FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
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Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves
know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3When they say,
"There is peace and security," then sudden de-
struction will come upon them, as labor pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and there will
be no escape! 4But you, brothers and sisters,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you
like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or
of darkness. 6So, then, let us not fall asleep as
others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,
7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since
we belong to the day, let us be sober and put
on the breastplate of faith and love and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has des-
tined us not for wrath but for obtaining salva-
tion through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died
for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep
we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage
one another and build up each other, as indeed
you are doing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a
man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15to one
he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them
and made five more talents. 17In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18But the one who had received
the one talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19After
a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20Then the
one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.' 21His mas-
ter said to him, 'Well done, good and trustwor-
thy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.' 23His mas-
ter said to him, 'Well done, good and trustwor-
thy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the
one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were
a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow
and gathering where you did not scatter, 25so
I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I
did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest.
28So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away. 30As for
this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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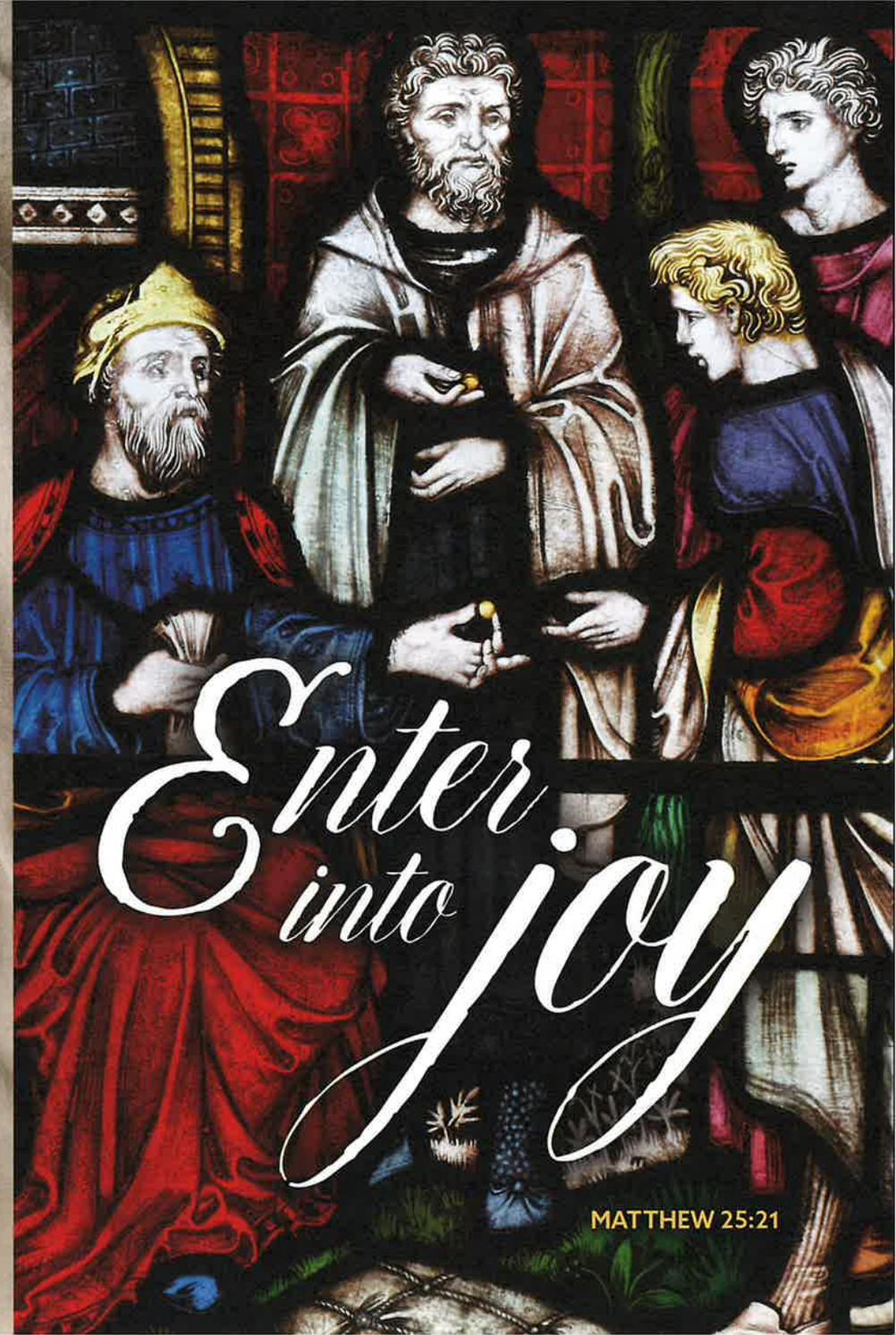

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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry. Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered (on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month). ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School

Sunday, November 15, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Ty Harms
Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Rylee Kukuck
Communion: Elton Mau, Eli Petersen
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, November 22, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Cindy Harris
Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak
Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil
Communion: na
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:
Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Shelby Hall, Rick Vance, Jeri Vance Crawley, Larry Poppe

Announcements

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming service dates and times:
(There will be no Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.)
The Children's Christmas program will be December 20th during the worship service.
The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 4:30 pm.
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 7, 2027.

Larry Poppe is currently in a rehabilitation facility. Cards may be sent to Larry with the following address: Room 205, 1001 E. Pells St., Paxton, IL 60957

Choir will gather for rehearsals at 8:10 am on Sunday mornings.

Adopt-a-family information will be coming soon. Please consider helping community families with a gift or two in this season of giving.

The Parish Education committee is looking for children willing to participate in the Children's program on December 20th. Rehearsals begin Sunday, November 15 during Sunday School time.

Cindy will be updating member contact information before the end of the year. Please let her know if you have changes in your family status that should be addressed. Thank you.

The December Newsletter deadline is Monday, November 23rd. Please submit any reports or information to Cindy at ckwilson1983@gmail.com. Thank you.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able*
All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

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

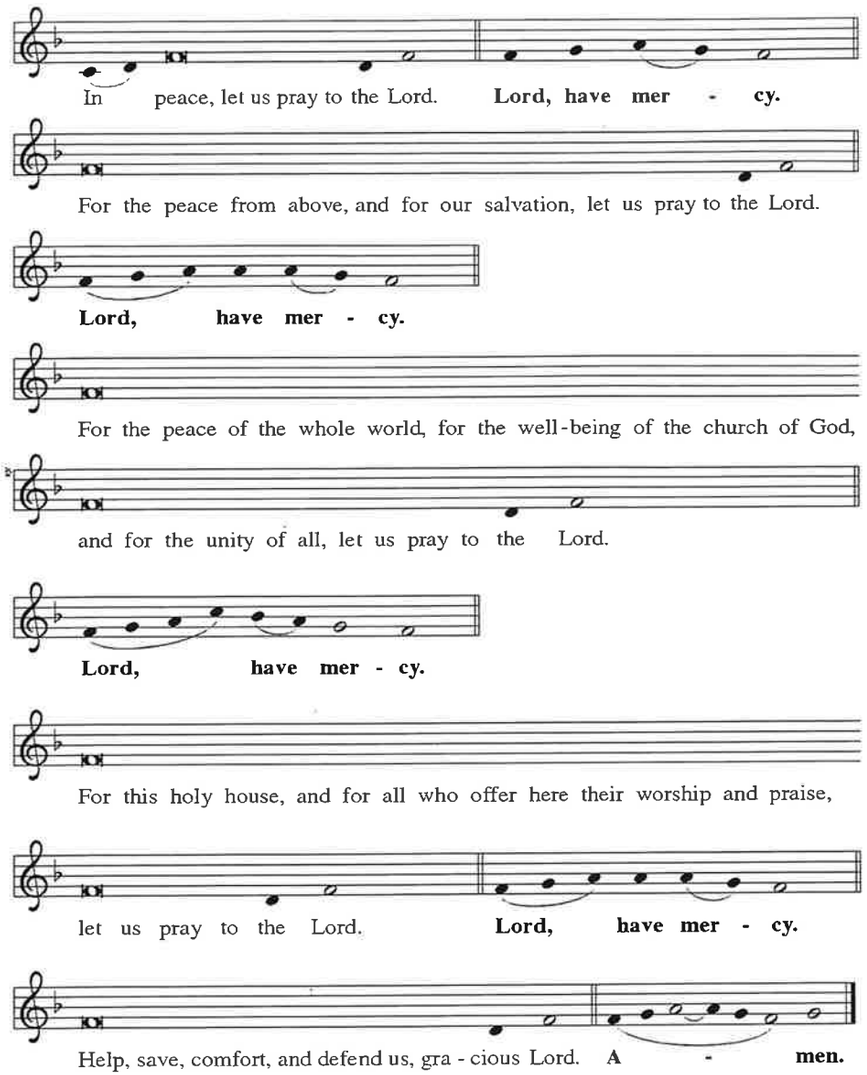
C: Amen.

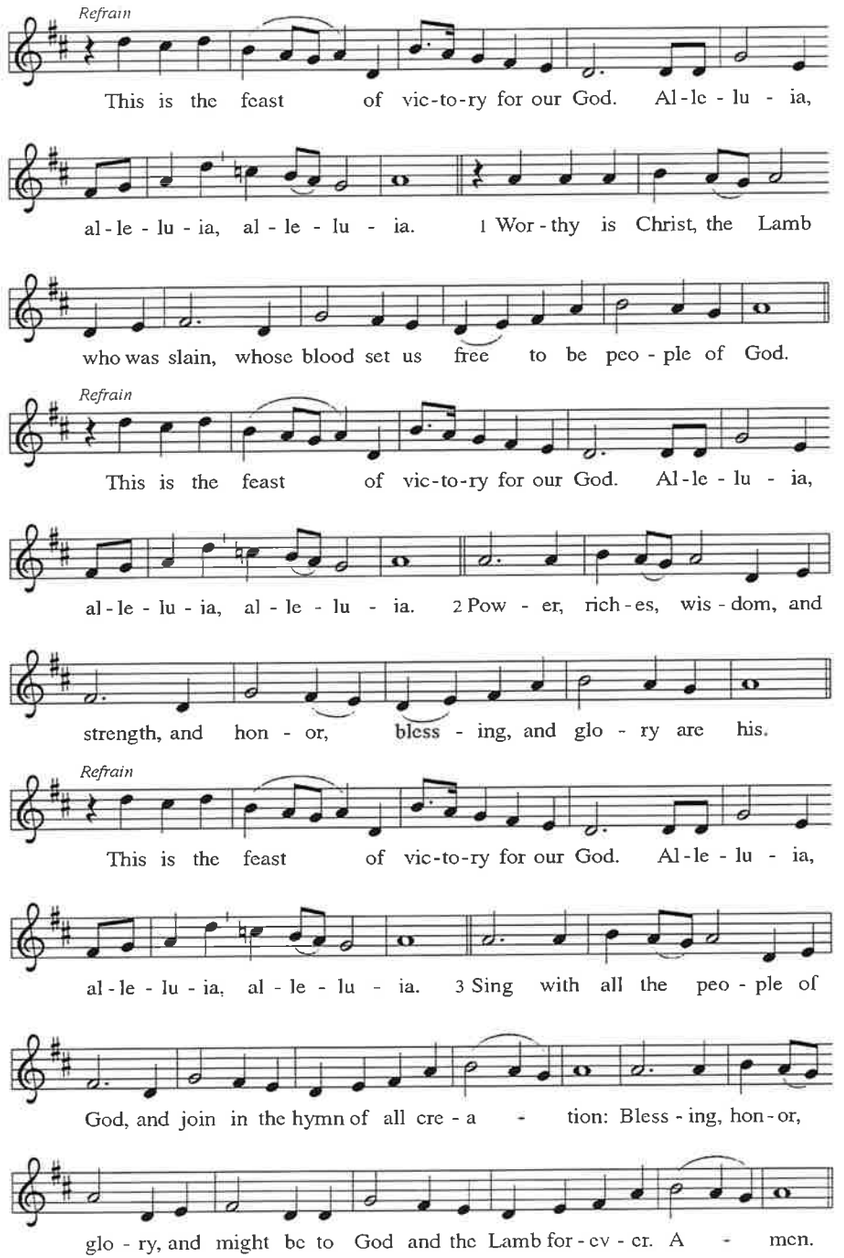
The congregation may be seated

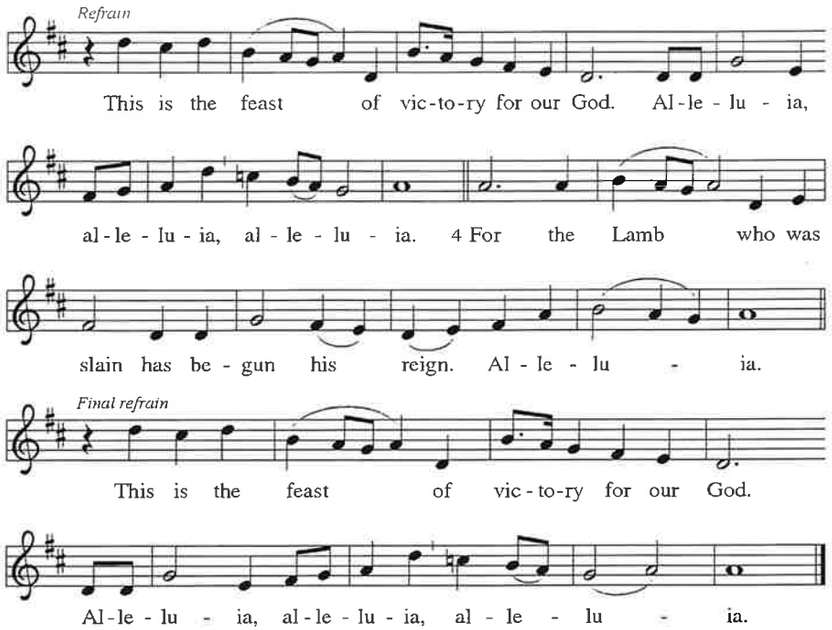
GATHERING SONG ***Praise and Thanksgiving*** ELW **689**

GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**


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.


Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated*

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

READING Zephania 1:7, 12-18 back of bulletin

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;
You sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly
and we are gone.

Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

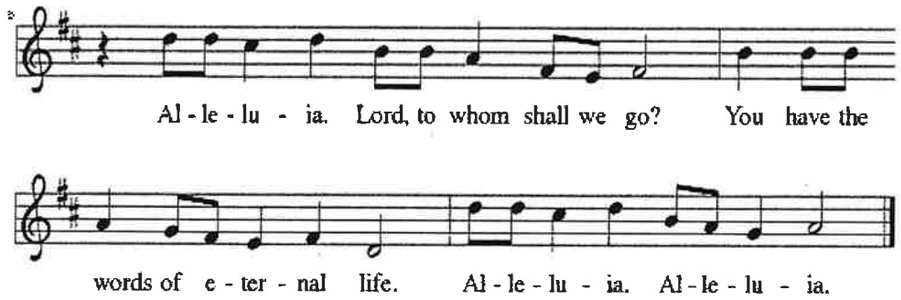
READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 back of bulletin

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, page 142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Michael Jones

HYMN OF DAY ***We Give Thee But Thine Own*** ELW **686**

APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

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

After each petition: P: Go, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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

The Congregation may be seated.

Meal ~ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able* ELW **182**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Eternal God,

C: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

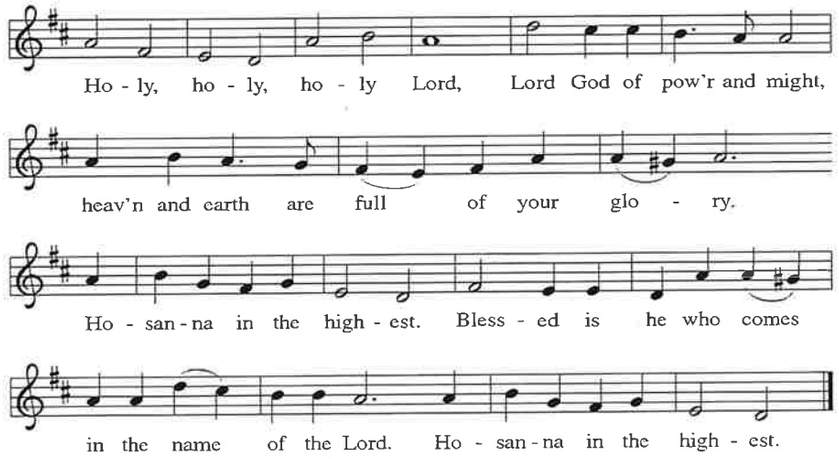
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

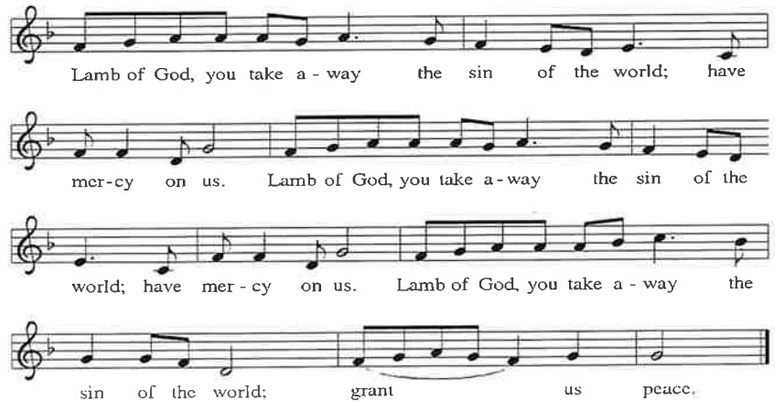
P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing today. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION HYMNS ***Lamb of God*** ELW page 146



HYMNS ***As We Gather at Your Table*** ELW **522**
O Living Bread from Heaven ELW **542**

After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray...

C: 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.

Sending ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN ***Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*** ELW **534**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE