Christ the King ~ November 22, 2026

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church,
A Loving Family, Growing in Faith, Sharing the Hope…of Christ
2402 W Grandview Blvd, Erie Pa 16506
Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Thank you to Howard Lyon for providing special music this morning.

PRELUDE ~ *Allegro* -G.F. Fiocco

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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.

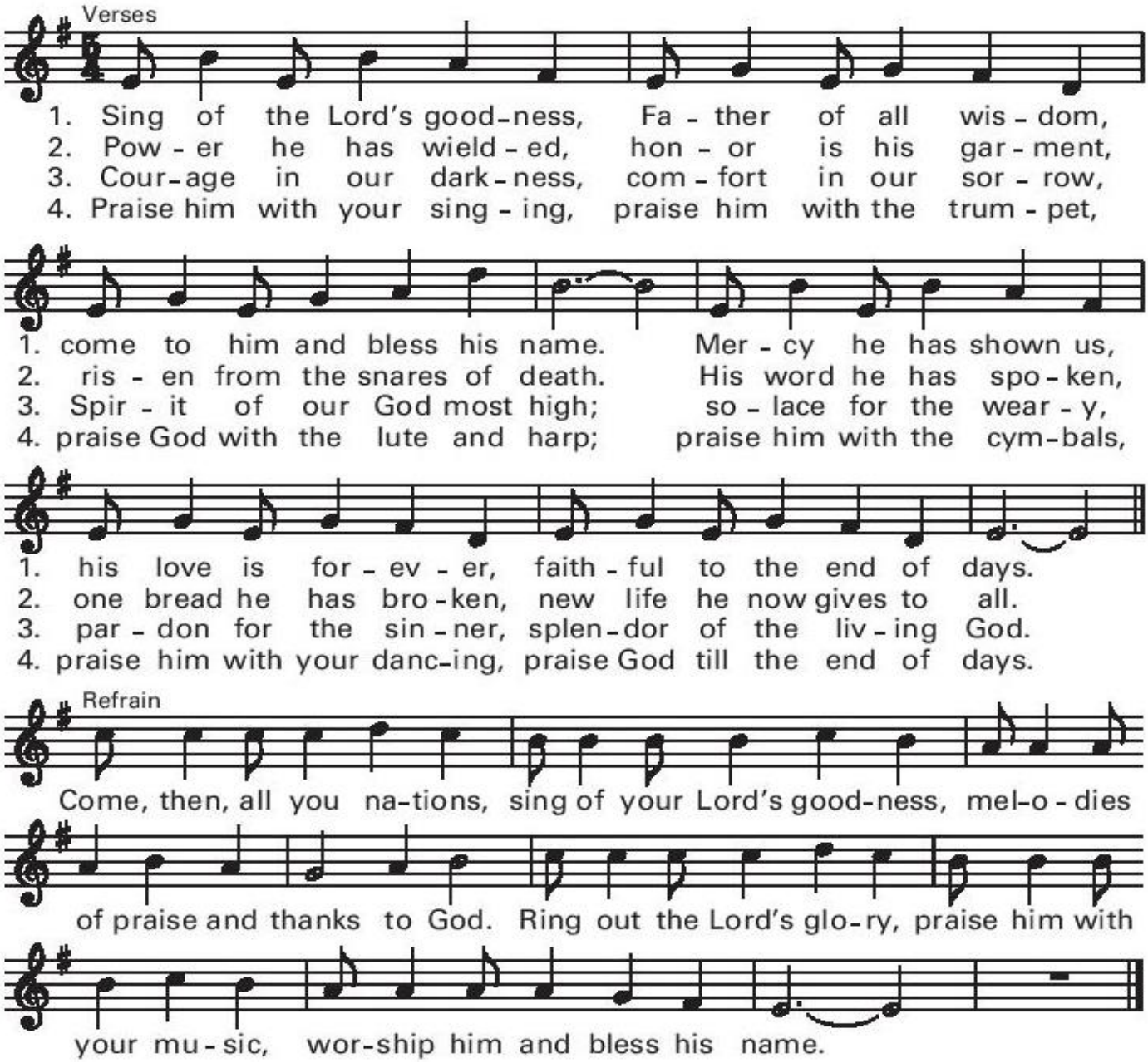
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
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 HYMN ~ ELW 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* v.1,4,5.

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.**

HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*



PRAYER of the DAY
Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together.
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are
among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them
from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds
and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will
feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all
the inhabited parts of the land.14 I will feed them with good pasture, and
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I
will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself
will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.21 Because you
pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with
your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and
sheep.23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he
shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the
LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among
them; I the LORD have spoke.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 95:1-7a Response Sung  Tone 1

1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

2 **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

3 For you, LORD, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

4 **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

5 The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

6 **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

7a **For the LORD | is our God, and we are the people of God's**
pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

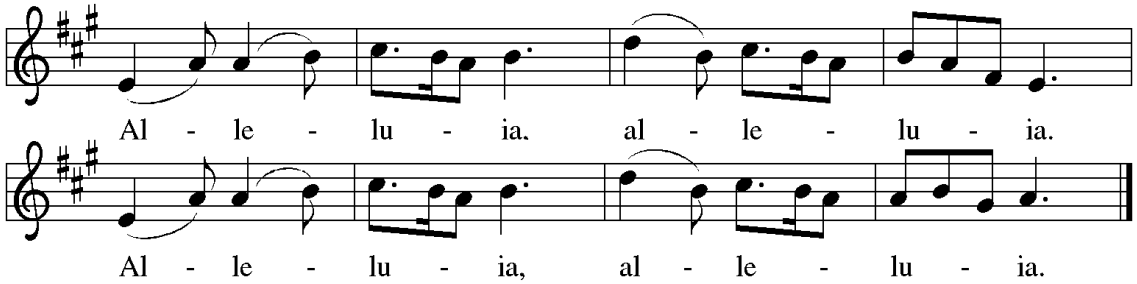
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the
working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when
he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but
also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has
made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *Celtic Alleluia*



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All
the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he
will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the
king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I
was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.' **cont'd**

37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or
naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or
in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell
you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You
who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the
devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did
not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in
prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when
was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or
in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly
I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not
do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the
righteous into eternal life."
Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated
SERMON ~ Rick Penn

Please stand
HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ELW 634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
v. 1,3,5,6

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

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

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We pray especially for: Karen S., Katrina, Christan, Nancy, Larry K, Donna Marygrace, Vicki, Mary Alice, Megan, Sharron, Karen S., Brian & Penny, Shirley, Candy & Arch, Sam, Priscila, Don, Joan, Pat K., Connie, Christine P., Cheryl, Ed & Jeanne, Cindy & Rich, Harry & Susan, Dick & Diana, Kathi, Maury & Linda, Don & Donna, Damian & Marcia, Little Library visitors, and for all in our hearts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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 the Lord be with you. **And also with you**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

OFFERING ~ Choir: *Come Share the Lord*

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

OFFERING PRAYER

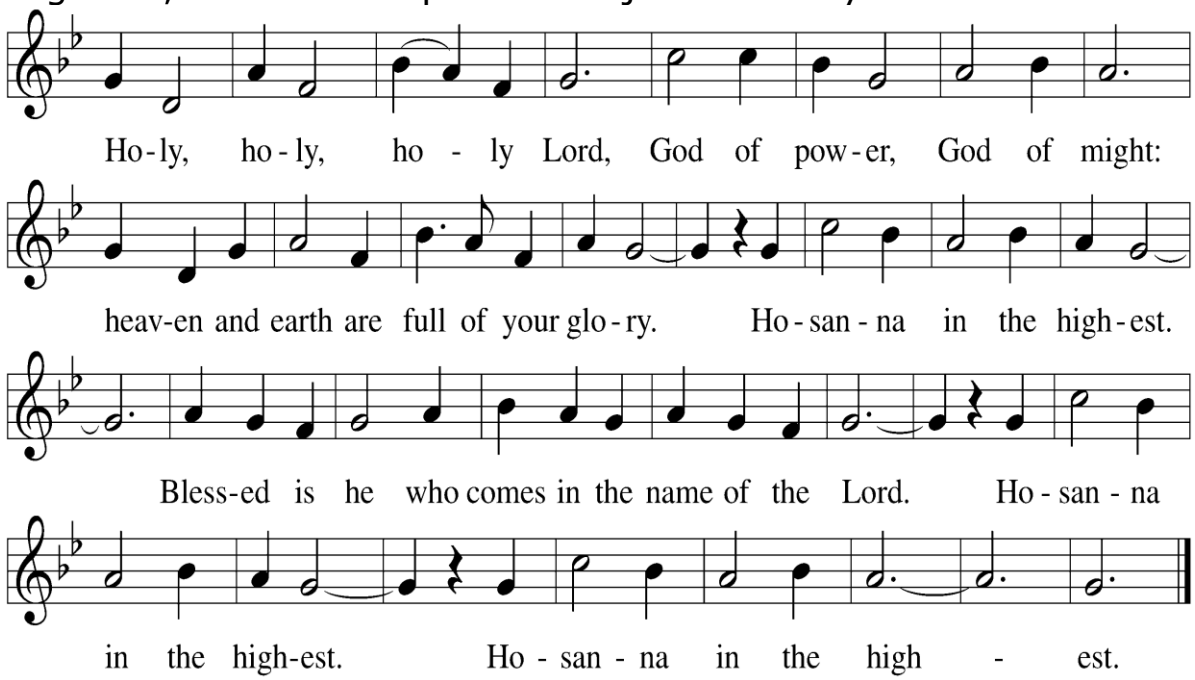
Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together, we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

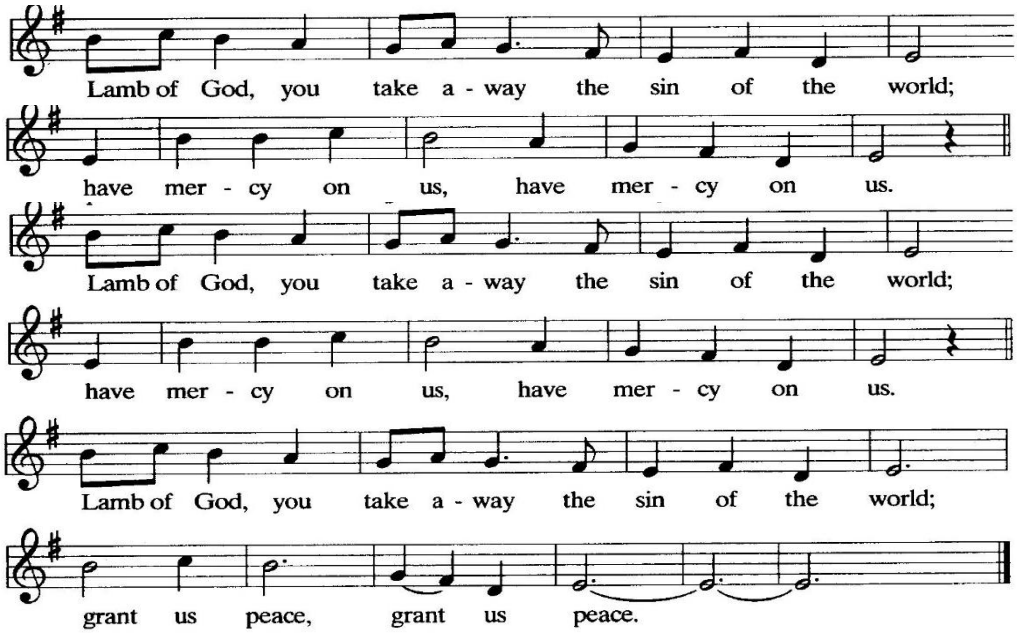
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven, …… Amen

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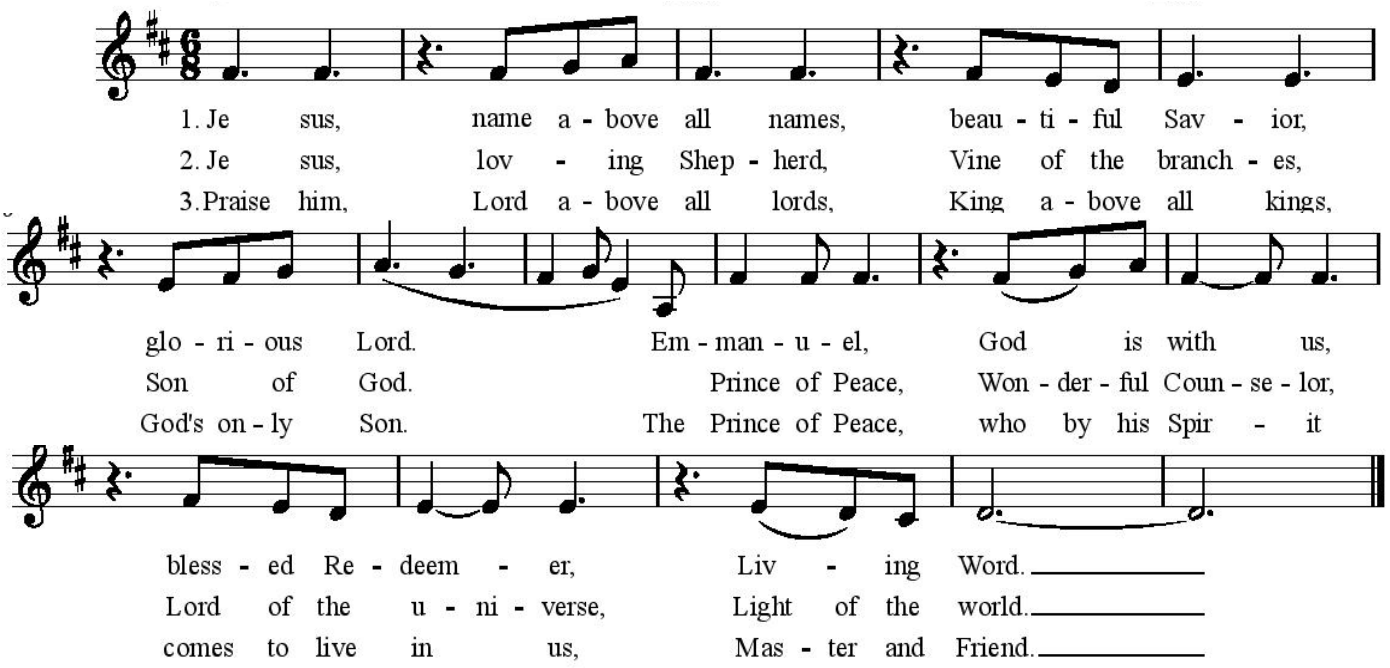
INVITATION to COMMUNION
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN ~ Jesus, Name Above All Names



Instrumental Mediation

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

DISMISSAL ~ Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Stewardship Pledge Cards

It's not too late to **make your AHLC 2027 pledge.** Need a pledge card? Pick one up **in the narthex** and **return** to the Church office **as soon as possible**… following worship, during office hours or mail. ***Thank you!***

Sunday, November 22: Christ the King -Worship 9:30a, No Bible Study. Choir 9a & at 10:45a, Cantata Rehearsal.

11:00a, Meeting to Draft '27 Budget

Monday, November 23: Ministry Team 10:30a. Any member is welcome

Thursday, November 26 ~ Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29: Worship 930a, Bible Study 11a,
Choir: 10:45a only - Special Advent/Christmas Rehearsal.
Check/cash donations marked "World Hunger".. place in offering plate.

Monday, December 1: Grief Support for the Holidays...for **anyone** grieving someone they love. **Fellowship Hall 6-8p** with **Janet Campbell, PhD.** Q&A, Counselors, Helpful Resources. Open to the Public.

Monday, December 1: Poinsettias for Christmas. If you wish to have a plant in the sanctuary for Christmas, today is last day for request forms and payment to be in the office. **Forms are on a table in the narthex.**

Wednesday, December 2: Cantata Rehearsal, AHLC, 700p with **OLP choir.**

Sunday, December 12: Blue Christmas Memorial Service, New Hope @ 3p

Thursday's Care and Share Gathering: On hiatus until January 7.

Bethesda Christmas: A wish list of gifts for the children who reside at Bethesda is on the tree table in the narthex. **Unwrapped gifts** to **AHLC** by **Dec. 9**

KAFP November Donation: Oatmeal

Sanctuary Flowers: To **donate** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up sheet/forms on table in narthex. **Office Hours:** Mon & Tues, 9:30a-3:30p. Wed. 9:30-12:30p.

Worship Leaders ~ November 22, 2026

Videographer	Analee Cree	Communion Cups	Lois Kuhns
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Presenter	Nancy Cunning		