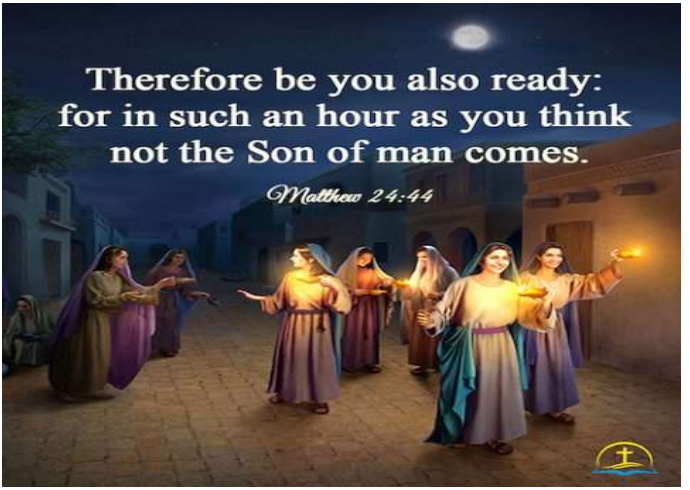


Sunday, November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 32, Year A
Walk With Us As Disciples of Christ!

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Child Development Center and Pre-School

LCMC
Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley, D.R.S., Ph.D., Pastor
(812) 259-2530 Email: pastor@stpaultaylor.com

Becky Ruzicka, Organist
Jason Richter, Office Manager
401 West Seventh Street
Taylor, Texas 76574
Email: office@stpaultaylor.com
Office Phone: (512) 352-2327
Office Hours: 8am-1pm Mon -Thur; Closed on Friday

Website: www.stpaultaylor.com **Online Giving Portal:**

Follow us at Facebook.com/stpaultaylor
SUNDAY RADIO BROADCAST
KRXT 98.5 FM at 12:00pm
St. Paul Church does take pictures and videos which will be posted on their Social Media and Web Page.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!

Welcome!

As we can be helpful to you, we look forward to doing so. If you would like the pastor to contact you, please mark that on the Record of Fellowship or call the church office.

We ask that the Record of Fellowship be filled out (members and visitors) so that we will have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

We Remember in Prayer

(Please call or email the church office to remove anyone from the prayer lists.)

Our Members:

Larry Robbins, Casey Anderson, Carol Wilson, Diane, Mark Lindell, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Shirley Evans, Olin Tiemann, Wandeen Sakewitz, Glenn Minzenmayer, Aileen Bunge, Mary Miller, David Kuempel, Gloria Bartosh, Carol Lantzsch, Inez Sladek, Grace Bulgerin, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Roger Wilson, Teresa Talley, William Shelton, Joe Gamez, Dave Martinka, Andrea Carrizales, Richard, Glynda Vanecek, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Mary Perez, Rob Randig, Gayla Lantzsch, Tommy Harrison, Walter Moldenhauer.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday November 15th immediately following service to discuss and approve the 2027 Congregational Budget.
Copies of the budget are available in the Narthex.

****

2027 Altar Flower sign-up chart is available in the Narthex

****

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

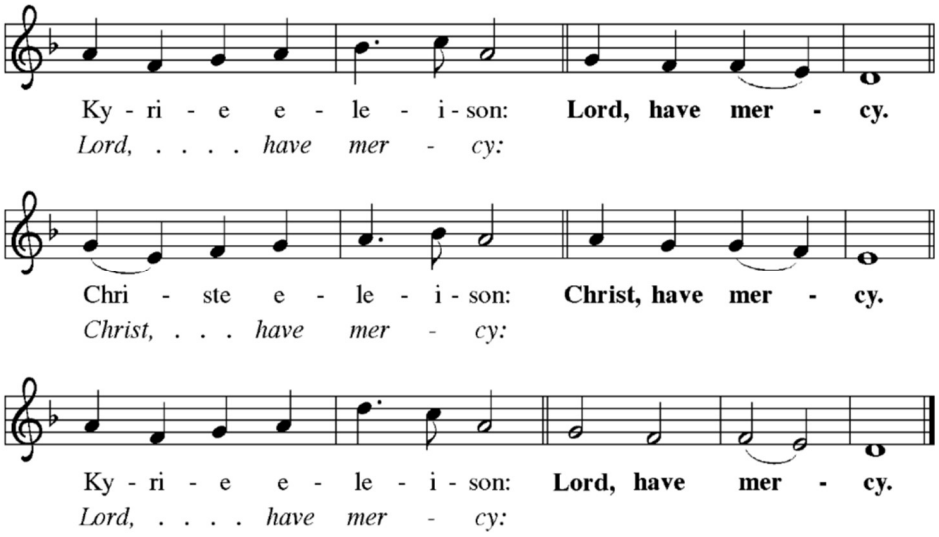
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
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.
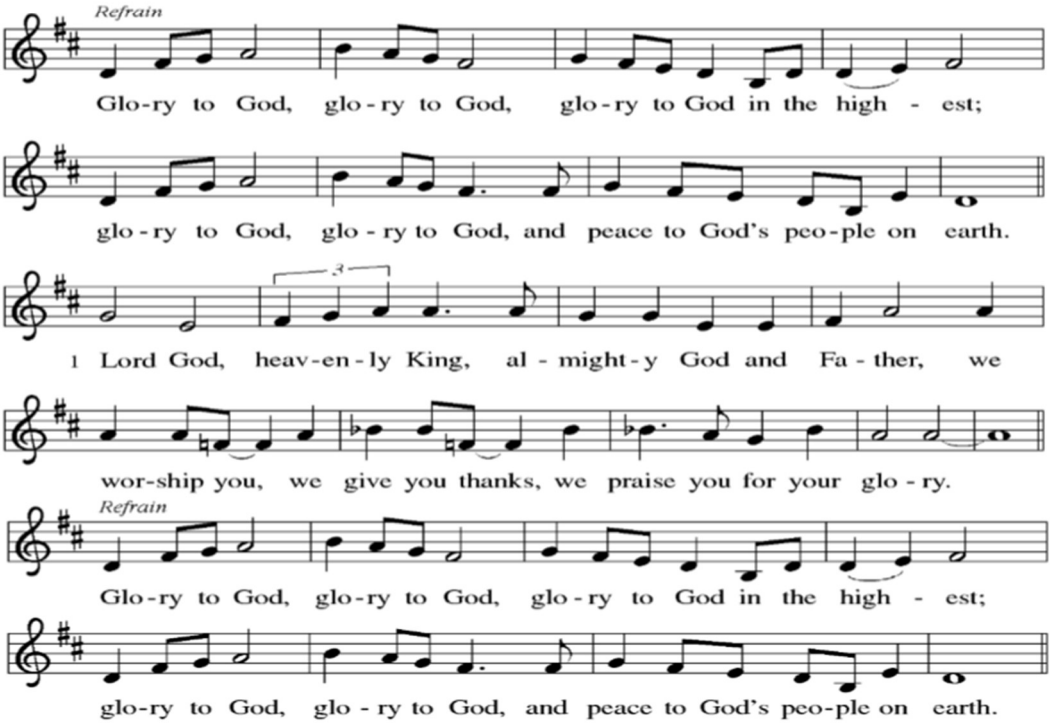
GATHERING SONG "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (v. 1, 3, 6) P. 634
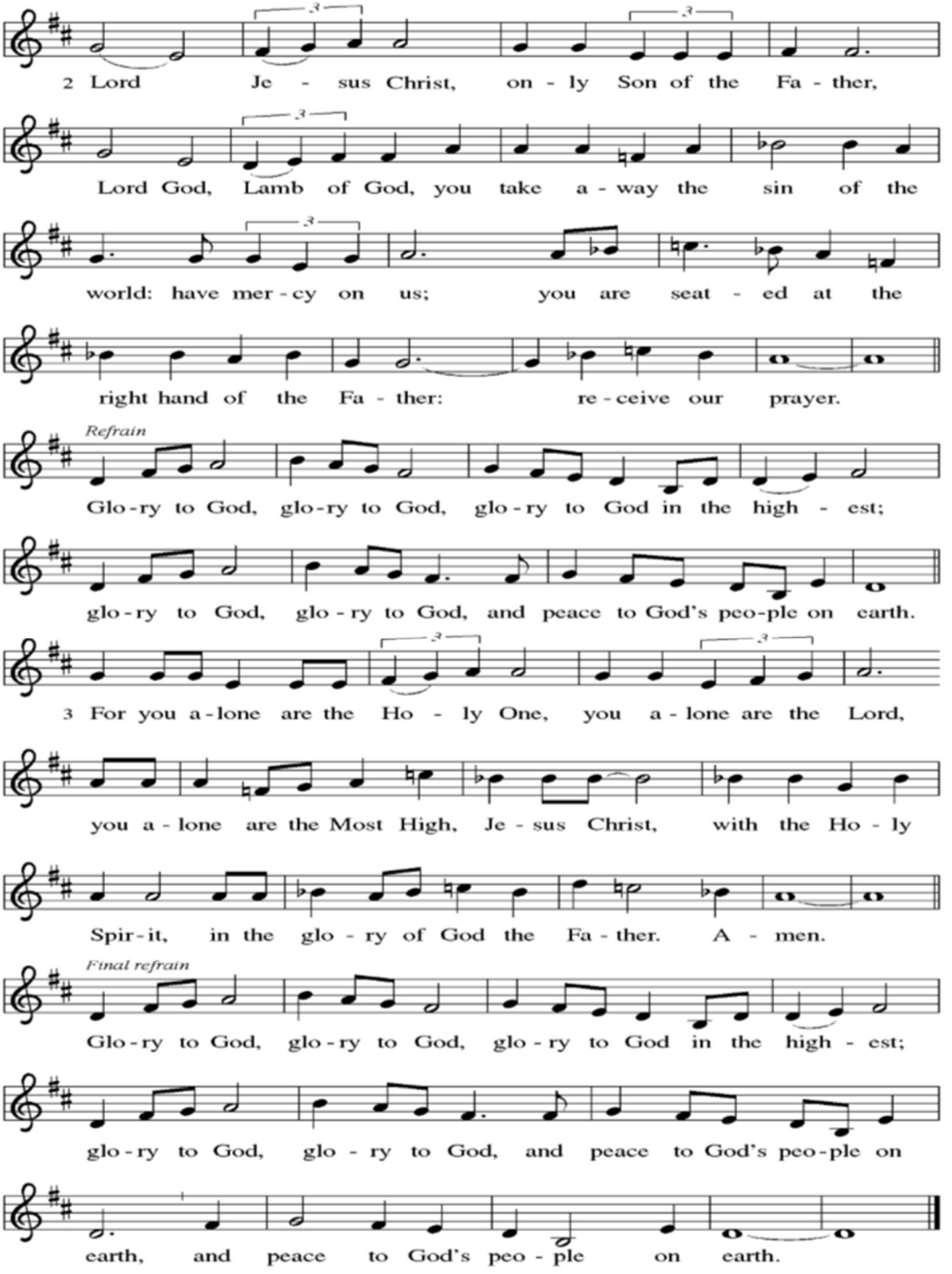
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



Glory to God




2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
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.

WORD

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

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver 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.
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 quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

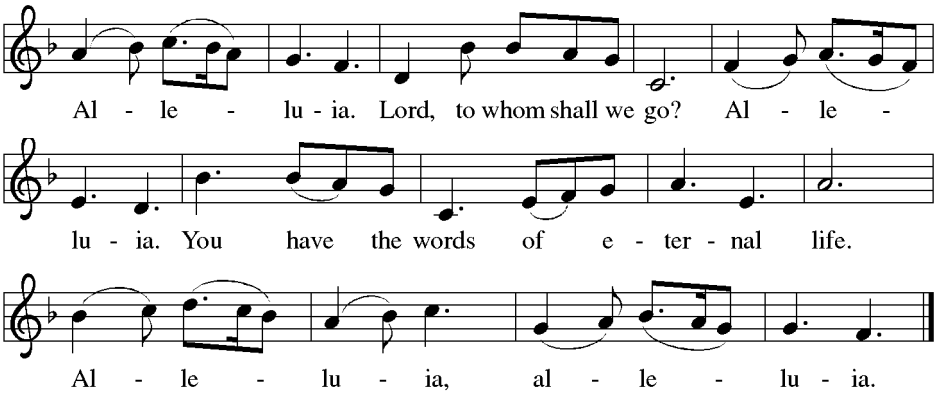
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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.

Congregation

Gideon Presentation

Sermon Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" (v. 1, 2, 4) P.244

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. Especially we remember our friends and family members before you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Lisa in Canada, serving with the Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Greenford Lutheran Church in Greenford, Ohio. Today we also give you thanks for St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas and their pastors, Eric Waters and Robert Weber. Bless their ministry both now and for generations to come. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

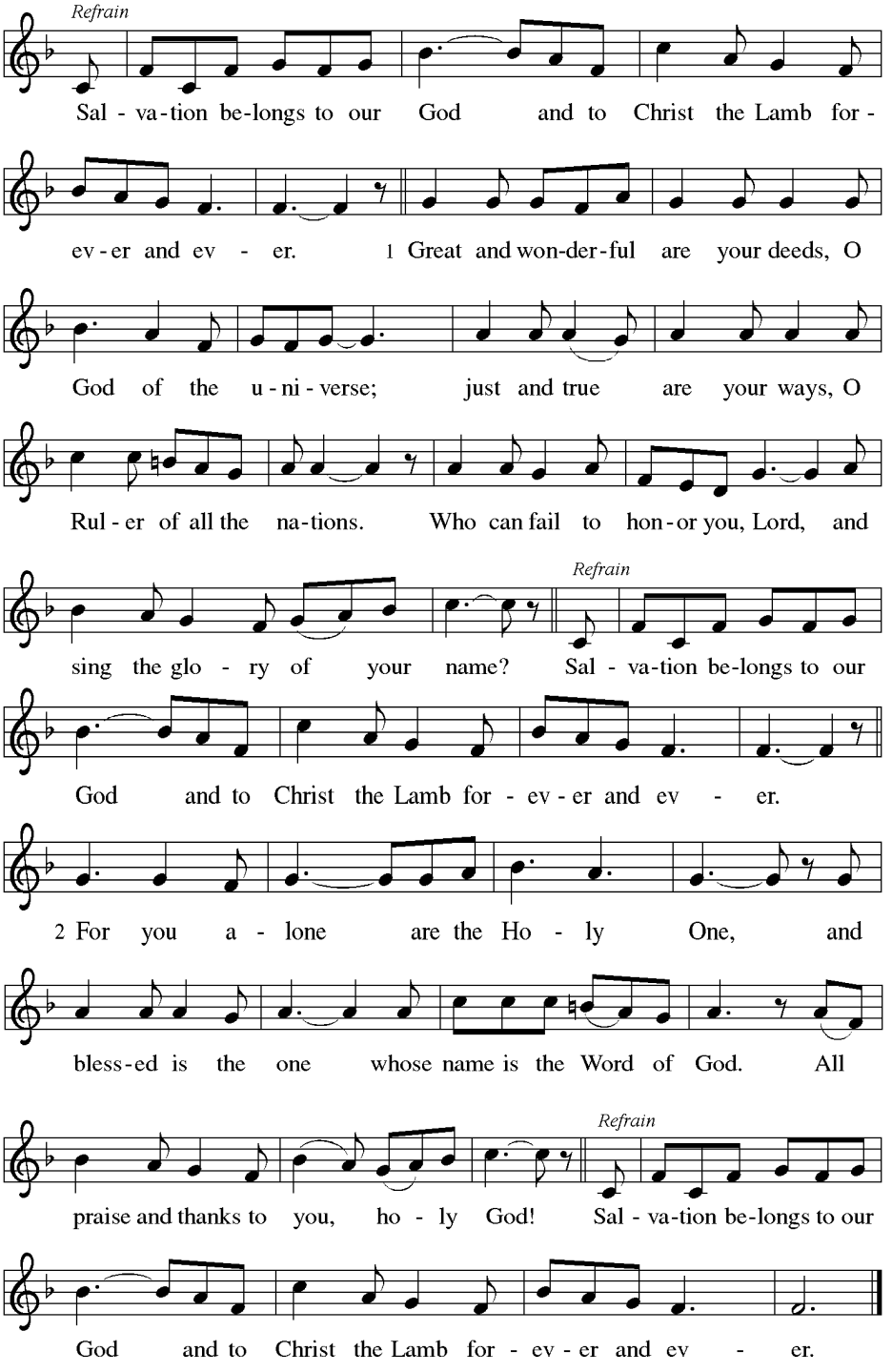
You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Amen

Canticle of Thanksgiving



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love,
we give thanks to you
that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

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

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.
Amen.

SENDING SONG "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" P. 551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB181150.New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.
Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.
Songs Used by Permission. CCLI License #11135365

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY			**Nov 8**
		CDC Garage Sale Set-up All-Day	
10:00	-	Worship - Sanctuary	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
MONDAY			**Nov 9**
		CDC Garage Sale Set-up All-Day	
		No Activities Scheduled	
TUESDAY			**Nov 10**
		CDC Garage Sale Set-up All-Day	
6:30	-	Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	
WEDNESDAY			**Nov 11**
		CDC Garage Sale Set-up All-Day	
8:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
1:30	-	Prayer Time	
2:00	-	Pastor's Bible Study – St. Paul House Conference Rm	
THURSDAY			**Nov 12**
		CDC Garage Sale Set-up All-Day	
		No Activities Scheduled	
FRIDAY			**Nov 13**
		CDC Garage Sale	
		No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed/Pastor's Day Off	
SATURDAY			**Nov 14**
		CDC Garage Sale	
		No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed	
NEXT SUNDAY			**Nov 15**
		Congregational Meeting immediately following service	
10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	

Announcement

The Thanksgiving Food Drive for Shepherd's Heart will be held at the St. Paul House Parking Lot on Sunday, November 15 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.
Turkeys, chickens, canned, dried foods, and monetary donations will be accepted.
The St. Paul Parking Lot is located across from 610 Fowzer Street.

Serving Today

Council Ushers: Kathy Paulsen, Debbie Matthys
Reader: Kathy Paulsen
Acolytes: Maddie Wilson
Altar Flowers: Open

Serving November 15

Council Ushers: Terry Richter, Don Artieschoufsky
Reader: Randall Pick
Acolytes: Sunny Paulsen, Rylen Burrow
Altar Flowers: Luna