The Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, Year of Our ✢ Lord 2026



By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).



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Welcome to All Visitors:

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church–among many other reasons–we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.
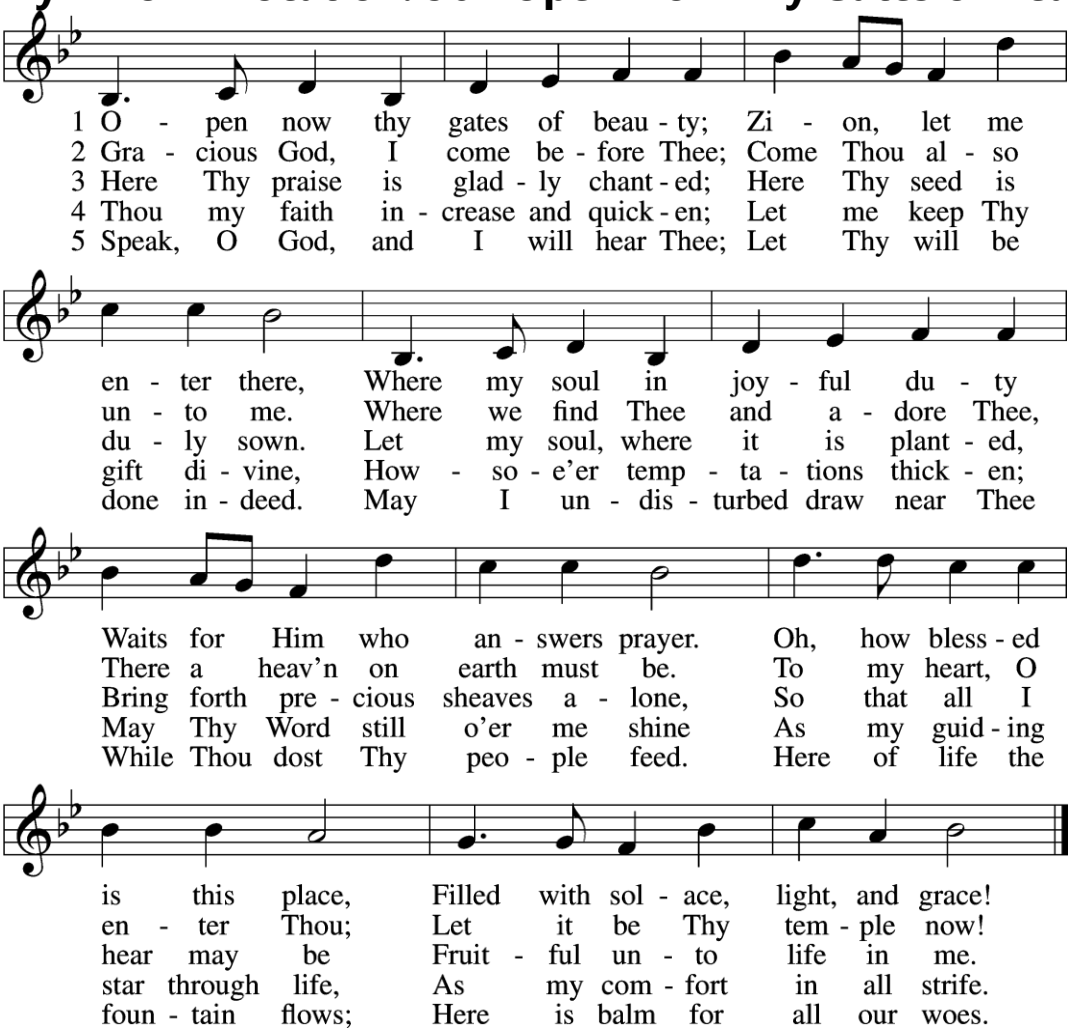
Holy Communion at Zion:

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion.

In preparing for worship: When we go to church, we enter into the Lord's sacred space, which has been set apart by the word of God and prayer. Prepare yourself for the divine service by praying one or more of the prayers found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

✢ Confession and Absolution ✢

Hymn of Invocation: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

℗ O almighty God, merciful Father,

Ⓒ I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

℗ Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ Amen.

✢ Service of the Word ✢

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

℗ The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**Ⓒ They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

℗ O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Ⓒ Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

**Ⓒ Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**
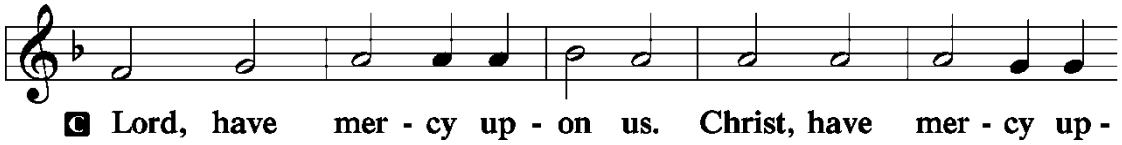
**Ⓒ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
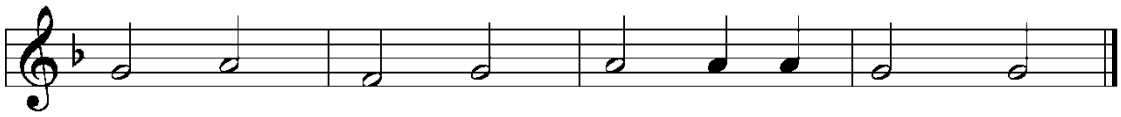
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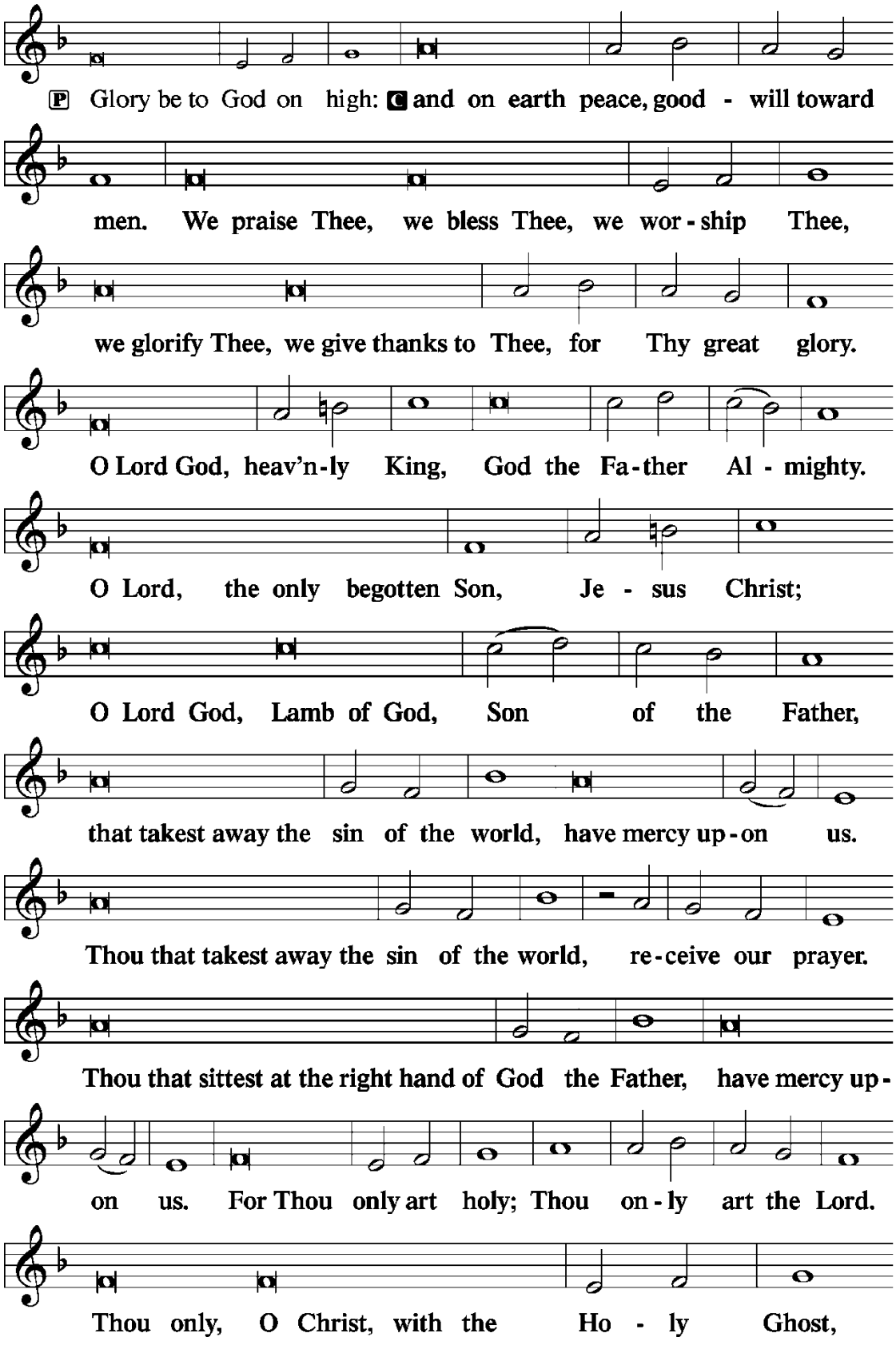
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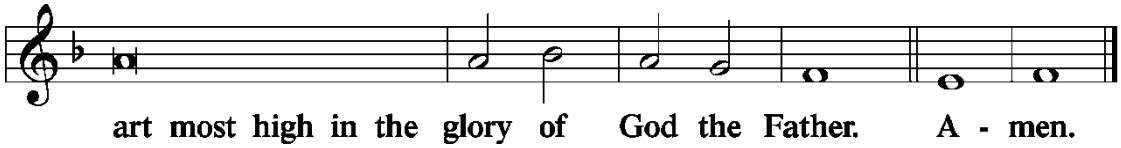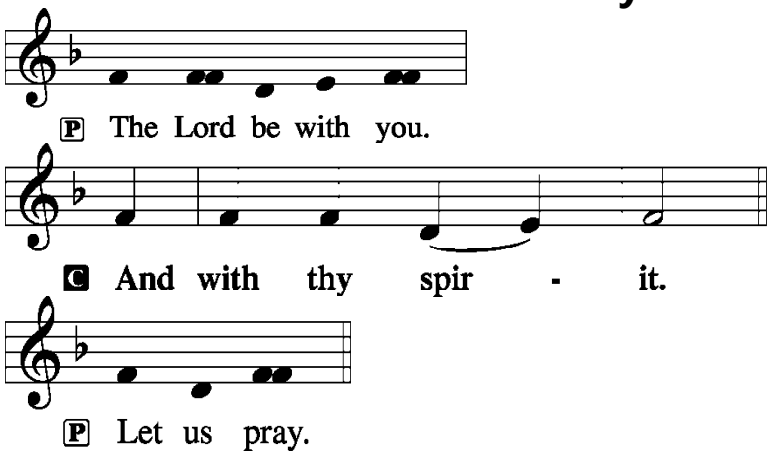




Gloria in Excelsis

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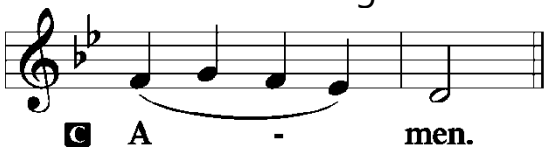




Salutation and Collect of the Day



O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading ***Isaiah 65:17–25***

17 "Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
20 No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
[21]They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
[22]They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
[23]They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
[24]Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
[25]The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 45:14–15*

P In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

C With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others

do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
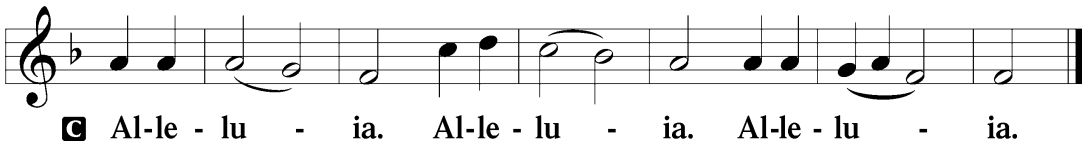
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

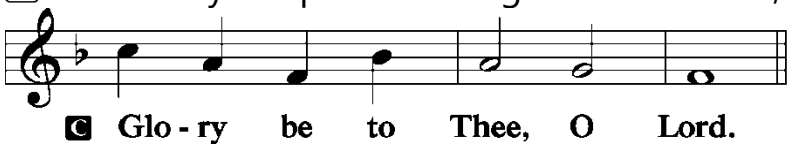
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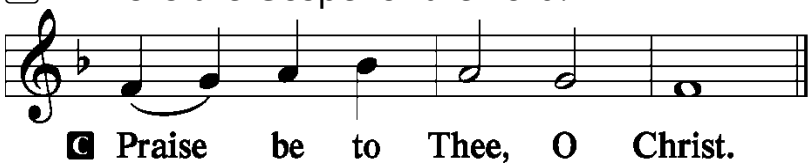
Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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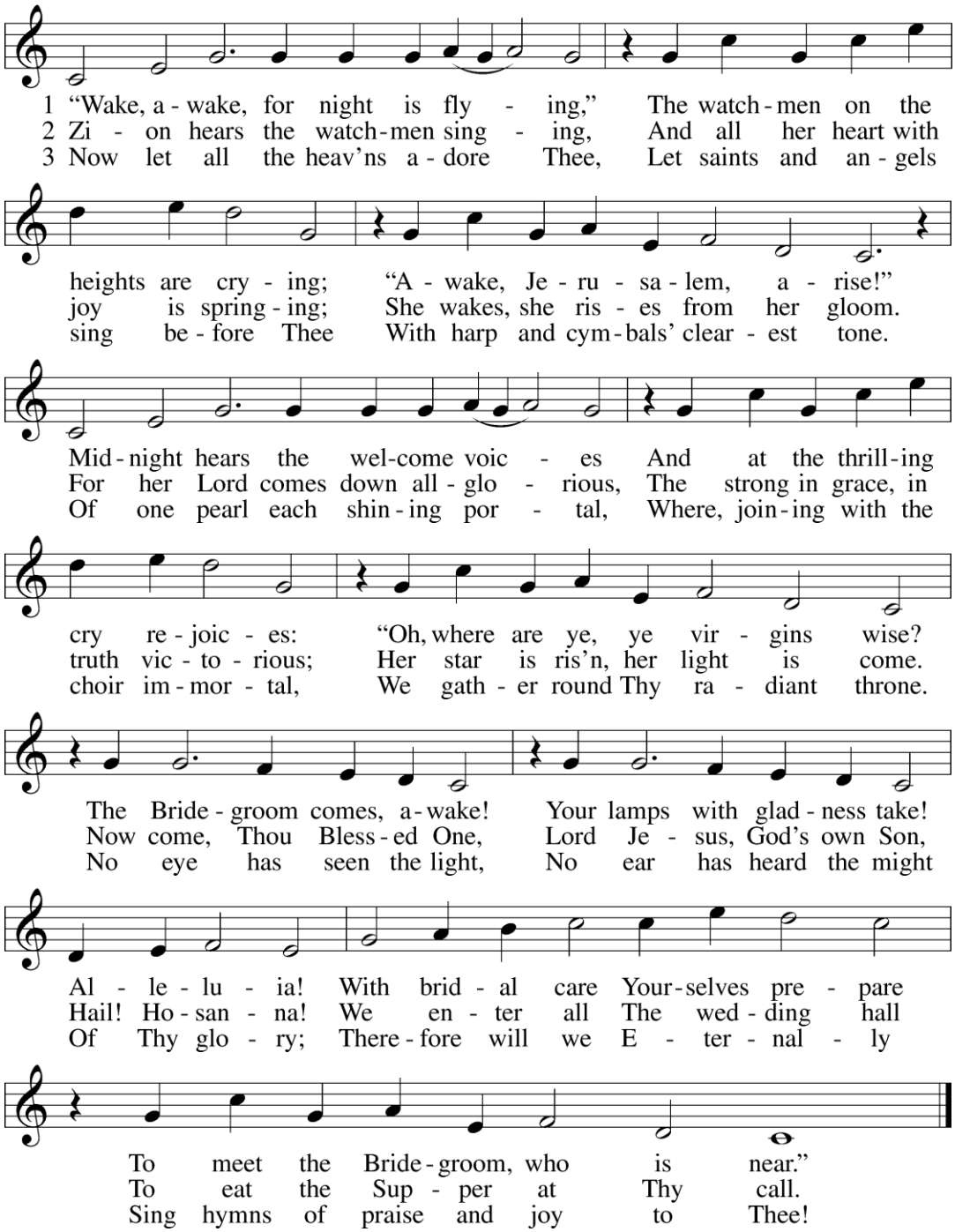
C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
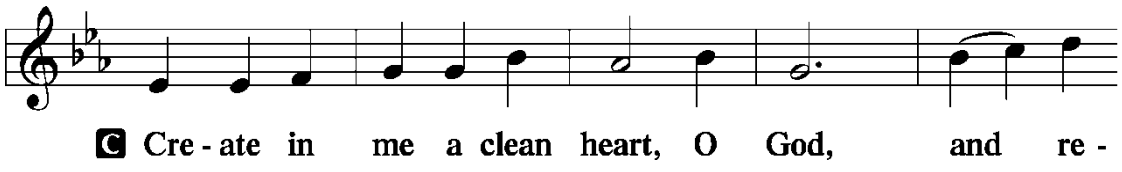


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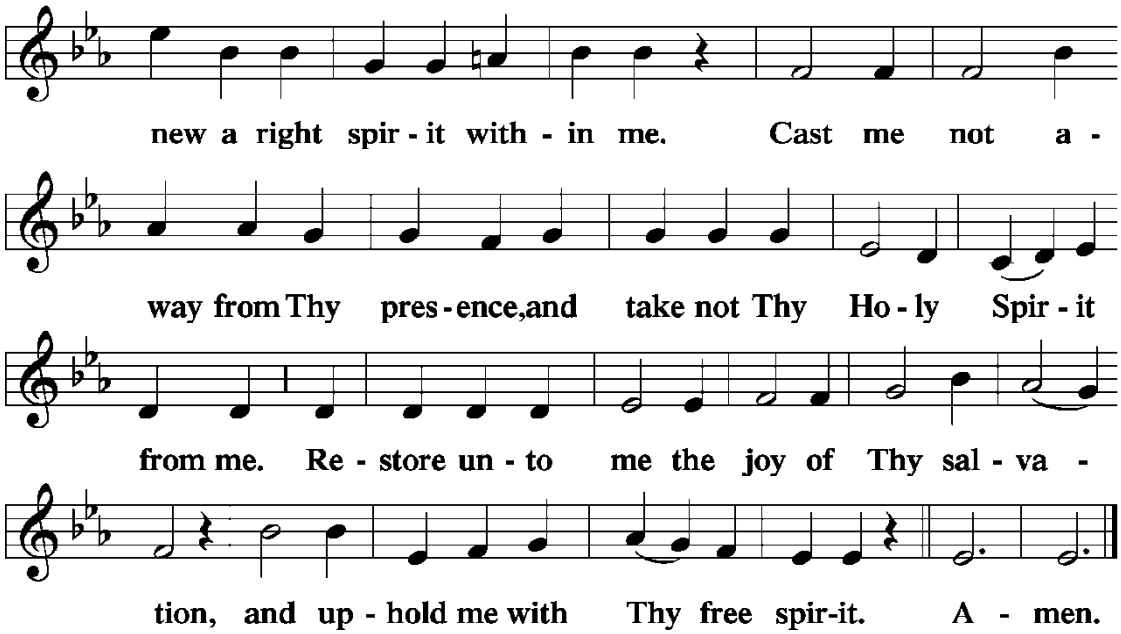
Sermon

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Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, as she eagerly awaits the return of her Bridegroom, that we would not grow weary, but that God would strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments to ever hold fast to His promise of salvation won by Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and servants in the Church, that trusting Christ, our only hope, they would proclaim Him in boldness and clarity, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For faithful vocations in the home, the church and the world that build up and cultivate God's creation according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who govern us, especially Donald, our president; _____, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that God would grant them wisdom, humility and integrity, so that the work of their hands would be of benefit to all whom they serve and in accordance with His will; and that God would bring peace to our troubled world, so that all would hear the message of the Gospel and rejoice in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

℗For the suffering, *[especially ,]* that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would comfort them by the sure and certain hope we have in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:
℄Lord, have mercy.

℗For all who approach the altar this day to receive the body and blood of Jesus, that God would grant us repentant hearts; and that as we receive this foretaste of the wedding feast to come, we would be ever watchful and ready for the glorious return of His Son, let us pray to the Lord:
℄Lord, have mercy.

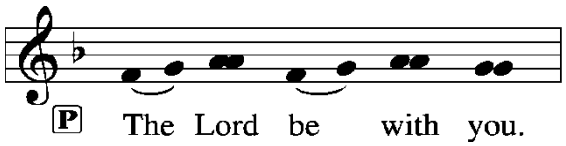
℗For hope in the Lord of the living and the dead, who will unite His whole Church at last in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
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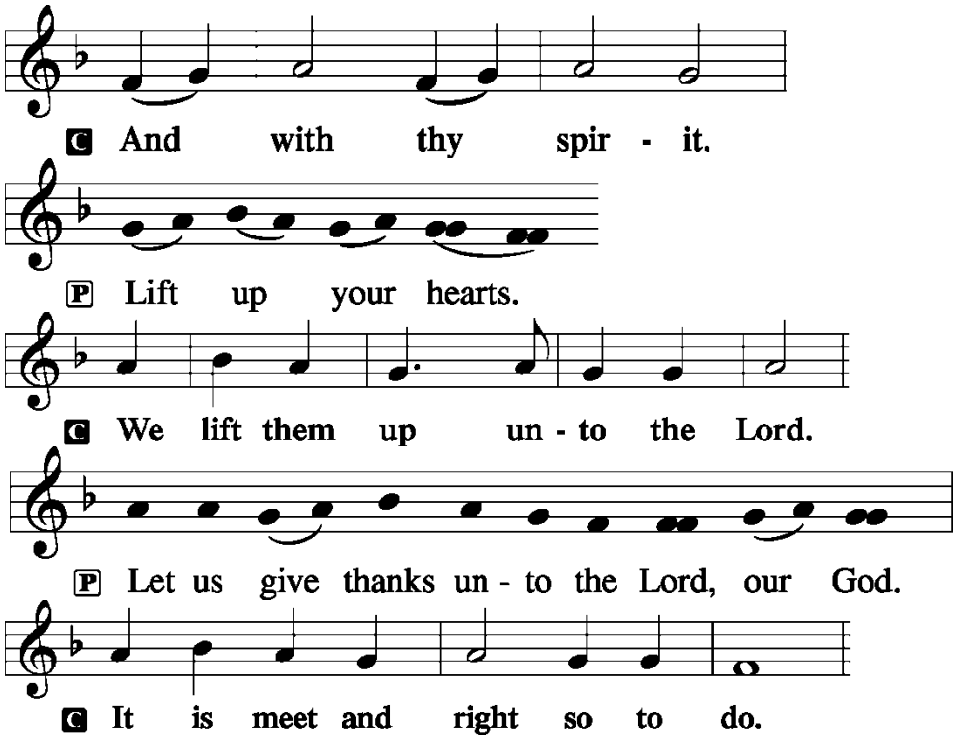
℗ This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Lyle and Tamara Halvorson.
℄ Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Lyle and Tamara from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep them in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Lyle and Tamara in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ.

℗Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
℄Amen.

✢ Service of the Sacrament ✢

Preface *LSB 194*

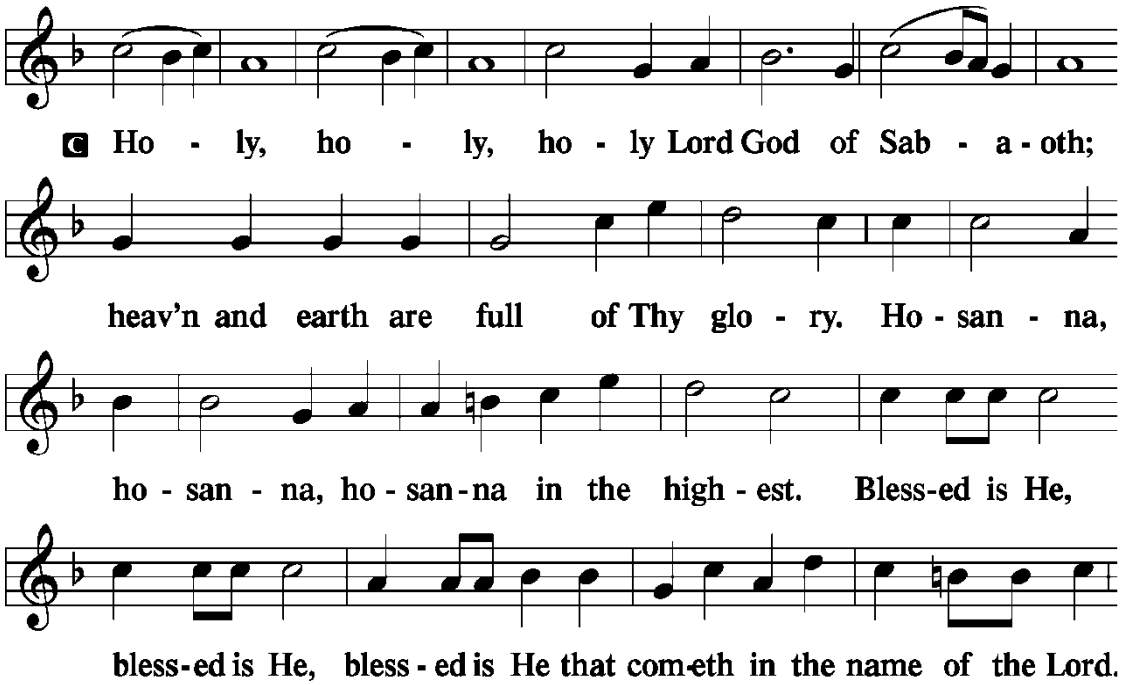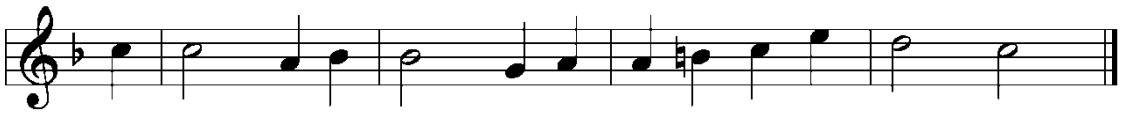




P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*
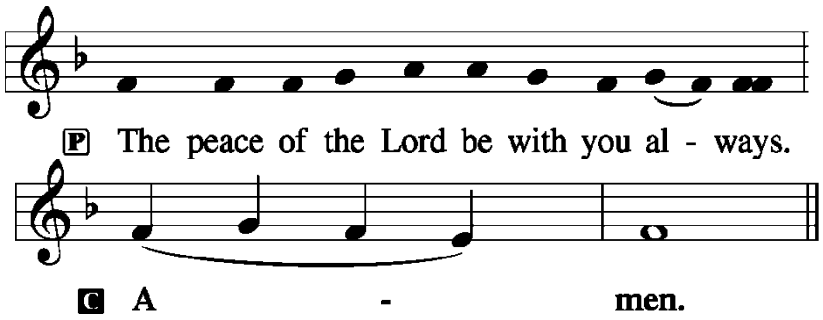
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*
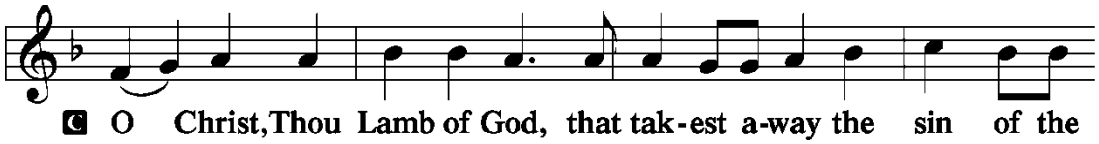
℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
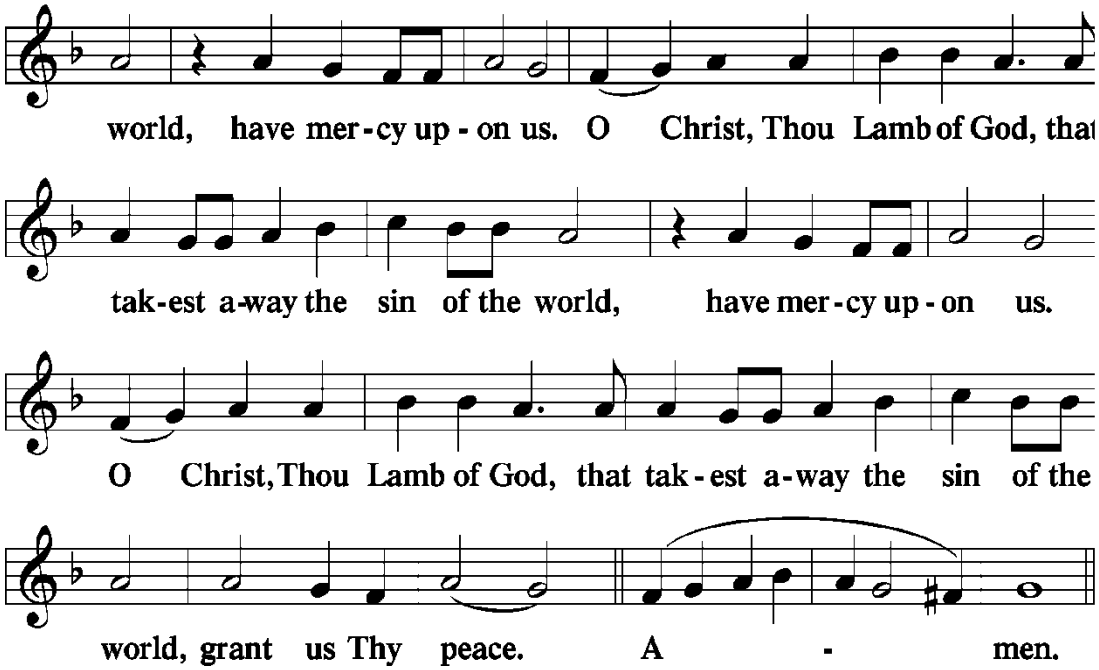
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*





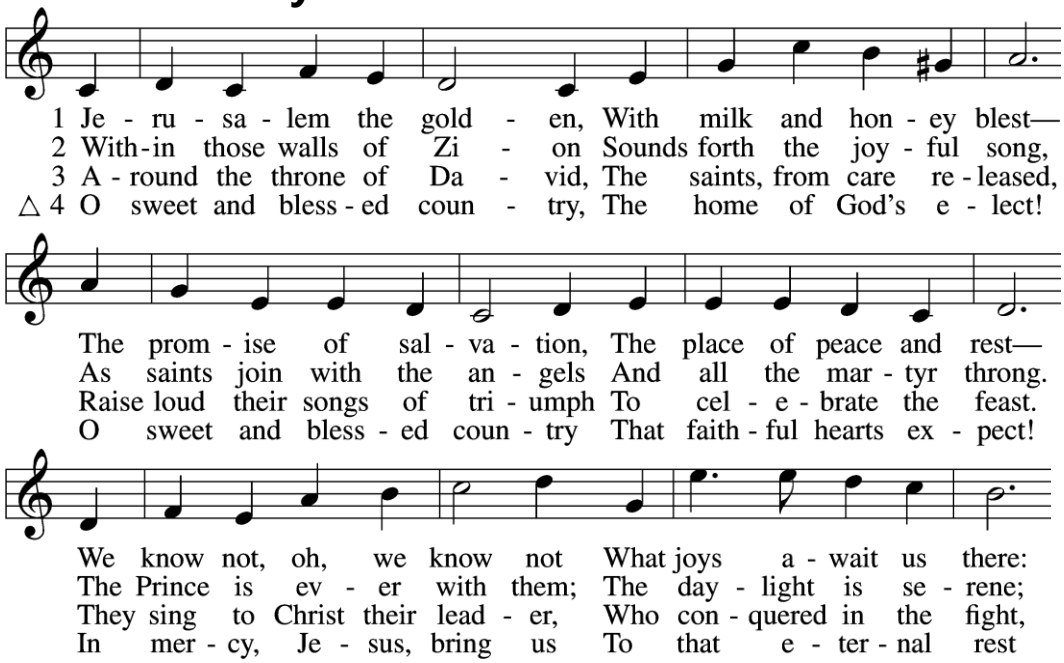
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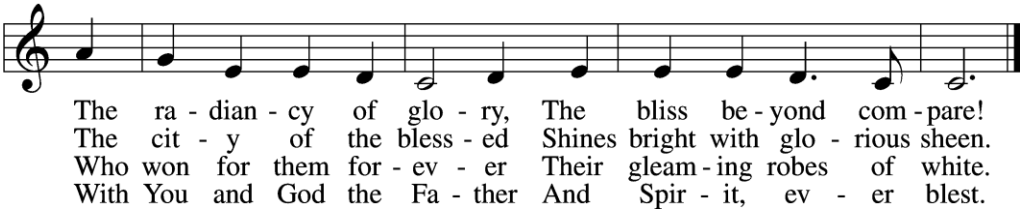
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Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle. When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify which cup you would like to receive from. Please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the bowl near the font.

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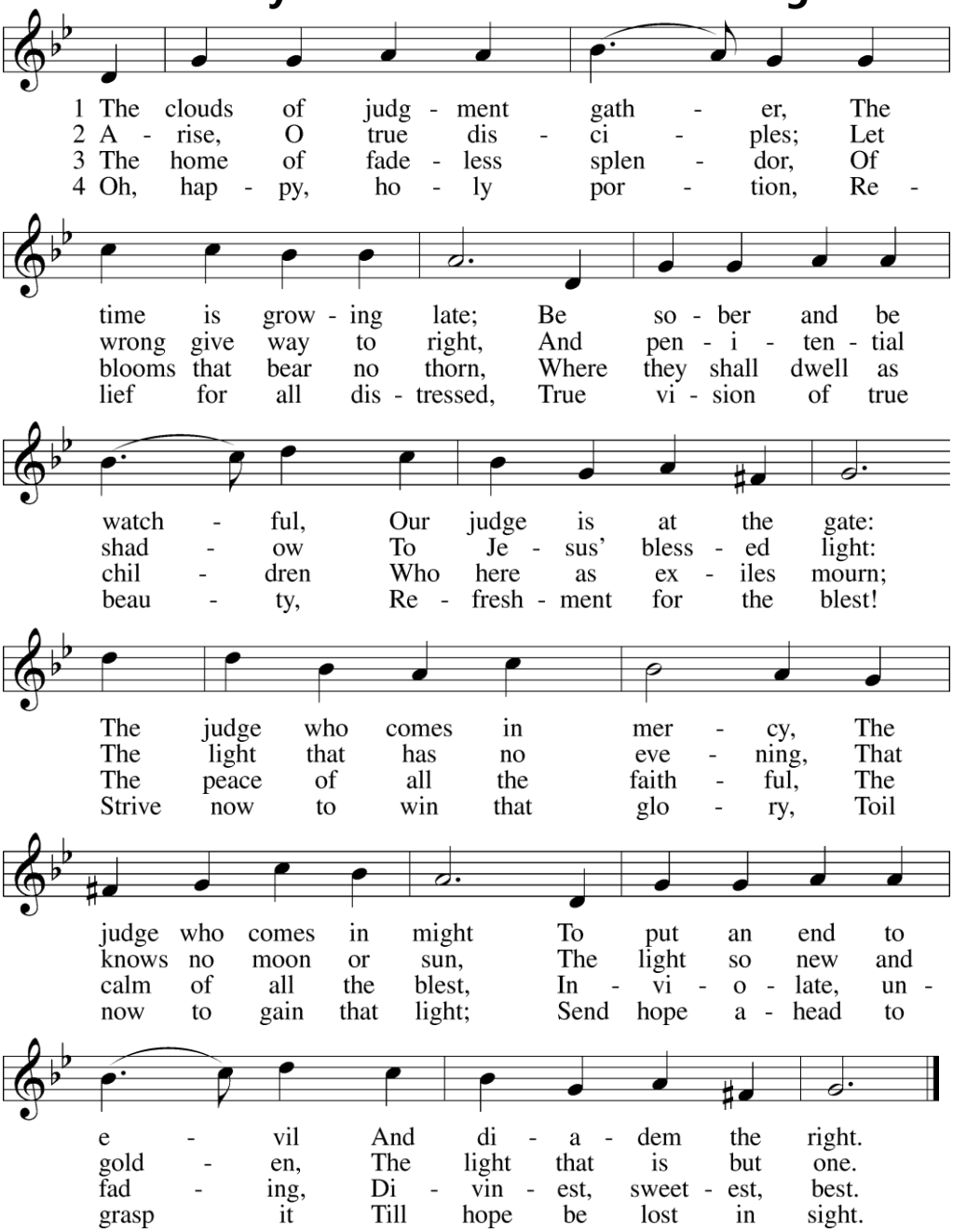
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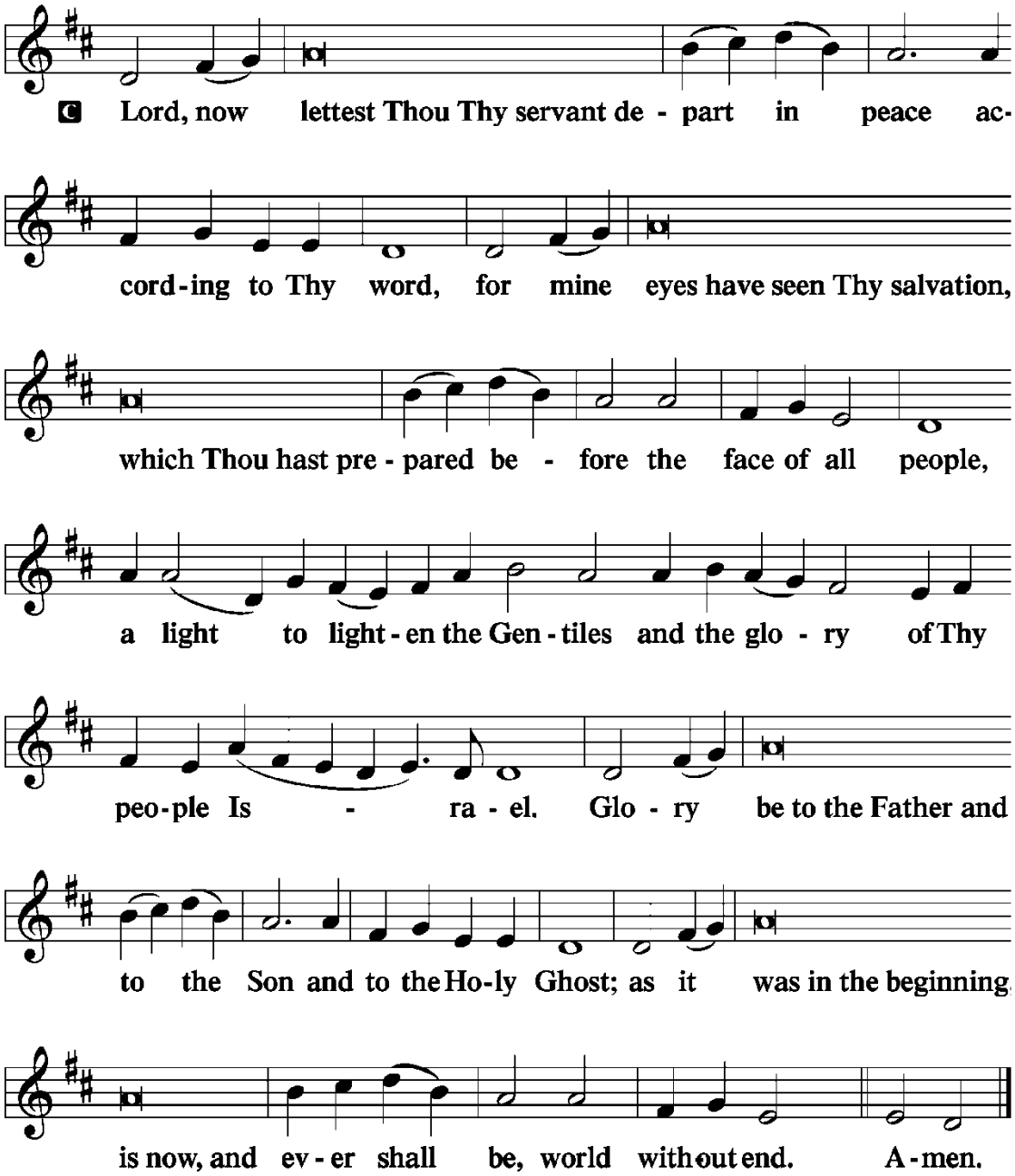
Distribution Hymn: 513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather



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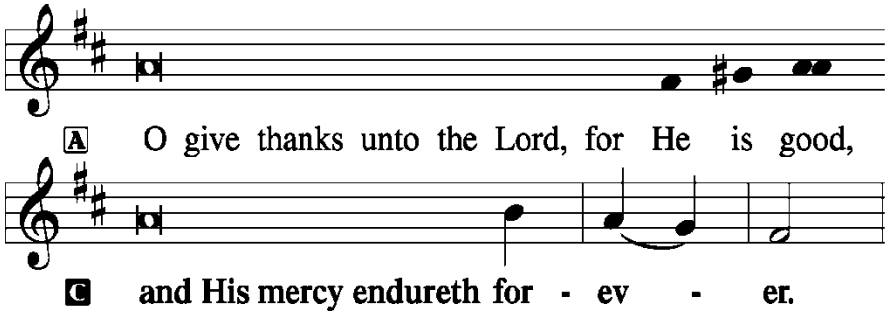
Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

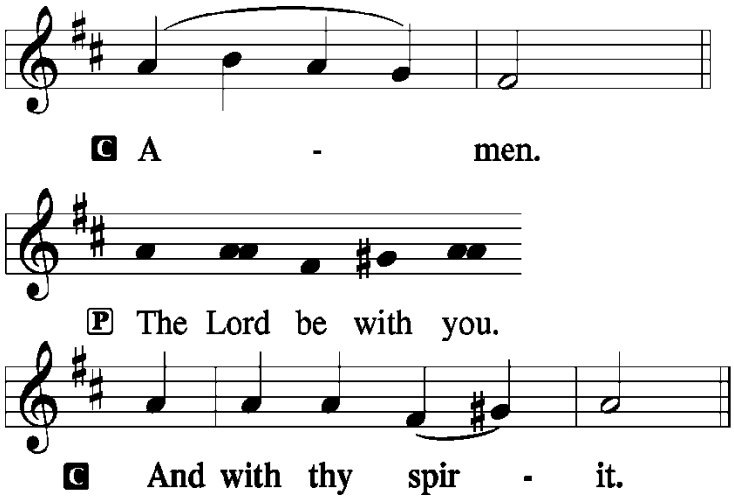
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P Let us pray

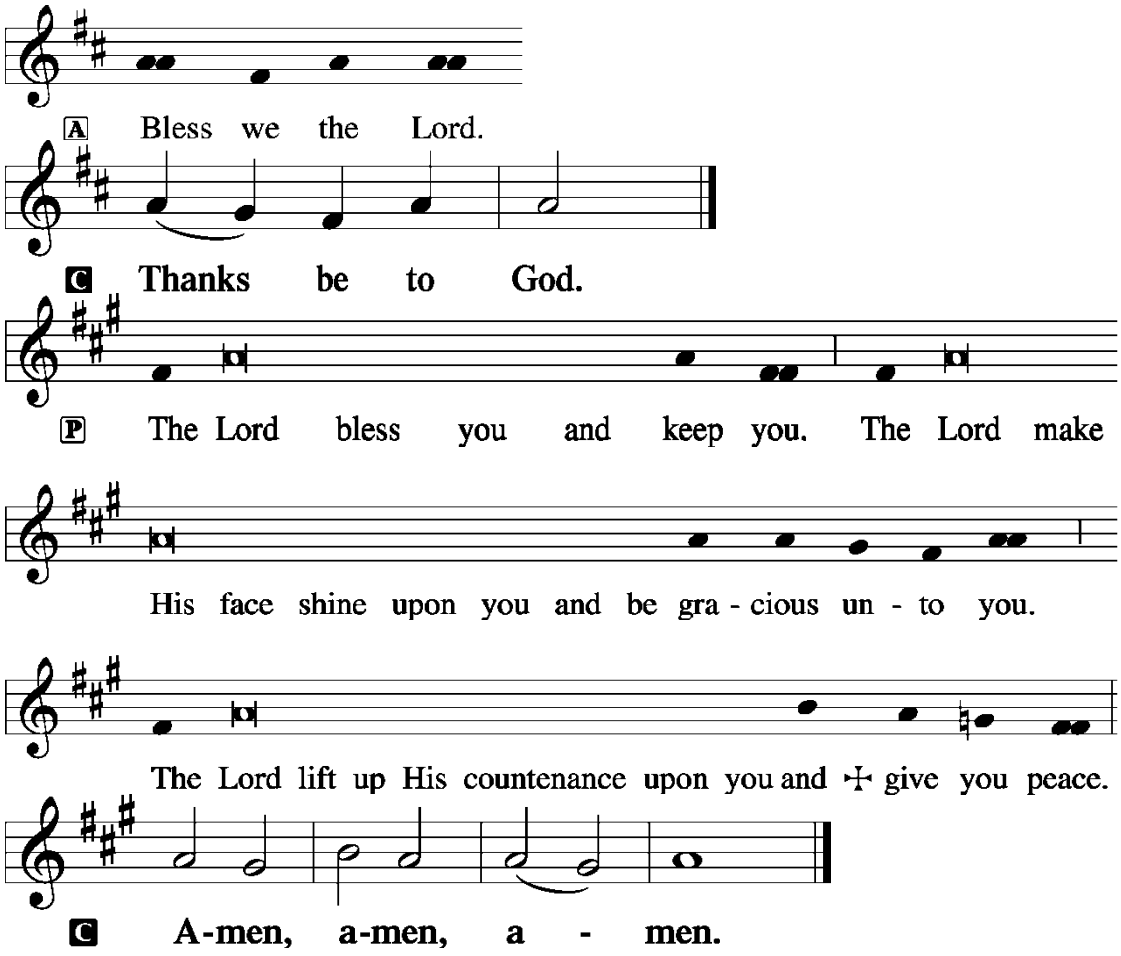
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us

through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



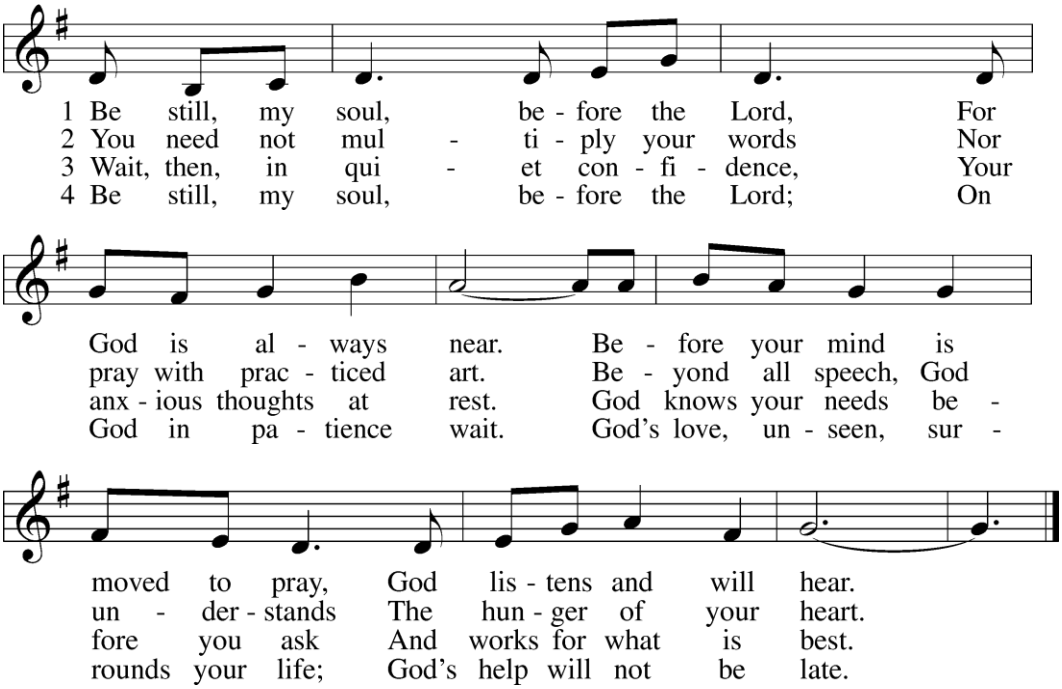
Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202



Sit

Hymn to Depart: 771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord



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Mission of the Month

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House has been supporting families since 1974

After recognizing the need to support the whole family when a child is seriously ill or injured, the first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia, PA, USA, in 1974. That was the beginning of their role as a unique charity dedicated to caring for families with children who are ill or injured. Their programs and services address the essential needs of families around the world - all along their child's healthcare journey - so they can focus on the health and well-being of their child.

Ronald McDonald House programs are a home away from home that provide comfort, support and resources to families who travel far from home for the medical care their child needs.

Ronald McDonald Family Room programs provide comfort to families right in the hospital, giving them a private place to relax or decompress.

Prayer Family

Lyle and Tamara Halvorson
6640 Hwy 18
Wyndmere, ND 58081

Cleaners

Nov. 22-28: Eric & Brook Olson, Sam & Beka Helm, Duane & Shelli Begemann

YouTube Live for the Month of November

22nd Greg 29th Brian

Ushers for the Month of November

22nd Grover 29th Ron

Pastor's Study Hours:

Tuesday: 8:30-noon, 1-3:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30-9 am, Redeemer Hours
Thursday: Blessed Thanksgiving
Friday: Day Off

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **9:30 am** Coffee Hour
10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:45 am Bible Study and Sunday School

Wed. 25th **9:00 am** Bible Study
6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Evening Prayer @ Redeemer

Sun. 29th **9:30 am** Coffee Hour
10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:45 am Bible Study and Sunday School

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, November 15

Worship Attendance: 41

Category	Received Last Week	Received for November	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	$ 4,780.52	$ 8,330.52	$ 13,124.83	$ 131,835.15	$136,296.35	$ (4,461.20)
Misc. Income	$ 0.25	$ 0.50		$ 11.00		
Building Fund	$ 500.00	$ 610.00		$ 5,620.00		
Cemetery Fund				$ 1,800.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	$ 415.00	$ 580.00	$ 2,166.67	$ 18,363.00	$ 22,500.00	$ (4,137.00)
Mission of Month	$ 101.38	$ 331.38		$ 238,013.80		
Parking Lot						

Zion's Income Goal: $ 157,498.00
ND Mission Goal: $ 26,000.00

Did you know…. We offer the convenience of electronic giving?

Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at www.ziongwinner.org
2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Prayer and Petitions

Nov. 22, 2026

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon
Iris Meyer at Forman Villas
Teresa Rodahl and Corrine Haussler at Four Seasons Manor, Forman

Remembering Those Who Serve

Rick Gaden: National Guard
Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC
Chris Mathias, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Mother with child

Alexys McFarland

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From the ND District President: I pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with all the accouterments of this time of year: food, hearth, and home. Of the things for which we should be thankful to the Lord, there is no end. Thank God for them; it is our duty, after all. Not just for one day out of the year, but every day. What God has done for us in Christ, our hearts can't contain; our thanks and praise can't possibly express. Our cups runneth over. God be praised. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

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HELP IS NEEDED DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON! We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on **Monday, November 30th at 9:30 am**. Come and help decorate the Christmas trees, string garland etc. The more the Merrier and the quicker we get it done!

ADVENT SERVICES - We will be serving Soup & Sandwiches before **Advent services starting at 5:15** pm. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen if you are willing to provide soup, sandwiches & bars.

The next **joint congregation Lutheran Confessions study will be Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. at Redeemer**. Encourage your fellow members in the body of Christ to participate in this study.

The **historic Lutheran practice of Private Confession** (see 5th chief part SC; 1 John 1:8-9; John 20:23; 1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5) will be available this coming Advent, which is a season of repentance and preparation for the Lord's 2nd coming. It will be offered on Wednesdays, Dec. 2

and 9 at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11:45 a.m. We retain private confession for the sake of the absolution, which is the voice of the gospel.

Sermon Notes for Matthew 25:1-13
Trinity 27
Zion and Redeemer Lutheran Churches
Gwinner and Lisbon, ND

1.Of what day and hour is Jesus speaking, and why does the Christian need to watch for it?

2. What is foolish, and what is wise?

3. What does the oil mean spiritually, and why is this important?

4. What does the lamp mean spiritually, and what must the lamp have to survive as a lamp?

5. Who is the bridegroom spiritually, and what does it mean for Him to know us?