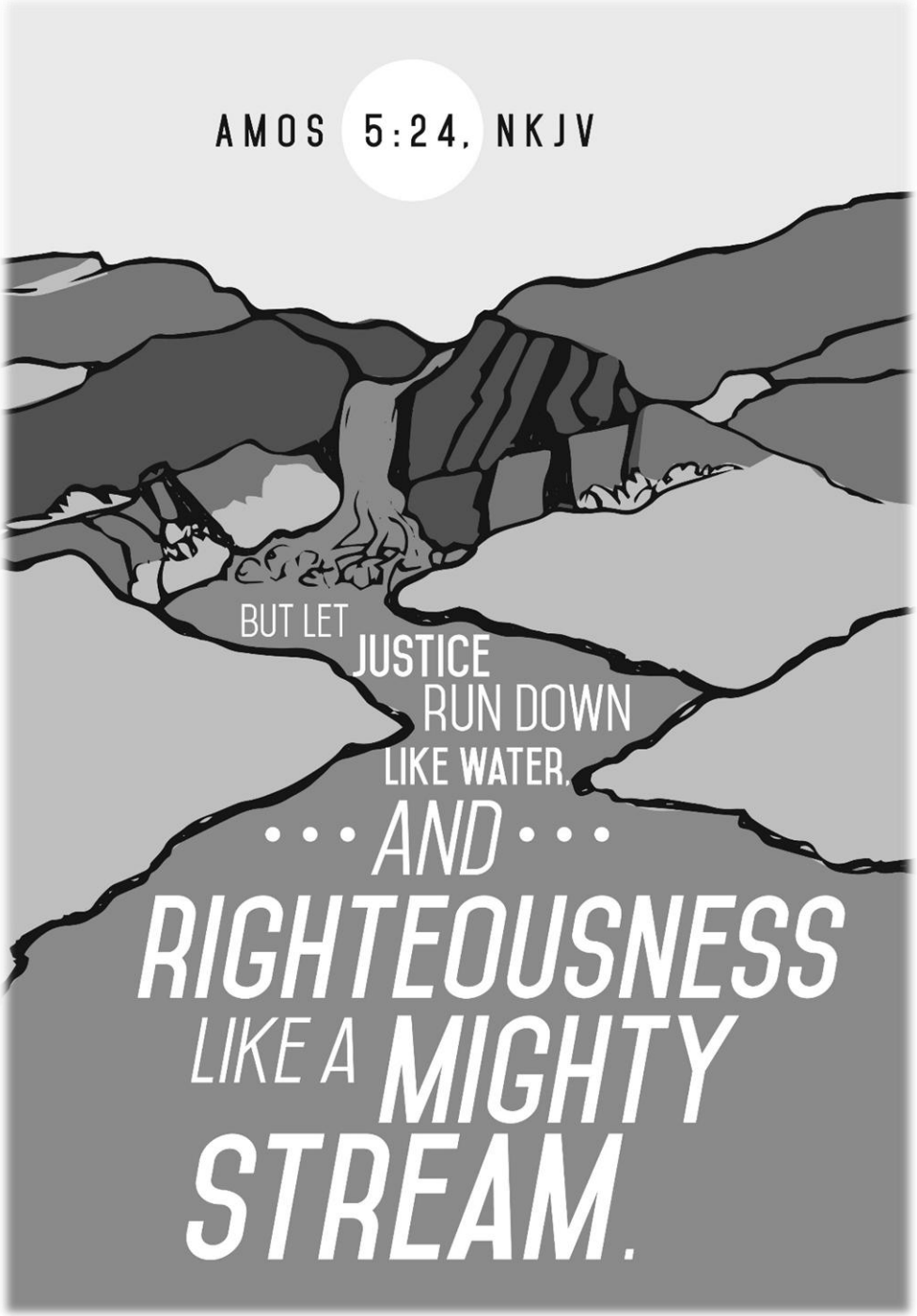
St. James Lutheran Church

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.



Season of Pentecost
Welcome to Our Service

*The congregation responds with the indented **bold printed** parts.*
Where you see ☩ you may make the sign of the cross, the sign of our baptism.

Please rise as you are able in body or heart.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

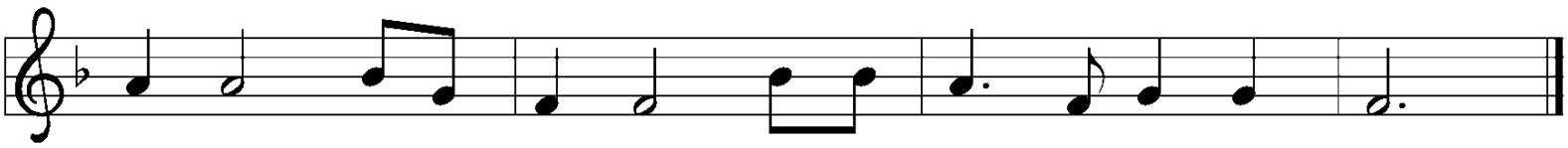
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



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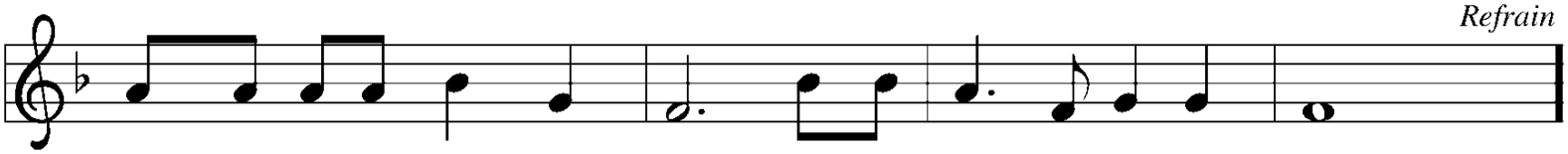

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Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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.

SCRIPTURE

THE FIRST READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 5TH CHAPTER OF Amos.

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, 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. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM WE WILL READ PSALM 70 RESPONSIVELY.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

THE SECOND READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 4TH CHAPTER OF 1 Thessalonians

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able in body or heart.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE 25TH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW

Glory to you O Lord

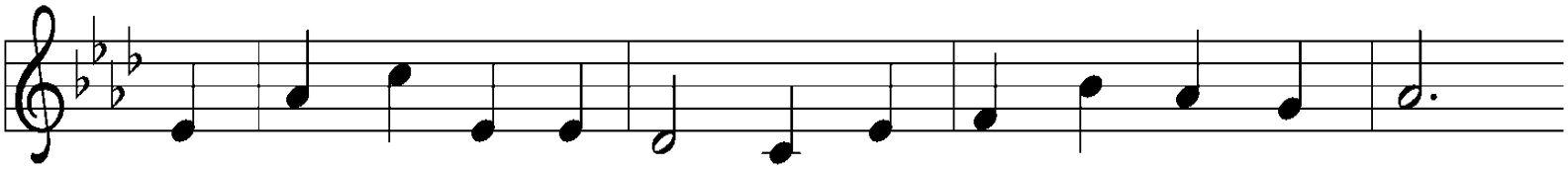
Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People**. Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Please rise as you are able in body or heart.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us affirm our faith.

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 power of 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

*When the reader says: "God, in your mercy", Please respond: "**hear our prayer."***

THE PEACE

Jesus offers us peace, not as the world gives, but the peace of his gracious and loving presence through the Holy Spirit. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please reserve conversations for after worship.

OFFERING

Please be seated as we gather the offering for the mission of the church. Your gifts of thankfulness enable us to spread the Good News of God's love.

Please rise as you are able in body or heart.

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God's given
Jesus Christ God's Son (Repeat)

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what The Lord has done for us (Repeat)

Give Thanks, (We give thanks to the Lord) (Repeat)

Give Thanks. (We give thanks)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God,

our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our God came into the world in human flesh.

God humbled God's self to come and give us life.

We are blessed by God with us.

We are given the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ.

On the night of his betrayal, 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 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

With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying:

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

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

Please be seated. As a church of the ELCA we welcome all people to the table to receive our Lord's meal and experience Christ's presence. Come forward to receive an empty cup from the tray. Then come forward to receive the wafer and wine (or grape juice, no cup needed). If you prefer, pre-packaged cups are available (Gluten free are available and have printing on them). Non-communing people may come forward to receive a blessing.

Please rise as you are able in body or heart.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

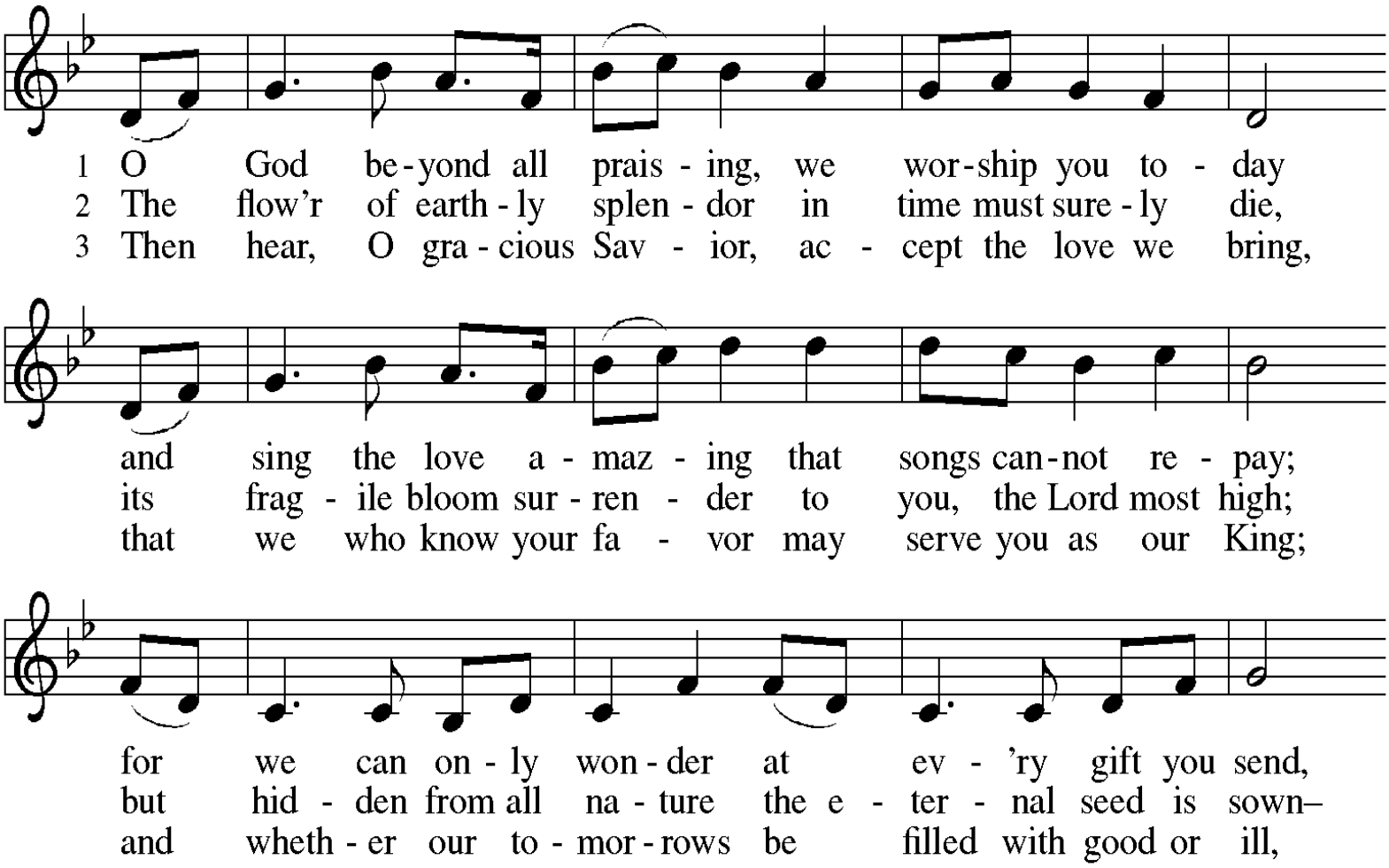
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

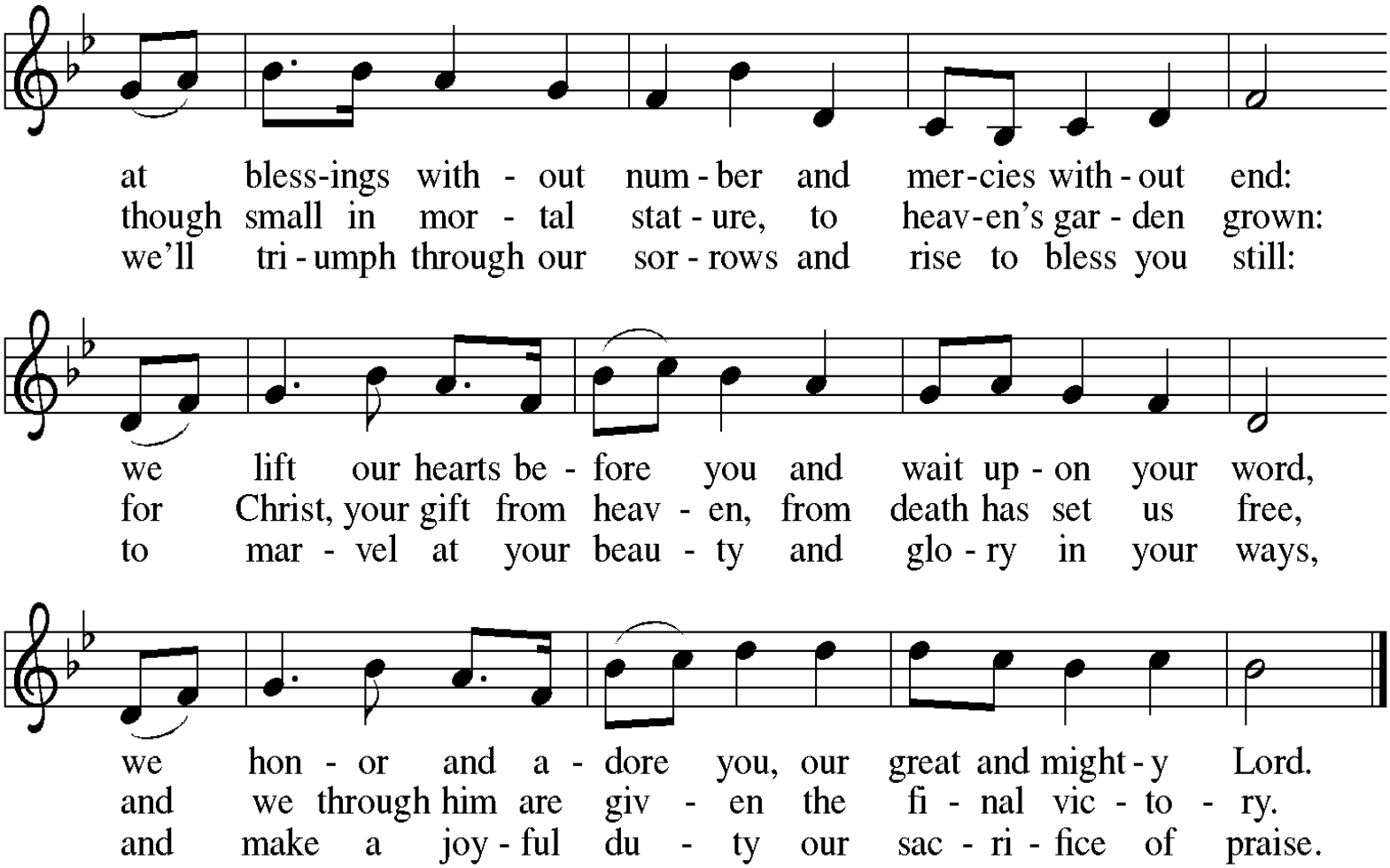
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

O God beyond All Praising





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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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Please Pray for: Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Diane Eby, Hannah Bonchi, Rita Ricca, Betty Haines, Gillian Lee Phillips, Dorcas Schellhas, Linda Kisby, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Ed Shine, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Dan P., Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Bill Link, Sophie Stites, Arlene Deptula, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Chip Stewart, Octavia Marie, Lisa D'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, Charlie Patton, Ed Marinelli, RoseAnn Lucca, Mia Arrison, Carol Ann Conner, Will Longtin, Peggy Bucceri, Robert DelRoss, John Thame, Gaelen Houck, Rosie Ranier, Paul Morris, Tennile Limbaugh, Alex McKee, Justin Stewart, Sean Bennett, Yuri Zaitsev, Joseph Brigandi Jr., Ed Volpa, Althea Seidel, Michael Hozik, Linda Esposito, Gary Quattrochi, George, Pastor Barry Benson, Mo Clarke, Pastor Peggy Marks, Ed Templeton, Chris Wilcox, and Jim Boyd.

The Prayer List is available in the Narthex – You may submit names after receiving the person's permission for their name to be shared publicly. Please share your name so we may follow up on the progress of your loved one. Also, please let us know when a name may be removed from list. Thank you .

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN
IN LOVING MEMORY AND HONOR
OF OUR VETERANS
BY REGINA MOSCHIK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

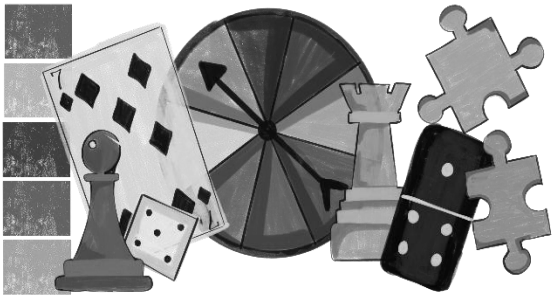
MON. NOV 9	6:15 PM	OUTREACH MEETING
TUE. NOV 10	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
WED. NOV 11	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	GOD'S STITCHERS EVENING DEVOTIONS
SAT. NOV 14	5:30 PM	DINE OUT NIGHT
SUN. NOV 15	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP
MON. NOV 16	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING

Outreach Thanksgiving Basket Donations

Autumn is here, and our hearts are full of gratitude! Stop by the donation board in the Narthex, pick a card, and donate the food item listed to help fill our Outreach Group's Thanksgiving Baskets to bless local families with a delicious, family meal.

All donations are **DUE NEXT WEEK!**

It's time once again to order poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. You're invited to place a flower in honor of a loved one. Order forms are available in the narthex, simply fill one out and place it in the return bin. Thank you for helping make our worship space beautiful this Christmas.



Saturday, November 21
6:30 PM

You're invited to Game Night! Come enjoy a relaxed evening of games, good company, and plenty of laughs. Invite your family and friends and bring a favorite snack to share with the group. We look forward to spending the evening together!

Dine Out

November 14
5:30 PM
The Inn on St. Louis
www.theinnonstlouis.com

Join us for a fun night of friends, good food, and fellowship.

Use sign up sheets in Narthex.
Sign up by Nov. 8th

Calling All Bakers! We're looking for homemade baked goods and sweet treats for our upcoming bake sale to help raise funds for our **2027 Pulling for Vets Fundraiser**. Whether it's cookies, cakes, pies, breads, brownies, or your favorite family recipe, your donations will help make this event a success while supporting a great cause. Thank you for sharing your talents and helping us give back to our veterans!

Bake Sale will be on November 22, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Worship Ministers	This Week: 11/08/26	Next Week: 11/15/26
Reader	**Sally Costa**	**Michael Hozik**
Communion Assistants	**Debbie Caglianone & Sally Costa**	**Colleen Kase & Mark Sottile**
Altar Guild	**Rose Jones & Betty Pollock**	**Rose Jones & Betty Pollock**

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