



October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

HOLY GOD, HOLY & GLORIOUS, ARR. NANCY RAABE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

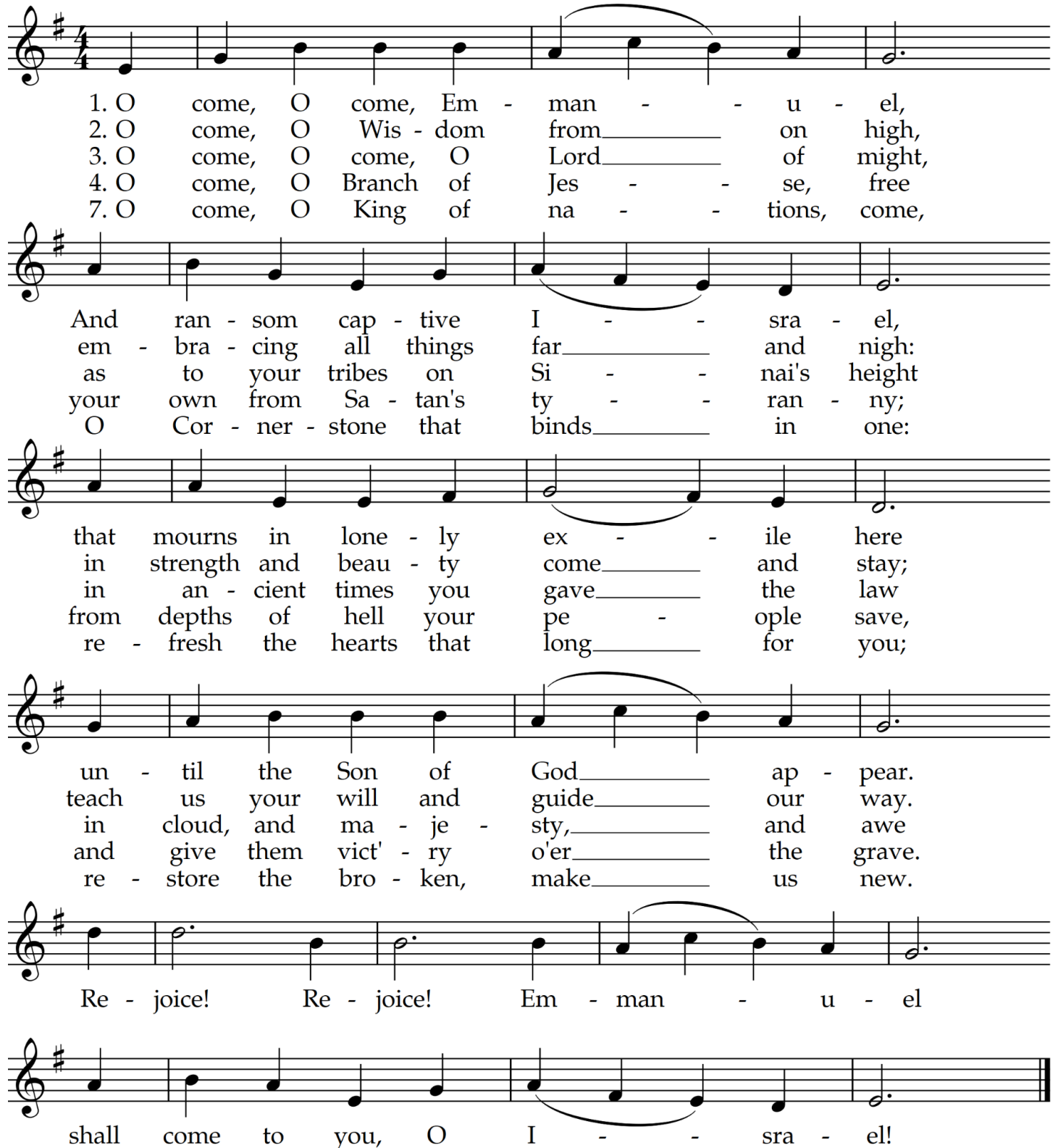
Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257)



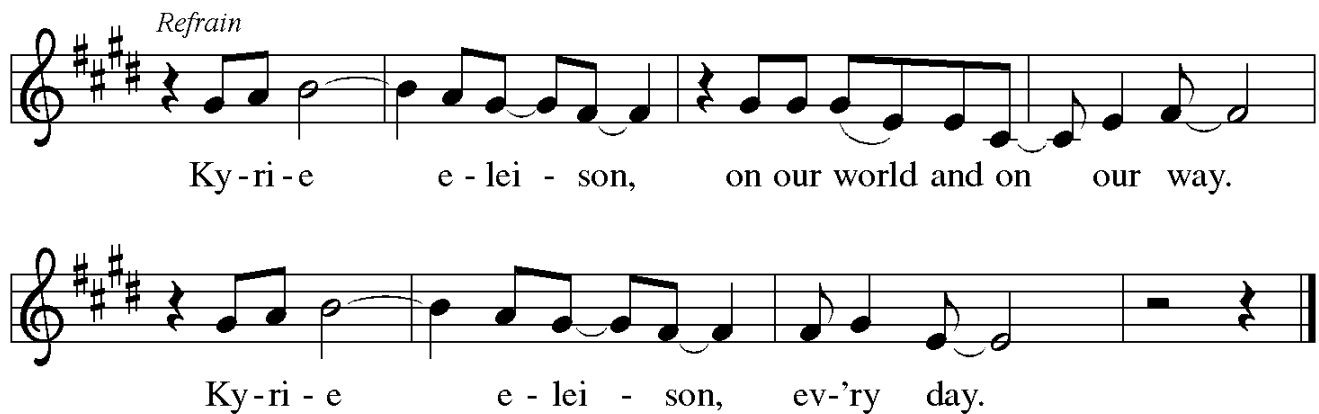
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, O Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free
 7. O come, O King of na - tions, come,
 And ran - som cap - tive I - sra - el,
 em - bra - cing all things far and nigh:
 as to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 your own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny;
 O Cor - ner - stone that binds in one:
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 in an - cient times you gave the law
 from depths of hell your pe - ople save,
 re - fresh the hearts that long for you;
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way.
 in cloud, and ma - je - sty, and awe
 and give them vict' - ry o'er the grave.
 re - store the bro - ken, make us new.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 shall come to you, O I - sra - el!

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.

KYRIE



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the commandments, **you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING // Exodus 19:3-8; 20:1-17

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL // Matthew 5:17-19

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

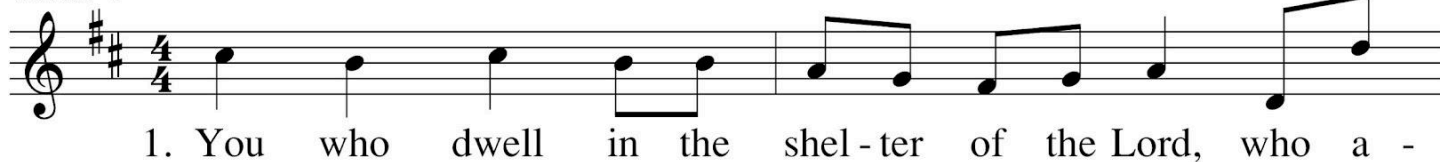
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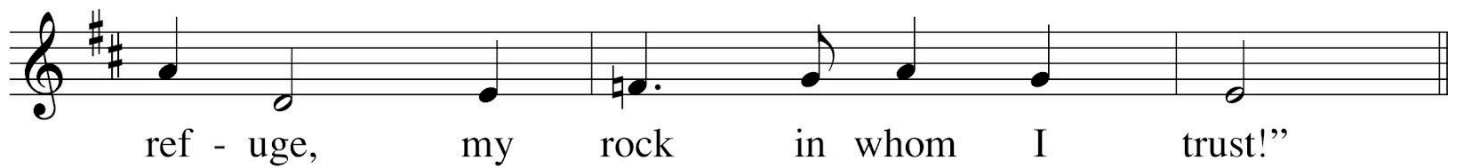
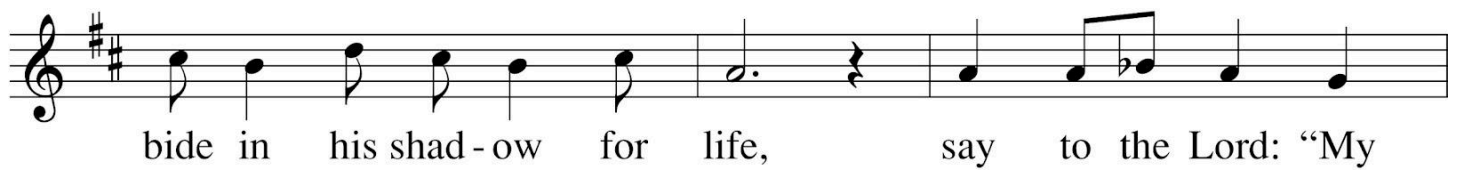
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

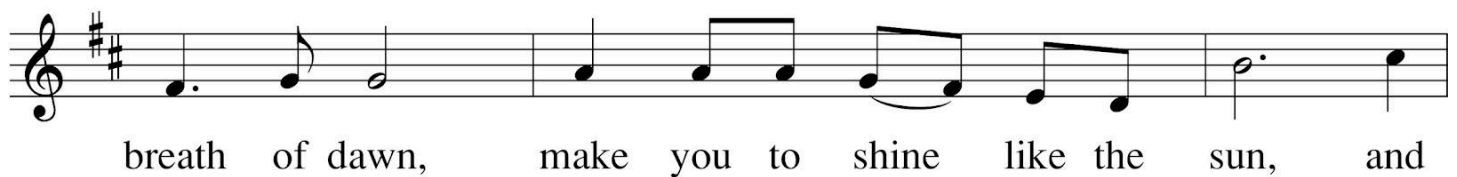
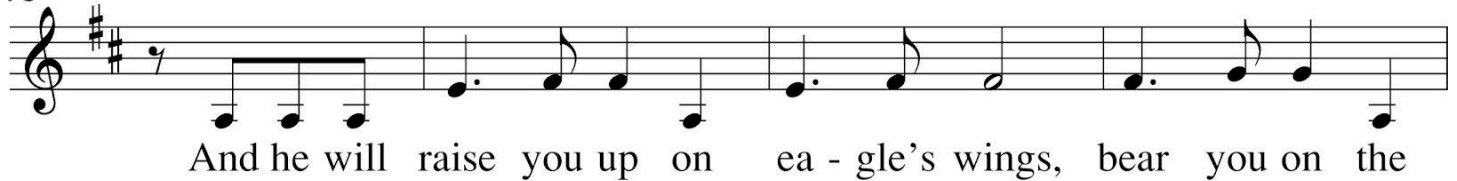
On Eagle’s Wings (ELW 787)

Verse 1

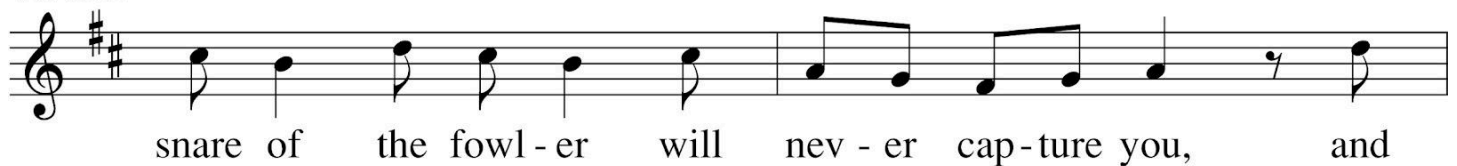




Refrain



Verse 2



Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the



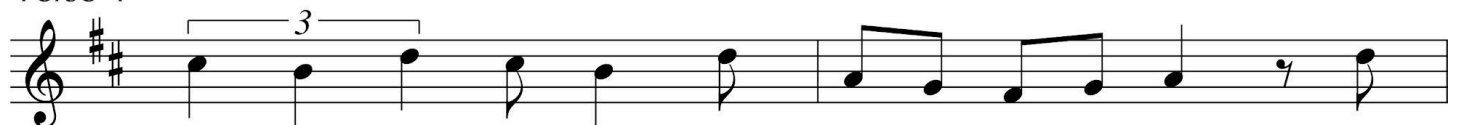
ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -



bout you, near you it shall not come.

D.S.

Verse 4



4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

D.S.

⊕ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR (10:45 AM) *O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE*, THOMAS KEESECKER

CINDY WARD, *CELLO*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the God who brought us out of bondage and bore us on eagles' wings, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of the covenant, before you gave a single command, you told your people who you are: the One who set them free. Root your church in that freedom. Make us a priestly people who carry your name with honor and who bring the needs of the world before you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the Sabbath, you commanded rest for servants and strangers, for livestock and for the land itself. Give rest to the earth we have worked too hard, to animals under our care, and to everyone who labors without relief. Teach us to keep your day as a gift and not a burden. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life and truth, you forbid us to kill, to steal, and to bear false witness against our neighbor. Look with mercy on a world marked by violence and deceit. Guide those who lead the nations and our communities to guard human life, to deal honestly, and to protect the reputation and dignity of the vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who carries us, you lifted your people on eagles' wings when they could not go on alone. Bear up all who are weary in body, mind, or spirit, especially for those we name before you aloud or silently within our hearts. We pray for those who are sick, those who are waiting, those who are grieving, and those who feel far from you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all good gifts, you free us from the endless wanting that robs us of joy. Loosen our grip on what we have, and make this congregation generous, content, and glad to share, so that our neighbors may know you as the God who provides. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, you showed steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love you. We give thanks for all the saints who lived within your covenant and now rest in your promise, and we long for the day when your whole creation is set free. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

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OFFERING HYMN

O Give Thanks



We were wan - dring in the de - sert with our souls___ so starved and weak;
We were locked___out of the gar - den, and our backs___bent down with pain.
We were fools___ in our re-bell - ion, with our hun - ger strike of pride.
We were far___out on the o - cean, Mak-ing wealth___and cha - sing dreams.



we were hu - gry for a home - land we did not___know how to seek,
In the sha - dow of death's dark - ness, we were slaves___to sin and blame
We were sick___and gro-wing clo - ser to the death___we should have died
But the waves of great des - truc - tion Brought us trem - bling to our knees



but we lif - ted up our voi - ces to the on - ly one who hears___
Then we cried___out in our la - bor to the on - ly One who hears___
Then he heard___of our con-di - tion, and he called___us by our names___
And we cried___like drun-ken sai - lors To the on - ly One who hears___



and the God___ of mer - cy came___ and brought us near.___
And the God___ of mer - cy wiped___ a - way our tears___
And the God___ of glo - ry took___ a - way our shame___
And the God___ of com - fort took___ a - way our fears___

Chorus



O give thanks___ to the Lord___ for his love___ en-dures for-e - ver!



We were wan - der-ing and lost,___ and our fa - ther brought us home___



to a safe___ dwell-ing place___ to a___ feast___ of joy and laugh - ter..



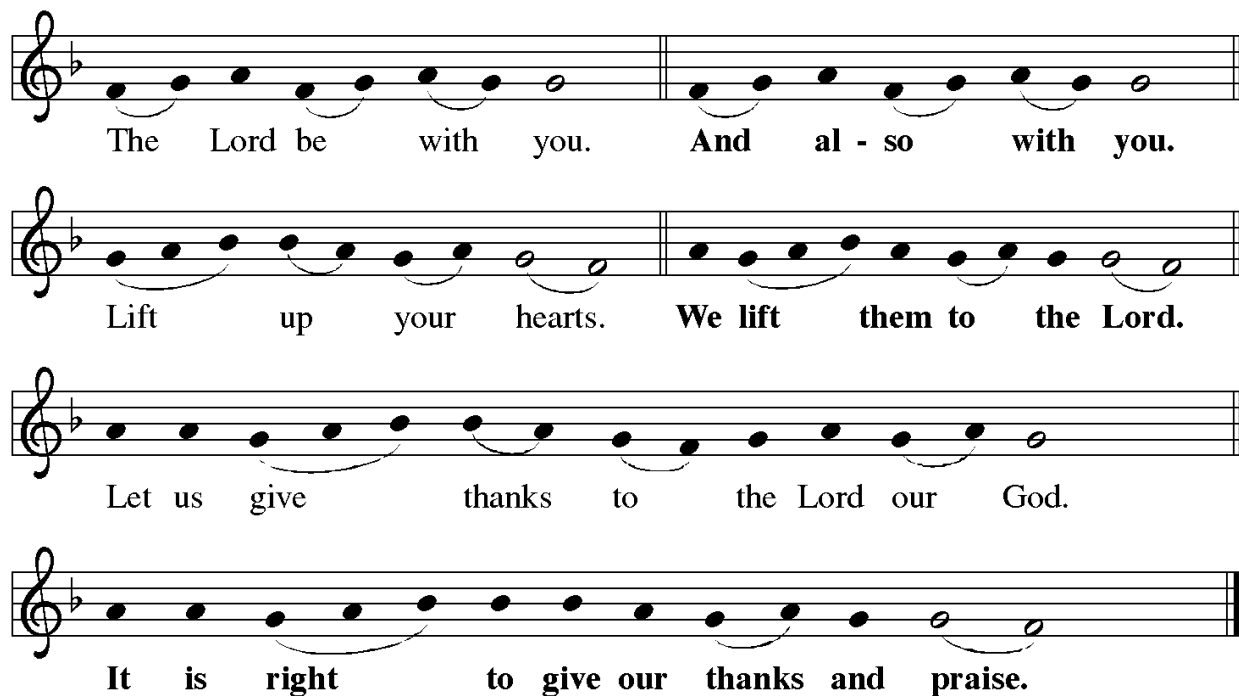
O give thanks to the Lord___ for he is good!___

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

+ MEAL +

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

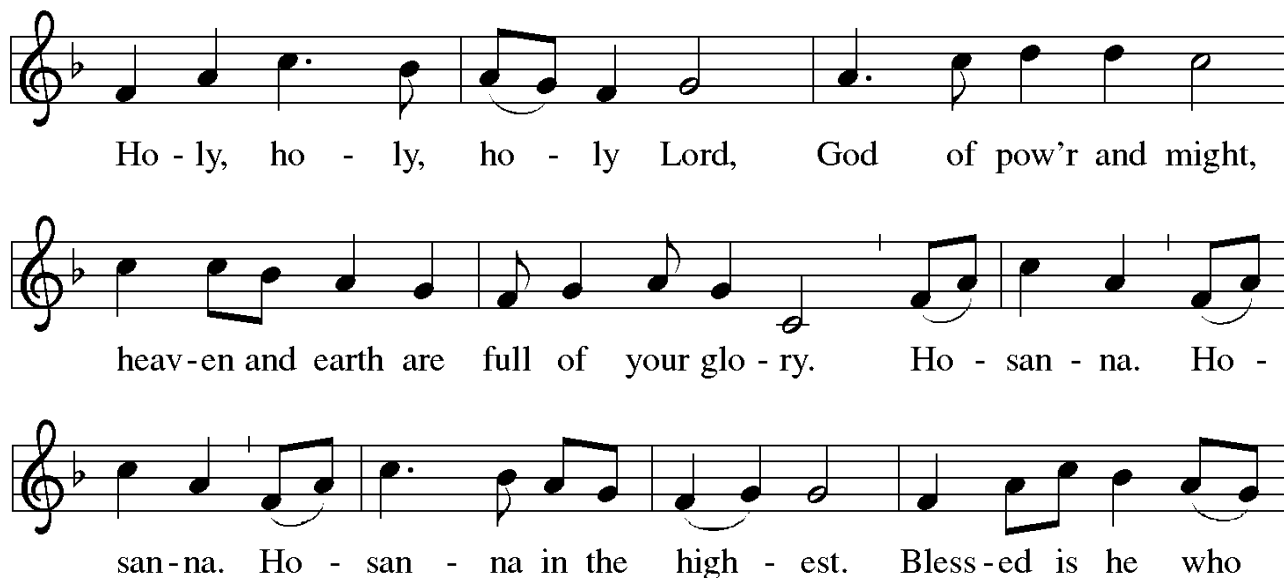
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord
and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

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

Amen.

The God of grace ☩
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

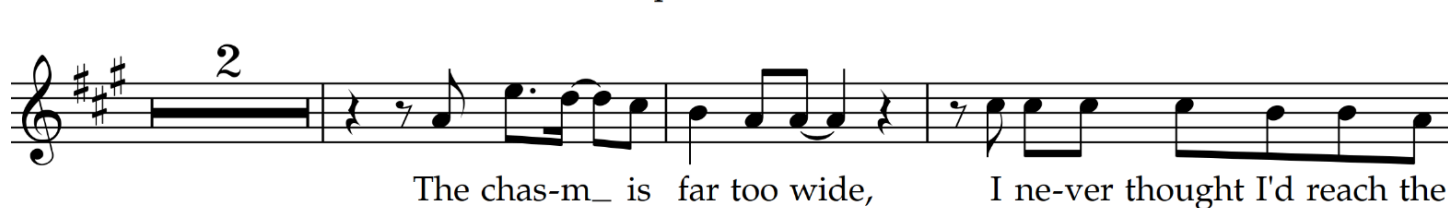
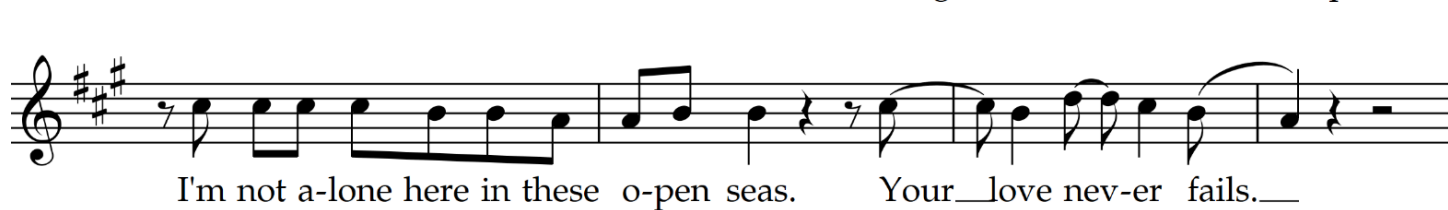
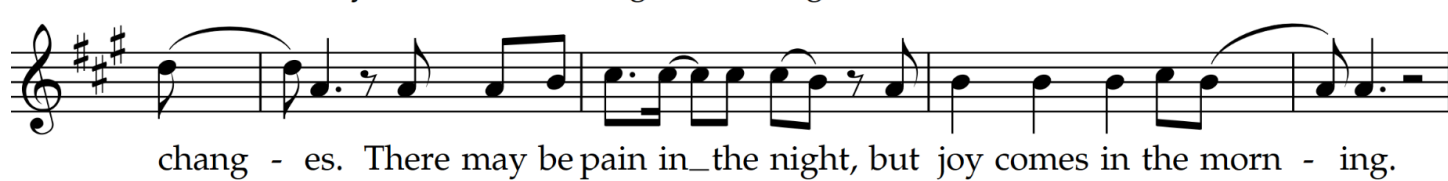
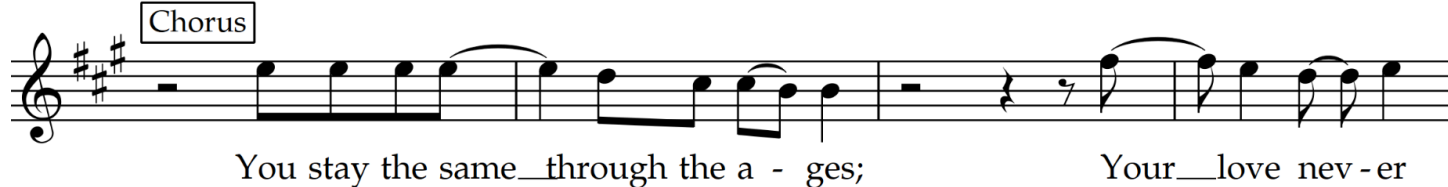
One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Verse 1

Noth-ing can sep-a - rate ev-en if I ran a-way,

Your love nev - er fails.

I know I still make mis - takes, but



Chorus

You stay the same through the a - ges; Your love nev - er
 chang - es. There may be pain in the night, but joy comes in the morn - ing.
 And when the o - cean rage,
 I don't have to be a - fraid be - cause I know that You love me.
 Your love nev - er fails.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

PASTOR:	Alex Martini
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:	Karl Segletes
WORSHIP BAND:	Paul Bowers, <i>keyboard</i> ; Craig Nelson, <i>drums</i> ; Cindy Ward, <i>cello</i> ; Matt Peffer, <i>trombone</i> ; Susan Hensel, Stacey Niedzwiecki, & Lydia Martini, <i>vocals</i>
LITURGIST:	8:00: Karl Segletes 10:45: Al Myers
LECTOR:	8:00: Esther Long 10:45: Rich Harner
USHERS (10:45):	Cindy Krissinger & Bill Laubenheimer
TECH TEAM (10:45):	Priss Bashore & Kathy Zagoric

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2nd Sunday Fellowship - Join us **today** in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments from 9:00 - 10:30 AM.

Fair Trade Sunday - Today is Fair Trade Sunday! Equal Exchange fairly traded goods will be available for purchase.

Crop Walk - The Crop Walk is happening on **October 18** at **2 PM** at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. St. Peter Lutheran Church is putting together a team. If you want to join or make a donation, please use this QR Code. Thank you for your support in ending world hunger.



Christmas Boutique 2026 - This year, the Christmas Boutique will be open in November on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays. If you have handmade items to donate for the ELCW, Knit Wits, and/or the Garden Fund, please contact Joyce Bowers, Pat Plummer, or Dottie Shultz. We ask that all items be turned in by **October 25**, or earlier if possible. Including a suggested price with your donation would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting this project.

Mission Central - St. Peter is excited to partner with Mission Central in Mechanicsburg to help "Connect God's Resources to Human Need," which is Mission Central's slogan. The next volunteer day is Monday, **October 26**, from **12:15 - 2:45 PM**. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up using the QR Code. You can also help by donating items for their different programs. The three most needed items are pencils, children's scissors, and notebooks. There is a box in the church for you to drop off your donations.



New Hope Ministries - Thanksgiving is almost here! New Hope Ministries has asked us to collect 1,500 boxes or bags of instant stuffing mix. This stuffing will go into the Thanksgiving baskets that NHM gives to families in need. Both sides of our church will join together as TEAM STUFFING. We have until the end of October to reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity, and go TEAM STUFFING!

Cranberry Sales - The holidays are coming, so it's a great time to start thinking about all the delicious recipes you can make with cranberries. Throughout October, you can order 3 lb. bags of cranberries from Whalen's Farm in central New Jersey. The cost is \$10 per bag, and all profits will go to Hope Academy, as they are working to complete the second floor of the school. To order, use the QR code, or you can call the church office and speak with Lora Sisock.



Chili Cook-Off - Mark your calendars! The Fellowship Committee will be hosting our 2nd Annual **Chili Cook-Off** after the 9:30 service and congregational meeting on **November 8th**. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway. We are limiting the number of entries to 8 this year, due to limited space and electrical outlets. If you want to challenge our reigning champion, Gloria Moyer, with your best chili...sign up early! We also need people to bring side dishes and desserts. You can sign up for those in the hallway as well. The committee will be providing beverages.

Advent Devotional - It's been a few years since we did the last St. Peter Advent Devotional, and it's time to do it again. We have many new faces at St. Peter, and it's a chance to share your story of Christmas. If you would like to be a part of creating this year's Advent Devotional, please notify Carol Forbes that you are willing to take one of the days in Advent. She will give you a Bible verse, and you can write your thoughts on that verse and write a special Christmas memory from your past. Please also include a one-sentence prayer at the end. Send the completed writing to Lora Sisock at office@stpetermechanicsburg.com by **November 9th**. If you are unable to send it via email, please leave a copy in Carol's mailbox, and she will send it to Lora as a document. Past devotionals will be available in the office if you would like to see an example.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.

The Second Commandment: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.

The Third Commandment: Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we lead pure and decent lives in word and deed, and each of us loves and honors his or her spouse.

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income.

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property, or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbors their spouses, household workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and fulfill their responsibilities to our neighbors.